

**Charlie Smith**

**From:** Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 2:04 PM  
**To:** 'debopari@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: No on utility rate increases

Good afternoon Debora Pariano,

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  
Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850  
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Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 10:26 AM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: No on utility rate increases

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am unable to attend the few public hearings being held on this issue, but I wish to submit my opposition to rate increases proposed by Duke Energy. Citizens of this state are struggling with food prices escalating, insurance premiums skyrocketing, and now electricity?

In the 12 months ending 3/31/2024, Duke had a 6.9% increase in their gross profits - \$19.88 BILLION. In 2023, they saw 3.59% increase in profits; in 2022 it was 5.94%! Income JUST from their electric utilities rose 21% (\$1.02 BILLION) (Reuters article 5/7/24) Yet here we are trying to keep our heads above water!

PLEAE consider people over profits and decline this proposed increase.

Sincerely,  
Debora Pariano  
Largo, FL 33778