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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 8:30 AM
To: 'Amie Ramnauth'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240026-EI

Good Morning, Amie Ramnauth.

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!

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From: Amie Ramnauth <amieramnauth@gmail.com>
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Subject: Docket #20240026-EI

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I am writing to express my concern over yet another TECO rate hike. This is becoming an annual occurrence, and people are struggling as it is without worrying about affording their electric bill. I am extremely against this. All I see are the people funding TECO's solar plans, and various other ways they want to reduce their own costs, but at the expense of their customers. Then, as they are increasing their profits, we are still paying high costs for our electricity, and are charged even more if we opt for solar. The sun is free. We should be able to benefit just the same as TECO. We don't have a choice for our electricity provider, so we are at their mercy. When does it stop?? My July and August bills are expected to be over \$450, so with a 20% increase, my bills will be hovering close to \$600. Does that sound reasonable? We have a special needs child who does not sweat, and is at risk of hyperthermia during the summer months, so we keep the house at 76 degrees. We can't change that. With the extreme heat, it is out of our control. What do we do when we can't afford our electricity? That's where it's headed. Keep padding the pockets of this monopoly, while the rest of us worry about what we can cut back on to keep the electricity turned on so we all don't die in this extreme heat, because we simply are at the mercy of greed.

Thank you for your time,
Amie Ramnauth