

Brian Schultz

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 12:49 PM
To: 'Harley Barks'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Proposed TECO Rate Increase

Good Afternoon,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200051-GU and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz
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From: Harley Barks <barks896@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Proposed TECO Rate Increase

Reference Docket No. 20200051-GU

I am appalled and frightened by the proposed 35% increase in TECO's rates, plus an increase in distribution charges. The inept planning and business acumen of the TECO monopoly's management that is implicit in this huge increase cannot be assessed by the layman, but I hope the Public Service Commission makes certain there is full accountability. It is not the body politic's role to assure that a regulated public utility makes robust profits.

More obvious to me is the crushing economic blow this increase would give my wife and I. I am a retiree with a fixed income, but my heart goes out even more for my neighbors who have lost household income due to the corona virus. This is a horrible time for a huge rate increase in a commodity we all must purchase month by month by month. If the amount cannot be reduced, can it at least be dollar-cost-averaged into future small increases?

Sincerely,
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