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From: Hiep Nguyen on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 4:48 PM
To: 'Stephanie Wargo'
Subject: RE: Docket # 20230122

Good afternoon Stephanie Wargo,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20230122-EI, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you,

Hiep Nguyen

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Dear Florida Public Service Commissioners,

I am a recently retired older person living in Hillsborough County on a fixed income who is confronted with the conflicting needs of being able to properly cool and heat my apartment to near-comfortable (health/well-being) and my being able to afford that. I've become aware of the TECO petition to file only a 4CP with an MDS rather than a 12CP and 1/13th cost of service study. I understand this will shift TECO's rate increases to residential customers rather than being shared by commercial/industrial customers - the heaviest users of electricity. Residential customers cannot afford to take on the additional cost of subsidizing TECO's industrial and commercial customers - TECO's heaviest users of electricity.

In Tampa, during this past August's 31 days alone, 29 of those days were 90-96 (F) degrees. July had 16 such days. This shifting of rate increases to be charged only to TECO's residential customers places an unconscionable financial burden on senior citizens and families who cannot pass on the cost of increased electricity costs during extreme summer or winter temperatures. Such temperatures occur more frequently, again families and seniors can't afford to subsidize entire industries' electricity use.

Tampa Electric (TECO) has raised residential rates by 62% in the last four years. TECO's

petition (Docket #20230122-E1) to file ONLY a 4CP and MDS cost of service study with their anticipated 2024 rate case is just another attempt to raise rates in a way that is extremely favorable to large industrial users and unfavorable to residential customers. Residential customers need protection from these never-ending rate hikes.

Please require TECO to file a more balanced cost of service study (12CP and 1/13th AD) and ensure that Florida families are protected in the process.

Sincerely,

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