

Brian Schultz

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 8:53 AM
To: 'William Waters'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Stop the Electric Utilities' Piracy of Florida Residents (Docket 20200092-E1)

Good Morning, William Waters

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200092-E1 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz
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From: AARP <aarpfl@aarp.org> On Behalf Of William Waters
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 7:20 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Stop the Electric Utilities' Piracy of Florida Residents (Docket 20200092-E1)

Sep 22, 2020

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Dear Florida PSC PSC,

We are in the middle of a pandemic with unemployment rampant in our state. Right now, Floridians need help making ends meet paying day-to-day expenses, including rising healthcare costs and prescription drug prices, as well as increasing rents and food costs.

What Floridians do not need now is to pay for services that benefits no more than 5 percent of ratepayers.

I was born and raised in the panhandle of Florida, and have worked for TECO, shipping coal from Louisiana to Tampa, when they had coal fired plants in the Tampa area.

I am currently being serviced by Gulf Power. In the last decade I have seen an average increase in rates of about 4% per year.

I understand that power companies are private companies and responsible to their shareholders for a profit return. What I don't understand and agree with is excessive profit due to a monopoly. Residents have no choice of power companies. And in areas where they do have a choice, the rates between the two companies they can choose from are nearly identical.

There is no competition, and these companies are taking advantage of the people, and they are doing it with the government's blessing.

This rapping and pillaging of the public has gone on for far too long.

Put a stop to this. Have the power companies put their profits back into the infrastructure. Deny any rate increases for a minimum of

10-12 years. We are already giving them more than they deserve.

Sincerely,

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