

Lorena Hollett

From: Lorena Hollett on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 8:05 AM
To: 'Sue VanWinkle'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20220001-EI

Good morning, Susan VanWinkle.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20230001, and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Regards,

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From: Sue VanWinkle <floridasue314@yahoo.com>
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I am a customer of Duke Energy Florida. I understand that the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) is considering a request by Duke Energy Florida to increase its rate for 2023 due to "volatile" fluctuations of natural gas prices.

Duke's electricity rate per KWH is currently 29% higher than FP&L (see below) and Duke is now asking for another 15% for 2023, the highest increase of the three monopoly power companies seeking a rate increase. Duke already charges more per KWH than the other two, large investor-owned electric utility companies in Florida!

- Duke Energy - \$201.32/1,500 KWH
- FP&L - \$156.81/1,500 KWH
- Tampa Electric – \$175.17/1,500 KWH Non-investor owned near me:
- OUC - \$169.25/1,500 KWH
- Kissimmee - \$173.59/1,500 KWH

The FPSC Commissioners need to ask themselves: "How can Duke Energy justify asking for even more money from their captive customers when they already charge the highest rate compared to all the other major electricity utilities in Florida?"

The Commissioners should ask this public monopoly utility to look harder for cost savings and new efficiencies, and reduce their profit margin rather than asking for even more money from their captive customers. These rates are out of control.

I strongly urge the FPSC Commissioners to reject this rate increase request.

Sincerely,
Susan VanWinkle
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