

**Lorena Hollett**

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**From:** Lorena Hollett on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 9:32 AM  
**To:** 'rbhines14@yahoo.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 20220001-EI: No new electric rate hikes!

Good morning Ms. Hines,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20220001, and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Regards,

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**From:** Rebecca Hines <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 6:50 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20220001-EI: No new electric rate hikes!

Florida Public Service Commission Clerk,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

I am writing as a concerned Florida resident and a electricity customer. I received notification that FPL, Duke and Tampa Electric intend to increase rates for customers like me. I am urging you to rethink this decision and not increase our bills.

This past year has been extremely challenging financially for many people in the state of Florida. A rate increase is the last thing we need, especially for vulnerable folks who may be on a fixed income or struggling to recover financially from the pandemic. We are all inundated with price increases on everything.

My widow's SS does not even cover all of my essential monthly bills. I have nothing left over for food, so am going to a food bank, but that doesn't provide staples such as sugar, flour, potatoes, rice, etc and personal items or pet food.

When everything was just starting to open up a little after the pandemic, in 2021, everyone's Duke Energy bills jumped \$100.00. My bill for April of 2022 actually had a credit for March and April and dropped at least \$30.00. Then the very next month people on social media were questioning if other's bills had jumped by \$150.00! Mine did not jump that much in one month,, but has increased roughly \$50.00 a month since, despite having a new A/C system and keeping it set on 75 degrees at all times even in this extremely hot summer; and for 2 months having 1 less person in the home, doing less laundry, cooking, showers, etc.

Duke Energy has 2 solar plants, each located within a couple miles of my house. If solar is supposed to be cheaper, why do they need to increase customer's bills so much?

I urge you to reject these outrageous rate increases at this time.

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