

**Charlie Smith**

**From:** Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2024 12:39 PM  
**To:** 'Thomas Sampson'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

Good afternoon Thomas Sampson,

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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**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2024 10:20 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

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Dear PSC Member,

I understand rate increases are necessary. But you must only allow what is fair and reasonable. Duke must be forced to manage their business model correctly. Constantly asking for rate hikes is a cover up for poor business execution.

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.

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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