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2 On Behalf of the Florida Public Service Commission:

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4 Commissioners:

5 CHAIRMAN MIKE LA ROSA

6 ART GRAHAM

7 ANDREW GILES FAY

8 GARY F. CLARK

9 GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

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11 Also present: Shaw Stiller and Major Thompson, PSC staff  
12 Austin Watrous and Octavio Ponce, Office of  
Public Counsel

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1           CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Good morning. Well,  
2           thank you everyone for being here today.  
3           Certainly a special thanks to Citrus County  
4           Government for giving us the opportunity to be  
5           hosted here. This is a little bit of a road show  
6           for the Florida Public Service Commission as we  
7           come out to the territories to make sure we're  
8           here in front of customers and hearing their  
9           feedback in the service area, so, again, thank you  
10          very much to Citrus County for giving us the  
11          opportunity to be here today. I know we get a  
12          little bit limited on some of the technology that  
13          we can utilize when we're here, so I apologize if  
14          there's any interruptions or maybe things don't go  
15          as smooth as they normally are. I know our IT  
16          staff and tech staff came out early and jumped in  
17          front of everything and they do a great job, so  
18          I've got confidence that we'll be good and ready  
19          for today.

20                 I am Mike La Rosa, I am the chairman of the  
21          Florida Public Service Commission. Along with me  
22          here, with me are my fellow commissioners. I'm  
23          here as chair because they've appointed me, I'm  
24          grateful for that.

25                 I'm going to go ahead and allow our

1 commissioners to just quickly introduce  
2 themselves, Mr. Graham.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Good morning, all. I  
4 guess I'm a little loud.

5 My name is Art Graham and I am one of the  
6 five commissioners on the Public Service  
7 Commission. I just want to take a minute to let  
8 you guys know that this customer meeting is for  
9 you guys. We're here to hear what you have to say  
10 about the utilities. We want to hear all of the  
11 good stuff. We want to hear all of the bad stuff.  
12 We want to hear what you think about this rate  
13 increase, for or against or why. I mean, I know  
14 it's difficult a lot of times to come to the  
15 podium and speak in public like this, take your  
16 time, articulate as well as you can, just let us  
17 know what you think. This is your time. Please  
18 share with us the good, the bad and the ugly so we  
19 can use that information when we make the  
20 determination about this rate increase. Thank  
21 you. Good morning.

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you,  
23 Mr. Chairman. My name is Gary Clark, also a  
24 member of the Florida Public Service Commission.  
25 Just echo Mr. Graham's sentiments that we greatly

1 appreciate you taking time out of your schedule to  
2 be here with us today and we look forward to  
3 hearing your comments.

4 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Thank you,  
5 everyone. My name is Gabrielle Passidomo, I'm  
6 another one of the commissioners here. I echo my  
7 colleagues in thanking you-all for being here  
8 understanding that it's difficult to, again, what  
9 Mr. Graham said, speaking in this context, but we  
10 really do want to hear from you. You also have  
11 the opportunity to write into our offices at any  
12 point up through the hearing of this case and we  
13 look forward to that. We appreciate you being  
14 here.

15 COMMISSIONER FAY: My name is Andrew Fay.  
16 I'm the last commissioner introduction. Just want  
17 to reiterate thank you for your time being here.  
18 I know it's not necessarily easy for your  
19 schedules, the logistics. We thought it was  
20 important to be here in person, so thanks to  
21 everyone locally, also our chairman who's on our  
22 team, who has a whole IT set up over here to make  
23 sure things function properly, so we really do  
24 appreciate you taking the time to be here today.  
25 Thank you.

1           CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: We scare our IT when we  
2 start making changes up here; they see the  
3 commissioners start messing with the technology,  
4 they get a little nervous. I think you guys  
5 should be able to hear me a little bit better now.  
6 Right? Thumbs up. Awesome.

7           So, staff, let's go ahead and read the  
8 notice.

9           MR. STILLER: By notice issued, May 24,  
10 2024, this time and place has been set for  
11 customer service hearing in document number --  
12 docket number 20240025EI. The purpose of the  
13 meetings are fully set forth in the notice.

14          CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you. Let's next  
15 take appearances from counsel. I will recognize  
16 that in the front row we do have other  
17 participants, so thank you guys for working with  
18 us and I know it's a little bit unorthodox, but  
19 lets start with Duke Energy.

20          MS. TRIPLET: Good morning. Diane Triplet  
21 on behalf of Duke Energy Florida.

22          CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Also public counsel.

23          MR. WATROUS: Austin Watrous and Octavio  
24 Ponce on behalf of the office of public counsel.

25          CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Florida Rising and

1 LULAC.

2 MR. LUEBKEMANN: Jordan Luebke and  
3 Bradley Marshall on behalf of Florida Rising and  
4 LULAC.

5 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Staff counsel?

6 MR. STILLER: Shaw Stiller on behalf of PSC  
7 staff and I'd also like to enter an appearance for  
8 Major Thompson.

9 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: And I'll just  
10 double-check that there's no other intervenors  
11 that are here, just the parties? Seeing none, let  
12 me begin by thanking each of you again for taking  
13 the time out of your schedule to attend and share  
14 with us your experience the quality of service  
15 provided by Duke. In August, there will be a more  
16 technical hearing where the commission will hear  
17 from witnesses about the evidence of the case and  
18 ultimately more detail will, of course, you know,  
19 continue to come out at that point.

20 We encourage you-all to watch the hearing,  
21 it's available on our website; that will help you  
22 better understand the process in ultimately how we  
23 come to making our decisions.

24 This meeting will be transcribed and will  
25 become part of the official record; as such I will

1 swear you in before you share your comments.  
2 Please note that your comments are also subject to  
3 cross-examination, meaning that you may be asked  
4 questions by either the parties or the commission.  
5 That's -- by all means, it's not intended to  
6 intimidate you, it's to make sure that we clearly  
7 understand your perspective and things that you've  
8 said to of course include in the official record.

9 In addition to sharing your comments here,  
10 you may also provide comments and additional  
11 material by traditional mail or by email. The  
12 contact information by mail, you can find a  
13 pre-addressed comment card for download on our  
14 website or you can email us at clerk@psc.  
15 State.fl.us. Again, clerk@psc.state.fl.us. Be  
16 sure to include the docket number 20240025-EI.  
17 That's 20240025-EI. Please include that docket  
18 number in the subject line, that will help keep  
19 things organized and not missed.

20 Whether your comments are made verbally  
21 today or are received in writing, be assured that  
22 they will be reviewed and considered in our  
23 evaluation of this case.

24 Lastly, if you have specific services or  
25 billing issues, Ms. Carol Cornell, director of



1 customer experience, from Duke and her staff is  
2 here to assist you. Certainly signifies that is  
3 the case through your testimony.

4 If you need to speak with commission staff,  
5 Sissy Galloway from our economics division is here  
6 today along with her technical staff and legal  
7 staff.

8 So before we hear from the customers, I'd  
9 like to offer just opening statements from the  
10 parties that are here and involved. We're going  
11 to allow three minutes for each of the parties and  
12 let's start off with Duke.

13 MS. TRIPLET: Thank you. Hello again. I'm  
14 Diane Triplet, I represent Duke Energy Florida.  
15 And our filing is more fully explained in the  
16 online synopsis, but in summary, we filed a rate  
17 adjustment to make investments for the benefit of  
18 our customers and so we are pleased to hear from  
19 some of those customers here today.

20 With me again is Carol Cornell. We also  
21 have several Duke Energy teammates in the back,  
22 one of whom speaks Spanish and so they're ready to  
23 assist you today. If you cannot stay to speak  
24 with them and you need further assistance, please  
25 email consumer affairs, the number

1 two@duke-energy.com,  
2 consumersaffairs2@Duke-energy.com so we can get  
3 you what you need. Thank you so much.

4 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Office of Public  
5 Counsel.

6 MR. WATROUS: Hello, my name is Austin  
7 Watrous, and I'm an attorney with the Office of  
8 Public Counsel. I'm accompanied here today with  
9 my colleague, Octavio Ponce.

10 For those of you who are not familiar with  
11 our office, the Office of Public Counsel was  
12 created by the Florida Legislature and responsible  
13 for representing the customers of Duke Energy  
14 Florida in matters before the Florida Public  
15 Service Commission.

16 We're here today because Duke Energy  
17 Florida has filed a request for a variety of  
18 changes to their rates. The Office of Public  
19 Counsel has hired expert witnesses to address  
20 multiple aspects of Duke's requested rate  
21 increase.

22 We have engaged in extensive discovery and  
23 we have deposed many of the utility witnesses in  
24 order to identify cost savings for customers. We  
25 will continue deposing witnesses, conducting

1 discovery and preparing for trial right up to the  
2 date of the hearing.

3 The utility's original proposal would  
4 result in base rate increases every year for the  
5 years 2025, 2026 and 2027. If the original  
6 proposal is accepted, on January 1st, 2025, Duke's  
7 base rates would be increased by \$593 million, 98  
8 million more on January 1st of 2026 and then  
9 another 129 million on January 1st of 2027. OPC  
10 is challenging the legality and lack of supporting  
11 evidence for these increases.

12 Duke has made several projections years  
13 into the future and presented those projections to  
14 the commission for the purpose of setting rates in  
15 2026 and 2027. OPC has challenged the reliability  
16 and speculative nature of those rate increases for  
17 the future distant periods.

18 Duke is entitled to a reasonable return on  
19 equity; however, the utility has requested an  
20 excessive rate of return of an 11.15 percent. Our  
21 research indicates that Duke only requires as  
22 return on equity of just under nine-and-a-half  
23 percent, which is consistent with the current  
24 market for electric utility operations and is more  
25 than adequate for Duke to maintain its financial

1 integrity and creditworthiness.

2 Duke has proposed to adding 14 new solar  
3 plants at the cost of \$118 million per facility  
4 within the next three years. OPC is challenging  
5 the substantial lack of detailed evidence to  
6 support the amounts requested for solar projects  
7 and the need for the projects and the Duke's  
8 ability to get this many projects into service  
9 within this time frame.

10 There are more issues that we are  
11 challenging in this rate case to reach the best  
12 possible result for customers. It is important to  
13 keep in mind that the law places the burden on  
14 Duke to provide the evidence to support a finding  
15 that every requested dollar is both reasonable and  
16 prudent. The job of your Office of Public Counsel  
17 is to challenge all of those areas that don't  
18 satisfy this burden of proof.

19 And, customers, please remember that today  
20 is your hearing, this is not the commission's  
21 hearing and this is not my hearing, it is also not  
22 Duke's hearing. This is your customer hearing and  
23 all of your sworn testimony is evidence, not idle  
24 commentary. Please take advantage of this  
25 opportunity and Public Counsel Walt Trierweiler

1 thanks you for being here today.

2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

3 Florida Rising and LULAC.

4 MR. LUEBKEMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 I'm going to face this way because you guys have  
6 heard this before.

7 Good morning, everyone. My name is Jordan  
8 Luebkekmann on behalf of Florida Rising LULAC.

9 Duke had the fifth highest residential  
10 electricity bills in the nation last year out of  
11 149 utilities with more than 100,000 customers;  
12 yet Duke is asking the Public Service Commission  
13 to raise rates even higher.

14 Duke's proposal includes a minimal bill, a  
15 substantial rate increase and a big hike in the  
16 return on equity, essentially guaranteed profits,  
17 who would be applied to a wave of construction  
18 projects that Duke has not shown are needed. All  
19 tolled, if authorized by the commission, over the  
20 next three years, Duke will charge customers over  
21 \$2 billion more than you are already paying.

22 Florida Horizon and LULAC, as associations  
23 of residential customers, are in this case to push  
24 back against excessive increases.

25 The \$30 minimum bill in Duke's petition

1 functions like a high fixed charge. In practice,  
2 it means that no matter how much electricity you  
3 may save, your bill will never be less than \$30.  
4 This petition punishes low energy users like those  
5 who have invested in energy efficiency or those  
6 who leave the thermostat higher than comfortable  
7 to afford their bills. It's also regressive, as  
8 it primarily impacts low and fixed income  
9 households who can least manage to afford extra  
10 charges.

11 Duke argues that the high charge is  
12 necessary because the utility has many fixed  
13 costs; yet, many other businesses with high fixed  
14 costs don't charge fixed charges at all. For  
15 instance, when was the last time that you paid a  
16 monthly subscription to a mall or an airline?

17 Duke's documents show that the true and  
18 fair fixed charge should \$14 per month or less.

19 Then there's an excessive return on equity  
20 or ROE that Duke is seeking. ROE refers to how  
21 much profit Duke is allowed to charge customers  
22 for each dollar of shareholder money they spend on  
23 new grid construction. The real cost of these  
24 projects doesn't change with Duke's ROE, you just  
25 get the privilege of paying extra for the same

1 stuff if Duke is granted a higher ROE.

2 In this case, Duke's request for an 11.15  
3 percent midpoint and 12.15 percent maximum sticks  
4 out against a decades' long trend of lower ROEs.  
5 An ROE exists to ensure that the utility makes  
6 just enough profit to attract investors to fund  
7 future projects.

8 The reason ROEs have been going down is  
9 that utility commissions all across the country  
10 recognize there's just not that much risk in  
11 investing in a monopoly utility with no  
12 competition, guaranteed profits.

13 Another major driver of Duke's requested  
14 rate hike is a \$3.3 billion spending spree on new  
15 transmission, distribution and generation  
16 projects. While some of this spending may well be  
17 reasonable, the fact is that Duke hasn't  
18 demonstrated the actual need for many of these  
19 projects and hasn't performed a transparent  
20 comprehensive benefit cost analysis for virtually  
21 any of them. This is no way to let a utility  
22 spend your money.

23 The commission should deny all new projects  
24 unless and until Duke shows that each is necessary  
25 to serve the system and that Duke will cost --

1 Duke will accomplish each in a cost effective way  
2 that minimizes customer expense instead of  
3 maximizing Duke's profits. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

5 So normally, we -- we ask if there are any  
6 elected officials in the room to give them an  
7 opportunity to speak first. Not seeing anybody  
8 jump at the opportunity, so I'll make the  
9 assumption that there are no elected officials.

10 With us, as you've already heard from him,  
11 is the public counsel and Mr. Watrous from the  
12 public counsel's office, he's your voice in this  
13 process; he will be helping us today. When it is  
14 your turn to speak, he will call your name in the  
15 order in which it was signed up, not necessarily  
16 in alphabetical order. He will call three names  
17 at a time so that you can be prepared and be ready  
18 to obviously make your comments. Please make sure  
19 that you make your way towards the microphone and  
20 when you do come, for the folks that have signed  
21 up online have been sworn in, but the folks that  
22 have not signed up online and signed up today in  
23 person have not been sworn in, so I guess I'd like  
24 to ask if anybody here to speak that did not sign  
25 up online, do you mind standing and taking a quick



1 oath to be sworn in? Anybody intend to -- thank  
2 you.

3 Do you swear and affirm that you will  
4 present the truth in this matter and that you are  
5 a customer of Duke? Yes? Awesome. Thank you.

6 All right. Mr. Watrous, I'll go ahead and  
7 turn it over to you and you can go ahead and call  
8 the first three. Let's start with the folks that  
9 signed up online and then we'll go to the folks --  
10 I think you have a copy of the ones that are here  
11 today.

12 MR. WATROUS: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay.

14 MR. WATROUS: There were I believe six  
15 total speakers who signed up online and currently  
16 it shows we only have three here in person, so do  
17 we want to start the three here in person right  
18 now and then go to the ones who may not be here  
19 right now?

20 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Let's go to the ones  
21 that signed up online and if they're not here,  
22 then we'll go to the folks that are here.

23 MR. WATROUS: Okay. So the first three to  
24 provide sworn testimony are Sandra Harris, Don  
25 Taylor and Thomas Caffery.

1           CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Sandra Harris, are you  
2 here? Sandra Harris? Seeing no Sandra Harris,  
3 Don Taylor? Don Taylor, are you here? Okay. Go  
4 to Thomas Caffery. Thomas? Thank you.

5           MR. CAFFERY: Good morning. So that means  
6 I get to take the time that they were allocated;  
7 right?

8           CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: It doesn't work that  
9 way, but all yours, sir.

10          MR. CAFFERY: My comments are fairly brief,  
11 so I don't think I'll take too much of your time.  
12 I'm Thomas Caffery, Tom Caffery of Orlando, a Duke  
13 Energy customer, and representing the Florida  
14 Group of Third Act, a national organization of  
15 elder citizens concerned about the climate.

16          My overall view is that -- of the Duke plan  
17 is that we don't have 20 years to wean ourselves  
18 off of fossil fuels. We may not even have ten  
19 years to prevent catastrophic climate effects; we  
20 need to move faster.

21          My general comments about the documents  
22 submitted by Duke Energy, which seem pretty  
23 imposing, I'll admit, I can't claim to be an  
24 expert on this, but a few things did jump out at  
25 me, so if you'll humor me.

1 I think they noted that the Duke  
2 residential rates are the highest in Florida, at  
3 least for the lower end consumers, but while  
4 natural gas prices have been dropping and the  
5 percent that's generated by cheap solar power has  
6 been going up, why would the rates still be going  
7 up.

8 The proposed rates increase 7.4 increase  
9 next year and 12.4 percent over the next three  
10 years, that's more than double the current  
11 consumer price index rate of inflation. That just  
12 doesn't seem fair on the face of it. I hope that  
13 the PSC auditors are looking closely at this to  
14 verify the Duke numbers.

15 The rate hikes for lower users of  
16 1,000 kilowatt hours are greater than for the  
17 heavy users, 3,000 kilowatt hours, and I wondered  
18 why that is.

19 I was interested in previous discussions to  
20 hear about the amortization schedule for the new  
21 solar farms that are being put in; glad to hear  
22 that they -- it sounds like they're being  
23 amortized over their full life, which I'm in favor  
24 of, but at the same time, I have to wonder when  
25 are the energy cost savings for the solar

1 investments going to start reducing consumer  
2 rates.

3 We would suggest that you adjust your  
4 business model rooftop solar and solar parking  
5 lots and solar in developed urban areas, rather  
6 than investing in solar farms; open spaces have  
7 their own value.

8 Statewide, the PCS forecast for year 2032  
9 shows 56 percent of electric generation coming  
10 from natural gas, that's down from 70 percent in  
11 year 2022. I like the direction that is headed,  
12 but we feel like the transition needs to be made  
13 much faster.

14 At the same time period, renewables are  
15 shown increasing from six percent to 28 percent  
16 over the same ten-year time frame. Again, we feel  
17 like this could be done much faster.

18 It seems that FPL is going into solar much  
19 more enthusiastically than Duke is. FPL is  
20 shooting for 36 percent renewables in 2032  
21 compared to Duke's target of 24.5 percent. I've  
22 wondered why is the difference.

23 The financial analyses for rates reflect  
24 only the direct cost to the consumers related to  
25 energy costs, capital and operating costs. The

1 indirect costs suffered by all Florida consumers  
2 and residents related to climate change, higher  
3 temperatures, stronger storms and sea level rise  
4 are all significant and should be considered when  
5 selecting the source of the energy used in our  
6 grid.

7 And that's all of my formal comments. I  
8 would like to just offer an invitation since I  
9 live in Orlando, if you-all would be willing to  
10 have a hearing in the Orlando area where there are  
11 a lot of Duke Energy customers, we'd like to see  
12 that; give more opportunity for our residents in  
13 Orlando to testify. That's all I've got. Thank  
14 you for your attention.

15 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you for your  
16 testimony.

17 Move to the next three.

18 MR. WATROUS: The next three witnesses to  
19 provide sworn testimony are Robin Orlandi, William  
20 Luna and Dee Von Quirolo.

21 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Robin Orlandi.

22 MS. ORLANDI: Good morning. Thank you for  
23 this opportunity to speak to you today.

24 I'm speaking as a Crystal River resident  
25 who lives nine miles from Duke Energy's power

1 plant there.

2 Duke needs to retire the coal burning units  
3 four and five that remain at that location by the  
4 current 2030 deadline, rather than requesting a  
5 rate increase to continue maintaining them.

6 These units have been in use for decades  
7 and are outdated, unhealthy and more expensive to  
8 run than other options.

9 The cost of coal drives up electricity  
10 rates and those higher costs are getting passed on  
11 to Duke's rate payers.

12 These units are causing air and  
13 environmental pollution for Citrus County  
14 residents and others in the region. EPA data  
15 shows us that in 2022 alone, Crystal River's coal  
16 unit emitted five million tons of carbon dioxide,  
17 climate warming, climate changing gas, and 2,300  
18 tons of nitrogen oxide in addition to other  
19 chemicals and mercury. This exhaust is harmful to  
20 both human and environmental health.

21 Coal plant exhaust has been identified by  
22 EPA as a known contributor of nitrogen loading to  
23 local waterways, which is a specific Citrus County  
24 and Florida concern. Excess nitrogen feeds algae  
25 blooms that degrade our spring and coastal waters

1 and the marine habitat that's vital to our economy  
2 in this county.

3 The state of Florida is spending huge  
4 amounts of money to administer water quality  
5 protection including nutrient and algae reduction  
6 efforts and local government volunteers and  
7 organizations have also invested huge amounts of  
8 money and man hours cleaning up Kings Bay and  
9 other local springs that are the underpinning of  
10 our economy, so when Duke continued -- Duke's  
11 continued dependence on coal fired energy works  
12 against these goals and adds to the burden of  
13 cleanup borne by Florida tax payers. Instead of  
14 doing that, instead of continuing to invest in  
15 coal, expand renewable energy facilities and  
16 update the electrical grid, including power  
17 charging stations and rooftop solar for residents,  
18 update the electrical grid to support clean energy  
19 initiatives statewide. And federal funding  
20 incentives, I'm sure you well know, exist to do  
21 this.

22 The atmospheric contaminates emitted by  
23 coal-burning plants also directly contribute to  
24 warming of our planet and oceans. As the previous  
25 speaker said, warmers fuel hurricane formation,

1 rapid intensification, increased storm surge.  
2 We've seen recent examples of this with Hurricanes  
3 Ian and Idalia and the billions of dollars in  
4 cleanup costs those incurred.

5 Duke cosponsored the 2023 Tampa Bay  
6 Resiliency Summit, a statewide effort to prepare  
7 Florida cities and counties for the coming impacts  
8 of climate change and sea level rise. Science is  
9 real whether people want to say the words or not.

10 As we enter another hurricane season, Duke  
11 needs to walk their talk and commit to initiatives  
12 that reduce climate impacts in their operations  
13 and invest in clean energy technologies rather  
14 than ask for more money to continue patching up  
15 outdated infrastructure.

16 Replacing coal plants with renewable energy  
17 would result in cleaner, healthier air and new  
18 construction jobs, not only in Citrus County, but  
19 across the state.

20 There's really no reasonable justification  
21 to further delay retiring the Crystal River units  
22 three and four. We kayak out in the bay all the  
23 time and we see the plant there and we see the  
24 smoke coming out of it. A major utilities like  
25 Duke, as citizens of our community, as power in



1 our communities, it's far beyond any of our small  
2 voices, have a moral obligation to do the right  
3 thing for future generations.

4 I look at those stacks and I look at those  
5 roseate spoonbills and young people that are out  
6 with us kayaking and I think what's coming out of  
7 the stacks, why couldn't this be better, where is  
8 the will to do this and so you have power as  
9 individuals we lack and I would urge you to follow  
10 your conscience and I know business has to  
11 prosper, but there's a better way and it is  
12 possible if we all row the boat in the same  
13 direction.

14 Thank you very much.

15 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you for your  
16 testimony. If there are any questions, please  
17 feel free to chime in, same for the parties.

18 Next up is William Luna. William Luna.  
19 Not seeing William, Dee Von Quirolo. I apologize  
20 if I didn't say the name correctly.

21 MS. QUIROLO: Thank you acceptably.  
22 Usually they don't pronounce my name properly, but  
23 it was perfect.

24 Good morning, everyone. My name's Dee Von  
25 Quirolo and I'm a Brooksville, Florida, Duke

1 Energy customer. I'm also chair of the local  
2 Sierra Club Venture Coast Group who are directly  
3 impacted by this proposal, but today, I speak for  
4 myself.

5 Florida's the sunshine state. We want  
6 clean energy now and no more coal. We  
7 respectfully request that you consider, in this  
8 rate increase deliberation for Duke Energy, a real  
9 strong questioning of the need for our continuing  
10 to pay for maintenance and operation of two coal  
11 burning plants, units four and five, at the  
12 Crystal River power plant. These expensive,  
13 outdated and unhealthy plants generate coal  
14 pollution in our community that could easily be  
15 eliminated.

16 Duke Energy seeks to charge customers over  
17 \$50 million in the next two years on equipment  
18 maintenance on these coal burning plant -- units.  
19 This funding could be spent on clean emergency.  
20 We recommend that Duke shut down these coal  
21 burning facilities by 2030 and invest in clean  
22 beneficial energy instead.

23 Federal funding is now available for  
24 shutting down such plants and replacing them with  
25 clean energy solar and batteries that could reduce

1 the cost that customers pay to Duke Energy to  
2 provide energy that won't pollute our air.

3 These plants are causing air and  
4 environmental pollution in Citrus County. Burning  
5 coal generates tons of pollution, including  
6 particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, mercury,  
7 arsenic and other toxic heavy metals.

8 Crystal River carbon dioxide emissions are  
9 equivalent to the annual carbon dioxide emissions  
10 of 1,196,845 cars. We don't even have that many  
11 cars in this area.

12 These serious pollutants cause serious  
13 health issues that harm the human respiratory  
14 system and make breathing difficult and can cause  
15 premature death for those with heart or lung  
16 disease, as well as heart attacks, irregular  
17 heartbeat, aggravated asthma, decreased lung  
18 function and coughing. Why are we doing this?

19 Burning coal emits significant greenhouse  
20 gases such as carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide  
21 that add to the accelerated climate crisis that  
22 threatens Florida's Gulf Coast cities and towns  
23 with stronger storms, hurricanes, sea level rise  
24 and increasing heat.

25 These coal plants also release waste, toxic

1 coal ash and wastewater that leech into  
2 groundwater systems and create sinkholes. Coal  
3 ash must be stored in lined ponds to prevent  
4 leakage. Duke's Crystal River plants are linked  
5 to two old coal ash ponds that aren't lined. Let  
6 that sink in. They have the potential to  
7 contaminate ground water with toxic arsenic,  
8 boron, lithium, nonlithium, radium and sulfates.

9 Use your oversight authority to require  
10 that Duke stop burning coal by planning now to  
11 retire its coal units by 2030. Replacing these  
12 coal plants with cost effective, clean, beneficial  
13 renewal energy is a no-brainer that would result  
14 in cleaner, healthier air, new local jobs and  
15 lower bills.

16 Duke Energy should also be investing in  
17 charging stations and grid upgrades to help large  
18 fleets electrify and provide more rebates for  
19 households, businesses, state and local  
20 governments to install chargers for electric  
21 vehicles.

22 Thank you for the opportunity to speak  
23 today. Appreciate it.

24 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you for your  
25 testimony.

1           Let's move to the next three, and I know  
2           you've got a list that I have here, so we can go  
3           off yours.

4           MR. WATROUS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

5           The next three customers to provide sworn  
6           witness testimony are Noa Adera, Michelle Leeper,  
7           and Tom Gotterup.

8           CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Noa Adera, recognized on  
9           the record. Come up.

10          MS. ADERA: Hello, everyone. My name is  
11          Noa Adera, I'm 16 and I'm a prior student at the  
12          Academy of Environmental Science here in Crystal  
13          River, and I'm also just a local resident of  
14          Citrus County. I would like to thank everyone for  
15          being here and thank you to the commissioners for  
16          listening as well.

17          I came here today to educate myself and  
18          learn more, but I also came to express my concerns  
19          as a young person for our future generations.  
20          This decision won't just affect present day, but  
21          inevitably affects our future as well, whether  
22          that's short-term or long-term respiratory health  
23          issues, the impacts on our environment from  
24          pollution, whether that being air pollution or  
25          runoff into our waterways.

1 Not only environmental issue impacts, but  
2 also economic too. Like said earlier, by Duke  
3 maximizing its profit, it's also hurting local  
4 Citrus County people, especially our low income  
5 areas.

6 This is the sunshine state; we love it  
7 because of how beautiful it is. It's the same  
8 reason we have tourism that brings money into the  
9 state, but Florida will only stay beautiful if we  
10 make strides to protect it. If we keep doing  
11 things that will negatively affect our  
12 environment, there won't be anything left to  
13 protect it.

14 So before you bring Duke into the equation,  
15 I ask that you please keep our environment in  
16 mind. And I'm not the only young person concerned  
17 with this idea, my friends and my peers are also  
18 worried, but we young people are here and we are  
19 listening. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Thank you for your  
21 testimony and thank you for the courage to get up  
22 in front of public officials to make those  
23 comments. I know that's not easy. As a 16-year  
24 old, I sure as heck could not have done that, but  
25 thank you for both wanting to learn about the

1 process and for your advocacy.

2 Next up I believe is Michelle Leeper.

3 Recognize on the record.

4 MS. LEEPER: Thank you. My name is  
5 Michelle Leeper. I happen to know -- she is one  
6 of our wonderful students at the Academy of  
7 Environmental Science, which I sit on the chair of  
8 that board, but I'm here to speak as a business  
9 owner as well. I'm not going to be popular with  
10 this because I'm not necessarily talking about the  
11 environment, just talking about basics.

12 This area is growing and it's expanding  
13 faster than I even like, but we have to prepare  
14 and that includes electricity, as well as water  
15 and that sort of thing, we have to take all that  
16 into consideration, but I do know that as a  
17 business owner, the cost of things has changed  
18 drastically; ask anybody who's called a plumber.  
19 We own an air-conditioning business. Systems that  
20 we put in two-and-a-half years ago are now doubled  
21 and it's not just because of materials; it's labor  
22 and it's fuel and those things are not changing.

23 I do believe we have to plan for the future  
24 and expand where we can. I've got 900 homes going  
25 behind my business, they're just starting to do

1 that and that's just one small area in the county.

2 I encourage Duke, as well as any other  
3 enterprise, if they're going to do something here  
4 for the future, do not wait, like our road systems  
5 are completely inadequate for what the traffic is  
6 coming in, the amount of people that are moving  
7 in. I'm not going to dispute what's been said  
8 here already as far as energy, I'm not going to  
9 support it either. I know battery backup, battery  
10 chargers, I have not found evidence where the  
11 batteries that we have to make for those systems  
12 are really costly to the environment as well.

13 I'm going to speak as the academy board  
14 chair right now. Duke has been a great  
15 philanthropist for us. We do require -- our  
16 particular school requires fundraising to meet our  
17 requirements for maintenance; they have been one  
18 of the better service providers for that. They  
19 gladly do that. They don't just do it with us,  
20 they do it with all parts of the county, all  
21 school systems. So they do give back to the  
22 community. As a business owner, I can't give the  
23 same amount they give back to the community, I  
24 don't make the same amount of money, but it's all  
25 percentages and I know they will continue that in



1 the future, but I ask you to not just always look  
2 at the -- the environment is very important to me  
3 as well. I've been in this state for 50-something  
4 years and I have seen the changes and we do need  
5 to maintain what we have, but we have to plan for  
6 the future; if we do not, we're going to get  
7 caught short in this state and -- it's just  
8 expanding hourly and I think there's like 800  
9 families moving in every day, a lot of them are in  
10 Citrus County, Levy County and all the surrounding  
11 counties, but I appreciate the opportunity to  
12 speak.

13 I have Duke Energy personally and I have it  
14 at the academy. We've had very little problems  
15 with loss of energy even during storms from the  
16 big hurricanes. We've been very fortunate in my  
17 personal home and the service has been -- you  
18 know, I can call if I have a problem and, yes, I  
19 get impatient because I don't like to go without  
20 air-conditioning in a storm, but they get out in a  
21 timely manner and I appreciate that. They have --  
22 I'm sure they have laborers too -- they have gone  
23 up on their prices since 2021. We've had to go up  
24 on our prices within the last two-and-a-half  
25 years, so I think it's just a matter of balance

1 and I believe that the -- trying to plan ahead  
2 because, again, if you don't, we're going to have  
3 a real mess on our hands. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Thank you for your  
5 testimony. Next up is I think, Tom Gotterup.  
6 Sorry, Tom, I'm trying to read your handwriting.  
7 Gotterup.

8 MR. GOTTERUP: Thank you for hearing me.  
9 My name is Tom Gotterup. I'm a Crystal River  
10 resident and also a board member of AES. AES is  
11 the Academy of Environmental Science.

12 I'm here to say thank you to Duke for what  
13 you have done and continue to do for the Academy  
14 of Science that helps us turn out young ladies  
15 like that. We have a school of 120. We're a  
16 public charter school. This young lady, I didn't  
17 know she was going to be here, represents 120  
18 young people that want to study and work in the  
19 environment. Many of our students have gone on to  
20 the environmental field.

21 Every time we have had a need, Duke Energy  
22 has responded in a very positive, gracious and  
23 professional manner. That means a lot to a small  
24 school that sits on the water and if you get a  
25 high tide, you got to float in your kayaks almost.

1 You folks have been wonderful. Thank you is a  
2 free word. Nobody wants to see rates go up, but  
3 if the rates have to go up, I would ask that those  
4 rates -- that money would be utilized for  
5 environmental purposes.

6 As Michelle Leeper, she's president of our  
7 board and it's a tough situation when you're told  
8 you need a half-a-million dollars, we need this.  
9 We don't get tuition. It's a free public charter  
10 school. The only money this school receives is  
11 from the state with pupil allocation and donations  
12 and Duke in many, many ways leads the way.

13 So I'd like to say thank you from the  
14 board -- excuse me. Thank you from the board,  
15 thank you from the faculty and thank you from the  
16 parents that allows us, the board, to produce  
17 young people like that. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Thank you for your  
19 testimony.

20 Mr. Gotterup?

21 COMMISSIONER FAY: Just a quick question  
22 for you. You are also a residential business  
23 customer too?

24 MR. GOTTERUP: I'm a resident of Crystal  
25 River.

1           COMMISSIONER FAY: Can you speak to your  
2 engagement with conversations that --

3           MR. GOTTERUP: I'm sorry, say again.

4           COMMISSIONER FAY: Can you speak to your  
5 engagement with them as a customer; have you had  
6 outages that you reached out to them for different  
7 things and that response.

8           MR. GOTTERUP: Years ago, before Duke  
9 bought Progress Energy, so I consider it the same,  
10 we had a severe hurricane here, severe flooding  
11 where I lived at the time. We lost power. The  
12 power was out at our residence for seven days.  
13 Every time we called, we were told the power had  
14 been restored. Finally, I had to go out and there  
15 was one of the trucks, service trucks, and I said,  
16 hey, guys, we don't have power. The response I  
17 received was magnificent. They jumped in the  
18 truck, they said we're showing it's restored. One  
19 of the breakers that was covered by trees was  
20 never seen, but they went out, they found it, just  
21 on one person talking to a gentleman in the middle  
22 of a rehab on the flood and everything and bingo  
23 it was there. It wasn't, oh, go call, talk to the  
24 customer service; they took it on themselves,  
25 those gentlemen, and they found out the cause, and

1 by doing that, they helped, I believe it was about  
2 six homes that were shut down still. So does that  
3 answer your question?

4 COMMISSIONER FAY: Yes, sir, thank you.

5 MR. GOTTERUP: Thank you. Anything else?

6 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: We're good. Thank  
7 you for your testimony.

8 MR. GOTTERUP: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: All right. Go to  
10 the next three.

11 MR. WATROUS: My records indicate that we  
12 only have one more customer who wants to provide  
13 sworn testimony and that is Thomas Ramage.

14 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Mr. Ramage, you're  
15 recognized whenever you're available. Mr. Ramage.  
16 I believe he had to leave.

17 So is there anybody out -- anybody else in  
18 the audience that would like to speak? Anybody  
19 else in the audience? Okay. Not -- not seeing  
20 any, again, thank you all for the opportunity  
21 today to hear from you and thank you all for  
22 coming out. I know folks traveled from multiple  
23 distances and it's good to be here out in the  
24 public.

25 If there's no further business -- anything

1 else? Okay. Then I think that we are adjourned.

2 Thank you.

3 (The hearing concluded at 10:46 a.m.)

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