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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 10:50 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: Reject Duke Energy Florida's Rate Hike

Good morning,

Please place the attached email in Docket No. 20240025. Thank you!

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From: elexscroggins@everyactioncustom.com <elexscroggins@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Subject: Reject Duke Energy Florida's Rate Hike

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Dear Commissioner Gary Clark,

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,  
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