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**From:** Jacob Veaghn on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 1:35 PM  
**To:** 'louisdobles'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket number 20200092-E1

Good afternoon, Louis A. Dobles

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200092 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

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**From:** louisdobles <louisdobles@gmail.com>  
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Mr. Adam Teitzman  
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Mr. Adam Teitzman,

I am being serviced by Duke Energy at 1391 Caudle St., Orlando Florida 32828. I am writing you this email to let you know

that I oppose your rushed approval of the Florida Electric Utilities' Storm Protection Plan (SPP). How is an increase in my utility

bill to Duke Energy for example going to benefit me? As I understand it, the investments that are going to be made by utilities

on Florida's electric grid, are going to be ineffective. These plans anticipate a rate increase of \$18 to \$29 per customer, per month

by 2029, though there is no way to hold utilities accountable for the proposed improvements. Will Florida customers experience

shorter storm-related outages? Duke Energy will only be able to convert overhead services to underground services to only 5% of its

customers. Why not restrict utility investments to solar energy investments, where rates can be brought down in the future and not up.

I am afraid that without accountability, these increases are going to be used by the Florida Utilities to increase their profitability and not

invest in their infrastructure.

I am retired and I moved from New York to Florida so as to have a cost savings in my sky high New York electric rates. I am 74 years old and

my wife is 71 years old and we are both living on a limited budget. Please introduce some safe guards into this proposal that protect Florida

electric customers. Maybe include monies for Florida electric customers to provide incentives to build their own self serving solar onsite grids

with battery back up. During outages the Utilities do not have to use extra field workers for power restoration since their customers have

electricity and can wait for regular power restoration. These small grids can then supply extra electricity to the power grid after regular power

is restored. Therefore, lowering the utilities power generation costs.

I have included with this email some thoughtful ideas. This should be the process of discussion with Utilities prior to approving any rate increases.

Have them provide ideas on how to help their customers lower their electric costs. Maybe in the case I provided above about converting overhead

services to underground services, the customers that will benefit from this change should bear an extra cost for this benefit. Again, I wrote this

email since I believe your approval for SPP was rushed and no responsible oversight was introduced to monitor cost effect usage of the rate

increase. Do not get me wrong, I understand that Utilities have costs as well to contend with but my fear is how are they going to spend the extra

monies they are going to get. Just using a small part of the monies for infrastructure and providing a large amount to Stock holders is not an

effective strategy! Thank you for your time and understanding.

Louis A. Dobles

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