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Florida Public Service Commission Office of the Commission Clerk RE: Docket 20250029-GU 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: rate increase

We have at hand the notice from Peoples Gas / TECO wherein a proposed rate increase is being presented to the Commission. At one time changes from electricity to gas were touted and promoted as ways for cleaner energy and to save costs. This is no longer the case. We find this proposed rate increase egregious. As a limited income customer whose primary income is from Social Security whose last increase was 2.5%, this proposed increase presents an undue stress to all of us who have no way to increase monthly incomes. A customer charge for simply sending invoices increasing some 45% from \$24.41 to \$35.50 and a commodity charge increasing some 31% from \$0.35165 to \$0.46319 seem heinous at best.

We respectfully object to the commission allowing this increase.

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