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To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Tampa Electric and Duke Energy Rate Increases

Good morning,

Please place the attached email in Docket No's 20240026 & 20240025. Thank you!

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Commissioners:

It's one thing to have your beaches rated number one in the country, but it's an entirely different recognition when you have the highest auto insurance, the highest homeowners insurance and the fourth highest utility costs in the entire country!

Enough is enough, when will this commission realize the pressures citizens of our state are under, just to be able to afford to put food on their table and keep their homes safely cooled during our oppressive summertime heat?

It's very easy to throw out some buzz words like inflation and how Covid somehow impacted our power companies forcing them to seek additional rate increases, which historically, this commission seems willingly ready to continually approve.

Isn't it time for these power companies to be told NO ? Shouldn't they too be asked to find ways to save by finding new alternatives for producing electricity?

I have attached a very informative article by Emily Mahoney, who writes for the Tampa Bay Times. I have found her to be an excellent journalist, one who provides accurate and fully researched information to her readers. I hope you will each take the time to read this, and then, realize that residents of Florida need assistance from each of you when it comes to managing these big power companies. It's time you take a stand and simply say NO!

...in December will likely
lead to the next challenge.
Florida's constitution says
a history of freedom, liberty
and justice for all shall be
preserved. But that's not
necessarily the top priority for
students in opposition to the
war in Ukraine, it's not one
of the questions that the legis-
lature might try.

And it's not the only amend-
ment Florida lawmakers often
oppose in Florida voters in
November will give Florida of
their most important insti-
tutions, which includes
the state's constitution.

"Legislators actually have
the right to amend the
constitution, but they
are required to respect the
rights of the people," said
Michael, a professor of
constitutional law at the
University of Florida.

Florida's government
structure is fundamentally
based on the constitution that
governs the state, which could
bring in a referendum, he

Students continue protests in Florida

State, school officials said they will allow free speech, but won't allow the anti-war demonstrations to get out of hand.

By JENNIFER A. HARRIS and DAVID HARRIS
Times Staff Writers

A day after Florida law schools and
college students used the word Ukraine
was demonstrated returned to campus
around the state Tuesday with a renewed
commitment to their cause.

State and school officials said they
will allow free speech, but won't allow
the protests to get out of hand, on
the basis of other schools around the
state.

Demonstrations continued at the Uni-
versity of South Florida and the Uni-
versity of Florida, where protests in Tallahassee
and five universities were reported.



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