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**From:** Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 9:52 AM  
**To:** 'Catherine Heller'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Duke Energy Price Increases: Docket 20240025 - EI

Good morning C.H.,

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.

Best regards,

*Charlie Smith II*

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**Subject:** Duke Energy Price Increases: Docket 20240025 - EI

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Docket: 20240025 - EI

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,  
I am writing to OBJECT to Duke Energy's proposed INCREASE to ENERGY RATES which threatens to affect the already high energy costs for all Florida residents. Duke Energy is seeking approval for an \$820 million increase from the Florida Public Service Commission. The proposed raise of rates by 27% over the next three years, is a \$16.48 per month increase in 2025 alone. To add insult to this INCREASE their GUARANTEED PROFIT will (return on equity) will jump to 11.5%, well ABOVE the national average of 9.71%, adding \$2.56 more to the \$30 per month fixed customer charge, which is UNRELATED to ELECTRIC USAGE. Duke Energy wants to raise Florida residents monthly electric cost TO INCREASE THEIR PROFITS!!! This rate hike IS UNACCEPTABLE. It will burden households already struggling with other rising costs. Florida residents can't afford higher electric bills for the PROFIT of an already profitable company.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
C. H.  
Duke Energy Client