

Charlie Smith

From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 10:04 AM
To: 'Laura Howard'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Keep Tampa Electric (TECO) Rates Down Docket# 20240026

Good morning Laura Howard,

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.

Best regards,

Charlie Smith II

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Subject: Keep Tampa Electric (TECO) Rates Down Docket# 20240026

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Dear PSC Member,

As a concerned TECO customer, I am writing to express my opposition to TECO'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. Nowhere else are rates increasing the percent proposed with this rate hike. Non-utility fees, such as daily customer rates are increasing at 50%, in a pure run at just increasing revenue. This is uncalled for. I ask that you prioritize the interests of consumers over corporate greed and reject TECO'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,

Laura Howard
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