

Hiep Nguyen

From: Hiep Nguyen on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 9:19 AM
To: 'Brenda Kitch'
Subject: RE: Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

Good morning Brenda Kitch,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240025, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you,

Hiep Nguyen

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Sent: Sunday, May 26, 2024 7:47 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

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Dear PSC Member,

As a concerned resident [and AARP member in Florida], I am writing to express my opposition to Duke Energy's proposed rate increase.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact of a rate increase on Florida residents, particularly the most vulnerable among us. With the rising costs of living, including healthcare and housing, a hike in utility rates would decrease our quality of life.

I ask that you prioritize the interests of consumers over corporate greed and reject Duke Energy's proposed increase to the return on equity and fixed customer charge. Now more than ever, it is crucial to ensure that essential services remain affordable and accessible to all Floridians.

We need to eliminate Duke's fixed customer charge and Orlando Utilities Commission's "meter charges" for electricity and water. These companies are monopolies. We consumers cannot choose another vendor the way we can choose to shop at a different grocery store. Providing and maintaining meters is a necessary cost of doing business. Electricity and water are necessities, not luxuries! To have to pay these fixed charges, regardless of usage is unfair.

I don't pay Publix unless I buy something, at which time I pay only for my purchase. To be charged \$30 before I turn on the lights or the tap is a lot. For many of us in the working class that is 2 or 3 hours pre-tax wages!

Thank you for your careful consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

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