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**From:** John Plescow  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:40 AM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence; Lillian Barrios  
**Subject:** FW: 20240025 - closeout Pr-69  
**Attachments:** Answers; Rate increase. ; Duke Energy's Plea for More Money; Duke Energy ; Rate increase; Untitled; Fixed income and rate increases; Duke Energy's proposed rate hike; Increased Duke Energy hikes; Electric bill increase

Please, add to docket 20240025.

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**From:** Lillian Barrios <LBarrios@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:20 AM  
**To:** John Plescow <JPlescow@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** FW: 20240025 - closeout Pr-69

Please forward to Clerk's office.

Thank you!

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**From:** Colleen Travers <ctravers179@me.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 25, 2024 10:02 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Answers

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Greetings,

I was always under the impression that the PSC was supposed to be on the side of the public. Are these insane rate hikes truly in the best interest of the public when the president of Duke energy is making.... \$20 million yearly??

Energy CORP, Lynn J. Good made \$20,215,105 in total compensation. Of this total \$1,500,000 was received as a salary, \$1,739,063 was received as a bonus, \$0 was received in stock options, \$16,021,168 was awarded as stock and \$954,874 came from other types of compensation.

Corruption comes at every level of our government these days, it's shameful how the folks who regulate our lives are really only concerned with their own personal agendas.

Disappointed, disenchanted and fed up,

Colleen Travers

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**From:** Lorraine Whitaker <lorrainewhitaker@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 26, 2024 1:13 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Rate increase.

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Sent from my iPhone

What are you trying to do to us FL residents We are paying so much in insurance fees and now increase in electric. We can barely put food on the table. Families with children are suffering as well as older people who are on a fixed income. Give us a brake.  
Thanks in advance.

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**From:** Mary Jane Lundholm <doghouse343@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 26, 2024 1:53 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Duke Energy's Plea for More Money

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We need to know why. Do their expenses outweigh their revenue? Are too many people switching to solar? Which brings me to another point:

Why aren't people along the beach allowed to take advantage of the federal program to install solar? My husband called a couple of years ago regarding this. I called more recently. We were both told we can't because our building is multi family. We are one of three owners of a four unit building. We are in the sun all day everyday except when it is a very dark day because of rain or storms. We could be generating enough energy to fill our needs and feed the lines with excess energy. WHY are we stricken from this program without so much as a consideration?

I may have just answered my own question! If we successfully generate that much energy, and we feed it out into Duke's lines, they'd have to lose some of us who then would need to be paid for this energy. So Duke loses a customer AND has to pay out. Heaven forbid they lose one stream of revenue! Heaven rejoice if more people could use solar CLEAN energy. I Boo hoo! Oil, gas, and coal have seen the writing on the wall for more than a half century: FOSSIL FUELS ARE GOING TO BE LOSING OUT TO ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF ENERGY.

This should not be a shock—these companies have known this for 55 years plus. I have a friend whose parent worked developing solar back in the sixties. He said it was ready then to be implemented, but Big Coal had the power and money to lobby against this. So did Big Oil.

If you owned a lemonade stand and were doing well until a soda stand opened down the street, would the govt. give the lemonade stand money, lower taxes, and regulations protecting their small business, OR would the lemonade stand owner lose enough revenue to cause him to go out of business? Or, could the lemonade stand owner be forced to look into other ways to buoy the business?

A number of years ago, a program was introduced in Kentucky to train former coal workers in the assembly, management, and maintenance of wind generators. Now that is a creative and productive transition off of fossil fuel that trained unemployed coal miners how to move on to a new clean energy industry, benefiting the workers, the managers, owners and the government, which could maintain its tax base. Sounds like a wise and just way to move on into a new economy.

Instead, Duke collected additional money from its consumers to build a nuclear plant here in FL. That never happened, so we each got a bit of a rebate. Woo hoo.

Has Duke got a real reason, other than beefing up the shareholders' profits? Does Duke have a bona fide reason for this request for greater revenue? If so, I'd like to hear it.



I'd also like to hear the reason we continue to be kept from using the solar power installation program—the REAL reason.

Follow that up with an answer to what has Duke done to transition away from fossil fuel. If they are considered a public utility, then their interests should be for the benefit of the consumers which it has to serve.

Don't we all want clean air? Clean water, too? Why are we waiting for every last drop of petroleum to be eked out of the earth so that fat cat investors can stick with their investment in oil, gas, and coal? Can we not see the destruction already occurring? Our atmosphere is more and more polluted. Our lakes, rivers, and oceans are dirtied by all sorts of chemicals, plastics, and medications. There is a huge mass of garbage the size of Texas floating and polluting the Pacific Ocean. Our former President tried to roll back over 100 EPA regulations for whose benefit? Oh, that's right—Big Business! They would have been free to dump chemicals and other industrial waste into our rivers again. Perhaps those of you who live near NY & NJ remember the polluted mess the Hudson River had been because of many things, including the dumping of industrial waste upriver from a GE plant. Those who used to fish in the Passaic River were actually brain damaged from eating these fish because of the dumping of Agent Orange upriver. Anyone remember when the Ohio River was on fire? Can you remember or guess why?

There are many choices to be made as we move ahead into our future. Continuing to bolster those who are polluting our irreplaceable resources, continue to add to climate change, which—admit it—we know is not a hoax, is just hiding our heads in the sand, hoping some con man can free us from having to concern ourselves from those worries.

Let me close by returning to the beginning of this letter. Why does Duke need a revenue increase? Why can't I get a solar installation? When are we going to stop feeding our bloated billionaires who don't want to change their ways of conducting business? When are we going to return to the idea that we are all in this together on this blue ball in space. If we ruin it for short term profit, but kill ourselves by making our planet unlivable, what then?

Make Duke show their finances and explain why their already huge profits are somehow not enough. Then we'll be watching to see who on your panel has courage enough to actually look at this "request" by Duke, and not just rubber stamp it.

Thank you for listening to my side of reality.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Lundholm  
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solar power initiative here on the sty

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**From:** Donna O'Donnell <donnak62463@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 26, 2024 6:35 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Duke Energy

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We the citizens can not take any more rate hikes! Being retired with the rising costs of home insurance alone of which we can do nothing about. Stop paying the CEO enormous salaries and give the consumer a break!  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Don Silvestri <silvestri3944@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 26, 2024 11:16 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Rate increase

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It is unbelievable that under the present financial circumstances in this country, you could consider a rate increase. It is obvious that people's lives mean nothing to your company. You should look at the possibility of making more greedy profits by checking your company for unnecessary expenses and waste instead of dumping the responsibility for higher profits on the consumer.  
C.S.



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**From:** Tommy Blackford <tblackford3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 26, 2024 1:17 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact

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Stop The Duke energy increases

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**From:** Nicole Detko <nicoledetko@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 26, 2024 2:09 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Fixed income and rate increases

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Please take in consideration that a large majority of people in Florida are on fixed income and cannot afford so many increases, all HOAs have gone up \$200 to \$400 per months allowing Duke to increase their rate while our income doesn't increase will put a lot of us at risks Thank you for your kind consideration Best Nicole Detko

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**From:** Ron & Jennifer Christ <rchrist222@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 26, 2024 5:29 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Duke Energy's proposed rate hike

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Do not vote for Duke Energy's proposed rate hike. This will negatively impact thousands of customers who are barely able to pay their monthly bills as it is. Duke does not need to increase their profits!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Bobel, Susan <Susan.X.Bobel@delta.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 26, 2024 6:00 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Increased Duke Energy hikes

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I am strongly opposed to the hike they are opposing of 27% over \$16 dollars a month for first year and this is outrageous. They want to add \$2.56 to the \$30 charge that has nothing to do with electric. Our electric bill has enough charges.

Susan Bobel  
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**From:** Michele Maro <queensno1fan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 26, 2024 8:22 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Electric bill increase

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Please don't approve another rate increase for Duke. I'm on social security. I can't afford another rate increase. If it goes up again I'll have to think about turning off the AC. Every time Duke asks for a rate increase the PUBLIC "Service" Commission grants it. What part of Public and Service don't you get? Supposed to be working for the PEOPLE not the damn monopolies. How much kickback from Duke are you getting?