

Antonia Hover

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 2:34 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket Nos. 20230001 & 20230019
Attachments: FW: (WEB mail) - Meeting on TECO Rate Hikes; Consumer Inquiry - Tampa Electric Company

See attached customer correspondence and reply for Docket Nos. 20230001 & 20230019

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From: John Plescow
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:35 PM
To: Ellen Plendl
Cc: Consina Griffin-Greaux
Subject: FW: (WEB mail) - Meeting on TECO Rate Hikes

Ellen

As we discussed, please handle as a special handling.

From: Consina Griffin-Greaux <CGriffin@psc.state.fl.us> **On Behalf Of** Consumer Contact
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:49 PM
To: John Plescow <JPlescow@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: FW: (WEB mail) - Meeting on TECO Rate Hikes

Hello John, Can you please explain how I should handle this case.

Thanks

C.Griffin

From: Cury, Della <CuryD@HillsboroughCounty.ORG>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:42 AM
To: Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Cc: Manresa, Lidia <ManresaL@hillsboroughcounty.org>
Subject: FW: (WEB mail) - Meeting on TECO Rate Hikes

The Commissioners here in Hillsborough County just received this email. Since TECO is regulated by the PSC, I would like to have this forwarded to the appropriate person/dept. in your organization. If you could respond, that would be appreciated. you.

Della Cury

Legislative Aide to Harry Cohen
County Commissioner, District 1
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From: formstack@hillsboroughcounty.org <formstack@hillsboroughcounty.org>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:08 AM

To: Commissioner District 1 <ContactDistrict1@hillsboroughcounty.org>

Subject: (WEB mail) - Meeting on TECO Rate Hikes

The following Commissioner(s) received a direct copy of this email:

- 1 | Commissioner Harry Cohen (District 1)
- 2 | Commissioner Ken Hagan (District 2)
- 3 | Commissioner Gwen Myers (District 3)
- 4 | Commissioner Michael Owen (District 4)
- 5 | Commissioner Donna Cameron Cepeda (District 5)
- 6 | Commissioner Pat Kemp (District 6)
- 7 | Commissioner Joshua Wostal (District 7)

Date and Time Submitted: Mar 20, 2023 11:07 AM

Name: Brooke Ward

Address: Tampa, FL

Phone Number: (727) 599-4902

Email Address: bward@fwwatch.org

Subject: Meeting on TECO Rate Hikes

Message: Good morning -

I am reaching out to schedule a time when the commissioner could meet with us to discuss the utility rate hikes in Hillsborough County. Food & Water Watch is a national advocacy organization and we represent 5,433 Hillsborough County member residents. Last year, Hillsborough County's main energy utility, Tampa Electric (TECO), was approved for two separate rate hikes of 31% each. TECO continues to ask for rate hikes to help pay for their dirty energy projects, including converting the state's largest coal plant to gas, pipeline expansions and a carbon capture scam project. Rates have risen from \$99/mo to nearly \$162/mo for the average ratepayer in just the past 4 year. The Florida Public Service Commission has become a rubber stamp for these rate requests, so we will continue to see rates soar.

We are part of a larger coalition of organizations pushing back on the root causes of these hikes and would love to meet with you to discuss what Hillsborough County can do to help. Please let us know when you are available for a meeting.

Best wishes,
Brooke Ward
Senior Florida Organizer

Food & Water Watch
727-599-4902

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From: Shonna McCray
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 2:16 PM
To: 'bward@fwwatch.org'
Cc: Ellen Plendl
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Tampa Electric Company

Ms. Brooke Ward
bward@fwwatch.org

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1418251C

Dear Ms. Ward:

Hillsborough County Commissioner Harry Cohen forwarded your concerns about Tampa Electric Company (TECO) 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 respond directly to you.

You expressed a concern about recent rate increases. On March 7, 2023, the FPSC approved TECO's charges, including the new fuel factor and the preliminary approval for recovery of \$131 million in interim storm restoration costs associated with Hurricanes Dorian, Elsa, Ian, Nicole, and Tropical Storms Alberto, Nestor, and Eta.

Utilities do not earn a profit on fuel charges. The fuel and capacity cost component of customers' bills is set for each calendar year, but mid-course corrections are used when a utility's costs increase or decrease significantly in the interim. Under Commission rules, a utility must notify the PSC when it expects an under- or over-recovery greater than 10 percent.

We appreciate you sharing your views and will add your correspondence to both Dockets 20230001 and 20230019 regarding the mid-course correction and the storm restoration recovery, respectively.

You may review all the information filed for Commission consideration in the above dockets by accessing the FPSC website at <http://www.floridapsc.com>. Under the Clerk's Office tab at the top of the page, click on Dockets. Type in each docket number. Click the Search button. Then select Document Filings Index for a list of all filings in the docket. This procedure allows you to view all of the information filed by the utility and other parties in the docket.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Ellen Plendl at 1-800-342-3552.

Sincerely,

Shonna McCray
Regulatory Program Administrator
Florida Public Service Commission