

Brian Schultz

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 7:14 AM
To: 'Kimberly Melocchi'
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

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Florida Public Service Commission
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Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 5:56 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 am raising my two granddaughters ages 12 and 13. I do not receive child support. I am retired on a fixed income. I do not receive a pension because former governor of Jeb Bush privatize many of the state agencies. Otherwise I would've had over 20 years with the state and a pension. I have some physical limitations which will prevent me from going out and getting a job to supplement my retirement and be able to continue supporting my granddaughters. Everything has gone

up as you know please don't let this happen.

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.

Respectfully,
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