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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 9:52 AM
To: 'powellbusinessplans@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: Opposition to Proposed TECO Base Charge Increase
Attachments: BillDownload (7).pdf

Good Morning, Ryan Powell.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240026, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

Toni Hover
Commission Deputy Clerk I
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399
Phone: (850) 413-6467

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From: Ryan Powell <powellbusinessplans@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 9:05 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Opposition to Proposed TECO Base Charge Increase

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Clerk of the Court,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed \$20 base charge increase by TECO, set to take effect in January 2025. As a resident of Tampa, Florida, and a TECO customer, I am already burdened by the numerous surcharges and fees that accompany my monthly electric bill. Furthermore, it is frustrating that we have no alternative electricity provider, leaving us with no choice but to accept these increased charges.

Attached is a recent copy of my bill, which illustrates the disproportionate amount of surcharges and fees relative to the actual cost of electricity. Here is a breakdown of the charges:

Electricity and Fuel Charges: \$253.90 (70% of the total bill)

Energy Charge (First 1,000 kWh): \$70.16
Energy Charge (Above 1,000 kWh): \$95.40
Fuel Charge (First 1,000 kWh): \$35.36
Fuel Charge (Above 1,000 kWh): \$52.98

Surcharges and Fees: \$107.55 (30% of the total bill)

Daily Basic Service Charge: \$20.59
Storm Protection Charge: \$14.27
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism: \$9.32
Storm Surcharge: \$4.75
Florida Gross Receipt Tax: \$7.76
Franchise Fee: \$20.34
Municipal Public Service Tax: \$25.52
Electric Late Payment Fee: \$5.00

The current charges amount to \$361.45 for a single month, with nearly 30% of that being surcharges and fees rather than the actual cost of electricity. This financial burden is significant for many residents, including myself.

We are already paying a considerable amount for energy and fuel charges. On top of that, we are also covering the costs of storm restoration, which should be part of TECO's operating expenses as a utility company. Additionally, the franchise fee essentially makes us pay for the right to use electricity, which adds another layer of cost.

The proposed \$20 base charge increase will further strain the finances of TECO customers, who are already managing high energy costs and numerous additional fees. This increase is unjustifiable, especially when a substantial portion of our bill consists of charges that should be considered part of the company's cost of doing business. Moreover, the lack of alternative electricity providers in our area exacerbates the frustration, as we have no option but to accept these increasing charges.

I urge the court to consider the financial hardship that this increase will impose on TECO customers and deny the proposal to raise the base charge. The focus should be on improving cost efficiency and reducing unnecessary surcharges, rather than increasing the financial burden on residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ryan Powell, MBA-ITM
6814 S Court Dr
Tampa, FL 33611-5418
Account #: 211028525908



DANIELLE POWELL
6814 S COURT DR
TAMPA, FL 33611-5418

Statement Date: May 20, 2024

Amount Due: \$361.45

Due Date: June 10, 2024
Account #: 211028525908

Account Summary

Table with account summary details: Current Service Period (April 16, 2024 - May 14, 2024), Previous Amount Due (\$298.73), Payment(s) Received Since Last Statement (-\$298.73), Current Month's Charges (\$361.45), and Amount Due by June 10, 2024 (\$361.45).

Amount not paid by due date may be assessed a late payment charge and an additional deposit.

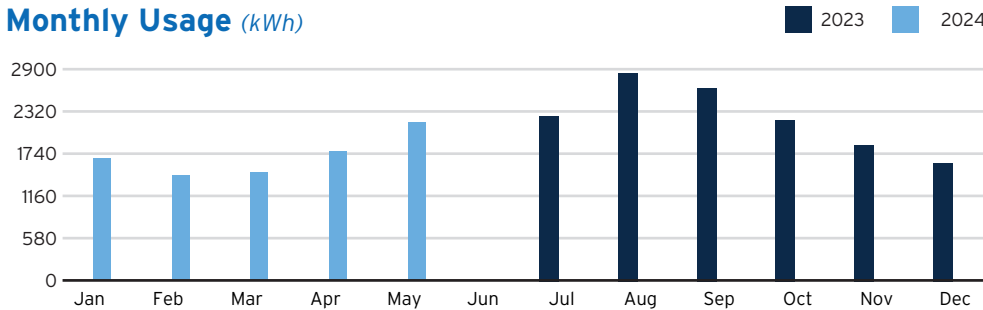
Your Energy Insight

Your average daily kWh used was 36.36% higher than it was in your previous period.



Scan here to view your account online.

Monthly Usage (kWh)



Learn about your newly redesigned bill and get deeper insights about your usage by visiting TECOaccount.com



DOWNED IS DANGEROUS!

If you see a downed power line, move a safe distance away and call 911. For more safety tips, visit TampaElectric.com/PowerLineSafety



To ensure prompt credit, please return stub portion of this bill with your payment.

Account #: 211028525908
Due Date: June 10, 2024



Pay your bill online at TampaElectric.com

See reverse side of your paystub for more ways to pay.

Go Paperless, Go Green! Visit TampaElectric.com/Paperless to enroll now.

Amount Due: \$361.45

Payment Amount: \$ _____

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DANIELLE POWELL
6814 S COURT DR
TAMPA, FL 33611-5418

Mail payment to:
TECO
P.O. BOX 31318
TAMPA, FL 33631-3318

Make check payable to: TECO
Please write your account number on the memo line of your check.

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Service For:
6814 S COURT DR
TAMPA, FL 33611-5418

Account #: 211028525908
Statement Date: May 20, 2024
Charges Due: June 10, 2024

Meter Read

Service Period: Apr 16, 2024 - May 14, 2024

Rate Schedule: Residential Service

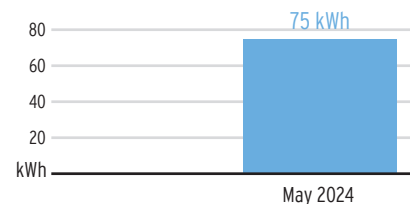
Meter Number	Read Date	Current Reading	-	Previous Reading	=	Total Used	Multiplier	Billing Period
1000065379	05/14/2024	42,093		39,925		2,168 kWh	1	29 Days

Charge Details

Electric Charges		
Daily Basic Service Charge	29 days @ \$0.71000	\$20.59
Energy Charge		
First 1,000 kWh	1,000 kWh @ \$0.07016/kWh	\$70.16
Above 1,000 kWh	1,168 kWh @ \$0.08168/kWh	\$95.40
Fuel Charge		
First 1,000 kWh	1,000 kWh @ \$0.03536/kWh	\$35.36
Above 1,000 kWh	1,168 kWh @ \$0.04536/kWh	\$52.98
Storm Protection Charge	2,168 kWh @ \$0.00658/kWh	\$14.27
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	2,168 kWh @ \$0.00430/kWh	\$9.32
Storm Surcharge	2,168 kWh @ \$0.00219/kWh	\$4.75
Florida Gross Receipt Tax		\$7.76
Electric Service Cost		\$310.59
Franchise Fee		\$20.34
Municipal Public Service Tax		\$25.52
Total Electric Cost, Local Fees and Taxes		\$356.45

Other Fees and Charges	
Electric Late Payment Fee	\$5.00
Total Other Fees and Charges	\$5.00

Avg kWh Used Per Day








Important Messages

Removing Your Envelope. We've noticed that you have been paying your bill electronically lately. To help cut down on clutter and waste, we are no longer including a remittance envelope with your bill. Should you want to mail in your payment, you can request a payment envelope by calling 813-223-0800 or simply use a regular envelope and address it to TECO P.O. Box 31318, Tampa, Florida 33631-3318.

Billing information continues on next page →

For more information about your bill and understanding your charges, please visit TampaElectric.com

Ways To Pay Your Bill

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Bank Draft
 Visit TECOaccount.com for free recurring or one time payments via checking or savings account.
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In-Person
 Find list of Payment Agents at TampaElectric.com
- 
Mail A Check Payments:
 TECO
 P.O. Box 31318
 Tampa, FL 33631-3318
 Mail your payment in the enclosed envelope.
- 
Credit or Debit Card
 Pay by credit Card using KUBRA EZ-Pay at TECOaccount.com. Convenience fee will be charged.
- 
Phone
 Toll Free: **866-689-6469**
- All Other Correspondences:**
 Tampa Electric
 P.O. Box 111
 Tampa, FL 33601-0111

Contact Us

- Online:**
TampaElectric.com
- Phone:**
Commercial Customer Care: 866-832-6249
Residential Customer Care: 813-223-0800 (Hillsborough)
 863-299-0800 (Polk County)
 888-223-0800 (All Other Counties)
- Hearing Impaired/TTY:**
7-1-1
- Power Outage:**
877-588-1010
- Energy-Saving Programs:**
813-275-3909

Please Note: If you choose to pay your bill at a location not listed on our website or provided by Tampa Electric, you are paying someone who is not authorized to act as a payment agent at Tampa Electric. You bear the risk that this unauthorized party will relay the payment to Tampa Electric and do so in a timely fashion. Tampa Electric is not responsible for payments made to unauthorized agents, including their failure to deliver or timely deliver the payment to us. Such failures may result in late payment charges to your account or service disconnection.



Service For:
6814 S COURT DR
TAMPA, FL 33611-5418

Account #: 211028525908
Statement Date: May 20, 2024
Charges Due: June 10, 2024

Charge Details *Continued...*

Total Current Month's Charges

\$361.45

Tampa Electric receives approval to lower bills starting in June

The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved Tampa Electric's request for a fuel cost reduction starting in June 2024, due to lower natural gas prices. This is the second reduction in 2024. With the PSC's approval of the fuel cost reduction, beginning in June 2024, the typical residential customer's monthly energy bill will see an additional decrease by approximately 5 percent, or \$7, to \$136.44 for 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of use from the \$143.48 customers pay today. The average commercial and industrial customer's monthly energy bill will decrease between 4 percent and 11 percent, depending on usage. Visit [TampaElectric.com/RateCommunications](https://www.tampaelectric.com/RateCommunications) to learn more.

Be prepared this storm season

Visit your county's emergency management website to determine your flood zone, your hurricane evacuation zone, get flood depth data, flood insurance information or help with property flood protection.

Help for those with special needs

Emergency authorities can assist with arranging transportation or finding a shelter for those with special needs. A statewide registry provides county health departments and emergency management agencies with information to prepare and respond to disasters. Visit [FloridaDisaster.org](https://www.floridadisaster.org) to learn more.

Quarterly fuel source update

Tampa Electric's diverse fuel mix for the 12-month period ending Mar. 2024 includes Natural Gas 81%, Purchased Power 8%, Solar 8% and Coal 3%.