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**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2024 2:19 PM  
**To:** 'Ricki Bauman'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Keep Tampa Electric (TECO) Rates Down Docket# 20240026

Good Afternoon, Ricki Bauman.

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.

Thank you!

*Toni Hover*

*Commission Deputy Clerk I  
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Dear PSC Member,

As a concerned TECO customer [and AARP member in Florida], I am writing to express my strong 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. I am tired of subsidizing their shareholders! These pass through increases only enrich the company, not the customers.

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 precisely pure

profit that we 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,

Ricki Bauman  
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