## **Brian Schultz**

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 7:32 AM

To: 'Joel Smith'

**Cc:** Consumer Contact

**Subject:** RE: Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

## Good Morning,

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

Sincerely,

## Brian Schultz

Commission Deputy Clerk II Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399 850.413.6770

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**Behalf Of Joel Smith** 

Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 1:34 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 Duke Energy customer [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. This is pure profit that customers should not have to pay for. Now more than ever, it is crucial to ensure that essential services remain affordable and accessible to all Floridians.

Thank you for your careful consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joel Smith 7335 Candlelight Court New Port Richey FL, 34652-1457