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From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 1:44 PM
To: 'Anita DeBias'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

Good afternoon Anita DeBias,

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: 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.

For many years we paid Duke a monthly fee which we were told were going to future nuclear power plants, which plans have appeared to vanish! I have yet to hear what happened to all those monies we had paid in! Is this increase going to be like that one? Have you folks looked into what happened to those monies?

And when Duke made a huge mistake in not hiring professionals to do the maintenance on the Chrystal River plant make it worthless... likely more costly than that because I am certain it must still require attention for safety concerns. Who paid for that? We consumers of their stockholders?

Most businesses pay for their own improvements and mistakes. I fail to see how we must keep paying for this while their owners (stockholders) and executives keep making money!

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,

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