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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 9:10 AM
To: 'rlrudkin@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20220001-EI: Reject the new electric rate hikes!

Good Morning,

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

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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From: Rhonda Rudkin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 13, 2022 10:12 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket No. 20220001-EI: Reject the new electric rate hikes!

Florida Public Service Commission Clerk,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

To All Who This May Concern;

I am an electricity customer in Clearwater,Florida.

Since Covid and how it impacted (obliterate) my single income career, causing me to reinvent something/anything for myself at age 57!I have repeatedly had to seek help for and ask Duke Energy to work with me in paying my monthly electric bill. Sometimes they are willing to

delay service cut off and sometimes they are down right unwilling to work with me at all. Yet every bill I have owed them has been paid one way or the other, thousands and thousands. Trust that they have collected ample late fees too boot. That is Duke energy, already.

Now, I received notification that you will soon be considering proposals from FPL, Duke and Tampa Electric to increase my electricity rates next year.

This is outrageous. These companies have made windfall profits over the last few years, and yet each time they go crying to you, you have approved their rate increases. No amount is too high, apparently. When will you stand up for your own mission of setting fair rates for consumers in Florida?

Another electricity 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.

Might I add that I don't even get a FIXED income. My income, as a 57 year old single female who is her sole bread winner, is at the mercy of very low unpredictable commissions AND wavering hourly schedules which are often reduced to accommodate the desire of the companies. I am therefore working three jobs to attempt to earn a living wage, often not making enough for my rent let alone my energy bill. My rent recently increased over 30% in one raise. And so I week find myself scurrying around to find a way to make some extra money or selling items to keep my roof over my head. THIS IS REALITY here.

I cannot afford to live right now, already.

I urge you to reject these energy rate increases.

Thank you,
Rhonda Rudkin

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