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Charlie Smith

From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 8:27 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence

Subject: Docket No. 20240025

Attachments: Reject Duke Energy Florida's Rate Hike; Reject Duke Energy Florida's Rate Hike; Reject

Duke Energy Florida's Rate Hike; Reject Duke Energy Florida's Rate Hike

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20240025.

Thank you!

From: jsorrells@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Sorrells

<jsorrells@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2024 4:14 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject: Reject Duke Energy Florida's Rate Hike

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Dear Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Duke Energy Florida's proposed rate hike and to urge you to prioritize affordable, clean energy for all Floridians.

Duke's request to increase rates by \$16 per month for the average customer is unacceptable. Floridians already pay some of the highest electricity rates in the nation, with annual bills nearly \$500 above the national average. We simply cannot afford another increase.

I urge you to:

- * Reject Duke's proposed rate hike
- * Lower Duke's requested 11.15% Return on Equity to match the national average of 9.60%
- * Eliminate the unfair \$30 minimum bill that penalizes solar customers
- * Require Duke to accelerate its transition to affordable solar and other renewable energy sources

Duke's continued reliance on fossil fuels exposes Floridians to price volatility and higher long-term costs. Meanwhile, solar investments have already saved other Florida utility customers over \$200 million since 2017.

As our state's utility regulators, you have the power to protect consumers and guide Florida towards a cleaner, more affordable energy future. Please prioritize the interests of Floridians over Duke's profits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Mr. James Sorrells 1724 Bonser Rd Minneola, FL 34715-7779 jsorrells@cfl.rr.com

From: nobrega.robert@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Nobrega

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Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 9:41 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo

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Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Nobrega

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From: juravytas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jurate Navickas

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Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 9:22 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Jurate Navickas

1400 Dr Martin Luther King Jr St N St Petersburg, FL 33704-3302 juravytas@yahoo.com

From: vivian.j.elliott@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vivian Elliott

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Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 10:06 AM

To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo

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- * Eliminate the unfair \$30 minimum bill that penalizes solar customers. Not all solar customers are wealthy. I saved to install solar panels prior to my retirement, and the panels meet most of my electric needs. I have no issue paying for the electric that I use and the connection fees. However, the "minimum charge" is unconscionable.
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Sincerely,

Ms. Vivian Elliott

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