

Antonia Hover

From: John Plescow
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 4:06 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Consina Griffin-Greaux
Subject: FW: 20240026 - TECO
Attachments: Please reject Duke's proposal to raise my utility rates; Oppose Docket : 20240026; No to the TECO rate increase. ; Reject Proposed TECO Rate Rise

Please, add to docket 20240026.

From: Consina Griffin-Greaux <CGriffin@psc.state.fl.us>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:39 PM
To: John Plescow <JPlescow@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: 20240026 - TECO

John,

Please send to Clerk's office.

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From: Larissa Seda <carlos.larissa50@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 12:14 PM
To: Speaker Signup; Consumer Contact
Subject: Please reject Duke's proposal to raise my utility rates

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to urge the Commission to reject Duke Energy's proposal to raise residential customer rates.

As a Florida retiree and resident, I am struggling to keep up with the continued increased costs of living. I am sure most Florida residents are also having a hard time keeping up with all the expenses. Every week we have to decide what item/s of our daily necessities we can or can't afford. That goes from medical appointments, medications, groceries, gas, and so on.

Learning that Duke Energy is proposing to increase residential customer rates is very distressing. What's even more concerning is that the rate increase will increase even more their guaranteed profit to a level that exceeds the national average. Data offered by the AARP indicates that, as a result of the rate increase, the guaranteed profit will rise to 11.5%, which will be over the national average of 9.71%. This is unacceptable.

I want to urge the Commission to **reject Duke Energy's proposal to raise residential customer rates**. This rate increase and the resulting increase in profits for Duke Energy, is unnecessary and will decrease our quality of life.

Respectfully,
Larissa Seda
Davenport, Florida

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From: Nina Tatlock <tatlock@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 3:08 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Oppose Docket : 20240026

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I am writing to express my vehement opposition to Tampa Electric Company's (TECO) proposed electricity rate hikes. As a concerned customer, I find this increase to be both unreasonable and detrimental to the community.

The proposed hike would raise the average bill to \$160.93 per month in January 2025. This represents an astounding 62% increase since 2019, far outpacing the rate of inflation over the same period. Such a substantial rise in costs is unsustainable for many households, particularly those already struggling with the rising costs of living.

Moreover, these rate hikes come at a time when there are viable, more cost-effective alternatives available. Clean energy advocates rightly point out that transitioning to renewable energy sources, such as solar power, would not only stabilize prices but also significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The current reliance on fossil fuels is not only environmentally harmful but also subjects customers to the volatility of fossil fuel markets. Even TECO's parent company Emera talks about decarbonizing. It needs to be done sooner, rather than later.

It is clear that the energy sector is a major contributor to climate change in the greater Tampa Bay region. By continuing to depend on fossil fuels, TECO is exacerbating environmental degradation and missing an opportunity to invest in a cleaner, more sustainable future. The proposed rate hikes would essentially force customers to fund outdated and damaging energy practices.

The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) has a duty to ensure that rate increases are fair, just, and reasonable, and to prioritize the public interest. The recent Florida Supreme Court case highlighted the need for the PSC to give greater consideration to customer testimony and the real-life impact of these rate hikes. I urge the PSC to heed this directive and to reject TECO's proposed increases.

The upcoming rate case hearings are a critical opportunity for the PSC to hear directly from the community. I strongly encourage all customers to participate and voice their concerns. It is imperative that our collective opposition is heard and taken seriously.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

Sincerely,

Nina Tatlock
Apollo Beach resident

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From: merrellt7@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 8:18 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: No to the TECO rate increase.

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Hi. We cannot afford this. You are killing the middle class, working class, and the poor! This rate increases highway robbery of the people.

I'm a Tampa resident and homeowner.

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Merrell T. Dickey, MA, MDiv
Sent from my iPhone

Antonia Hover

From: Brian Turnbull <turnzilla@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 12:23 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Reject Proposed TECO Rate Rise

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Dear PSC,

As a TECO customer. I want to express my strong concern for the recent rate rise proposed by TECO. Our electricity prices have already increased significantly over the past several years and most of us are having considerable difficulties paying for this basic necessity. The primary reason for this rate rise has been TECO's decision to overwhelmingly rely on natural gas (whose price fluctuates enormously) and continual push back and obstacles to residential solar and purchase power agreements. TECO and the rest of Florida's monopoly utilities want to charge us to only use their energy generation, not for us to produce our own and contribute to lowering the cost of electricity. They also do not want corporations and other users to produce their own electricity through Purchase Power Agreements, which would drastically increase the amount of solar energy we could produce through installations like the solar parking lots that we see in many states such as Colorado. We need to see a path forward with our utilities that diversifies our energy sources to prevent future enormous rate hikes. We need distributed energy, and residential solar and PPAs are the most cost effective and efficient way to achieve that.

Thank you for your service,

Brian Turnbull
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