

**Charlie Smith**

**From:** Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 4:25 PM  
**To:** 'Dan Abelow'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

Good afternoon Dan Abelow,

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:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:46 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Keep Duke Rates Down Docket #20240025

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Dear PSC Member,

As a concerned Duke Energy customer, I am writing to express my opposition to Duke Energy's proposed rate increase.

Instead of Duke Energy's fossil fuel plants and grid, renewables cost far less to build and run. Their lower cost energy abundance should lower our rates, not increase them.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact of Duke Energy's use of fossil fuels and slow transition to renewables, which produces 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 for lower cost renewable energy, 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 clean, affordable and accessible to all Floridians.

Thank you for your careful consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

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