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**From:** Lorena Hollett on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2022 8:23 AM  
**To:** 'zzbest@comcast.net'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 20220001-EI: No new electric rate hikes!

Good morning, James Zakas.

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:** James Zakas <zzbest@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 14, 2022 8:03 PM  
**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. Electric utilities have been earning record profits, so how can rate hikes be justified instead? I see corporate avarice advanced over the public interest and that is unjustifiable.

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 inhabitants who may be on a fixed income or struggling to recover financially from the pandemic. Florida has several counties in the top 10 nationwide for populations over the age of 60, including

Charlotte, Sumter and Lake Counties. We are all inundated with price increases on everything.

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

James Zakas

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