

Iris Rollins

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 11:27 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20220001
Attachments: FW Another Electric Utility Rate Increase; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

See attached customer correspondence and replu for Docket No. 20220001.

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 8:46 AM
To: EOG-Referral
Subject: FW: Another Electric Utility Rate Increase

Please find attached email received by the Governor's Office of Citizen Services. This email is forwarded to your office for review and any response or action appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

From: larry houghtalin <lhoughta@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 5:40 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Another Electric Utility Rate Increase

After record profits in 2020 and 2021, Florida's largest utilities are asking for another rate hike. Your appointees seem to forget their job is not to roll over for the Regulated Utilities. None of these Electric Companies are at international or national benchmark performance levels. Maybe they should understand that they have to be at benchmarked industry performance standards before requesting rate increases. The regulators should understand and ensure they are at or above industry benchmarking standards before approving rate increases. No need to drive efficiency if regulators just throw them another bucket of money every couple of years. Capital/Expense forecasts in Generation. Transmission and Distribution are out of balance, and I can't drive by an electric company location anywhere in the state that doesn't have millions of dollars of new equipment and/or vehicles sitting idle in yards, storage areas and work centers. Who is watching? Do the regulators have understanding eyes watching? The electric companies have entire divisions and/or departments putting together fabricated /forecasted needs for

money. I hope the regulators at the very least go back and conduct a postmortem comparison of the last rate increase request submitted by the utility to compare their forecasts with the historic actuals. Don't let the politics of "Climate Change" cost consumers Billions in rate increases based on rubber stamped industry fabricated "transition costs". I haven't seen the rate requests submitted to Tallahassee, but I can smell them from Citrus County and I'm sure my "best guess" would be better than the industries "best guesses" used in their rate cases.

Respectively, Larry Houghtalin

Please note that under Florida law correspondence sent to the Governor's Office, which is not confidential or exempt pursuant to chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, is a public record made available upon request.

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From: Shonna McCray
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 10:09 AM
To: 'lhoughta@yahoo.com'
Cc: Ellen Plendl
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Mr. Larry Houghtalin
lhoughta@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1406352C

Dear Mr. Houghtalin:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email regarding Duke Energy Florida (DEF) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to assist you.

You expressed concern about DEF's proposed fuel cost adjustment. The fuel adjustment charge recovers the actual expenses associated with securing and processing fuel necessary to run the power plants used to generate electricity. Fuel rates mirror rising and falling fuel costs as reflected in the international marketplace. The revenue generated by the fuel adjustment charge does not add to the profit of the utility companies, but goes to pay fuel suppliers and transporters. The cost of fuel is shown as a separate cents per kilowatt-hour charge, and fuel costs are not contained in any other charge on a customer's bill.

Each year, utilities file their projected fuel expenses for the upcoming calendar year. The FPSC, along with the Office of Public Counsel and other consumer representatives closely examine the fuel costs requested by the utilities. Public hearings are held annually to set the fuel factors for the next year. Since rates are set on projected costs, at the end of the year, the costs are "trued-up" or compared to the audited actual expenses incurred by the utility. If the utility recovered more than its actual costs, the amount of over-recovery is used to reduce the next year's costs. If the utility under-recovered (costs were higher than expected) that deficit is likewise rolled into the next year. The fuel cost adjustment is recognized by virtually all state commissions, by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and is also used by most municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives.

Fuel costs for DEF were set by the FPSC during the November 2021 cost recovery clause hearing. By Florida Statute and established Commission policy, electric utilities may recover certain expenses from customers through cost recovery charges adjusted annually by the FPSC. Cost recovery is allowed on fuel and purchased power, capacity, conservation, and environmental requirements. Utilities may not, however, earn a profit on fuel charges.

Between November 1, and November 3, 2022, the FPSC will conduct the next hearings to determine the 2023 fuel adjustment charges. You may watch the hearings live or afterwards by using the following link:

<http://www.floridapsc.com/agendas/audiovideo/index.aspx>

Thank you for sharing your views. We will add your comments to the correspondence side of Docket No. 20220001-EI regarding the fuel cost adjustment.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ellen Plendl at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

Shonna McCray
Regulatory Program Administrator
Florida Public Service Commission