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From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 1:43 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20220001
Attachments: Docket No. 20220001-EI Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Duke Energy Proposed Rate Increase

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20220001.

Thank you!

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From: Betty Wilson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 1:34 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket No. 20220001-EI: Reject the new electric rate hikes!

Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo,

Docket No. 20220001-EI

I am an electricity customer in Florida. I received notification that you will soon be considering proposals from FPL, Duke and Tampa Electric to increase my electricity rates next year.

This is outrageous. These companies have made windfall profits over the last few years, and yet each time they go crying to you, you have approved their rate increases. No amount is too high, apparently. When will you stand up for your own mission of setting fair rates for consumers in Florida?

Another electricity rate increase is the last thing we need, especially for vulnerable folks who may be on a fixed income or struggling to recover financially from the pandemic. We are all inundated with price increases on everything.

I urge you to reject these rate increases.

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Subject: Duke Energy Proposed Rate Increase
Importance: High

Docket No. 20220001-EI

I am a customer of Duke Energy Florida. I understand that the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) is considering a request by Duke Energy Florida to increase its rate for 2023 due to "volatile" fluctuations of natural gas prices. Duke's electricity rate per KWH is currently 29% higher than FP&L (see below) and Duke is now asking for another 15% for 2023, the highest increase of the three monopoly power companies seeking a rate increase. Duke already charges more per KWH than the other two, large investor-owned electric utility companies in Florida (source: Sept. 2022 issue of Florida Trend Magazine):

Duke Energy - \$201.32/1,500 KWH FP&L - \$156.81/1,500 KWH

Tampa Electric – \$175.17/1,500 KWH

Non-investor owned near me: OUC - \$169.25/1,500 KWH Kissimmee - \$173.59/1,500 KWH

The FPSC Commissioners need to be asking, "How can Duke Energy justify asking for even more money from their captive customers when they already charge the highest rate compared to all the other major electricity utilities in Florida?" Rather, the Commissioners should tell this public monopoly utility to look harder for cost savings and new efficiencies, and reduce their profit margin rather than asking for even more money from their captive customers.

I strongly urge the FPSC Commissioners to reject this rate increase request.

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I also have Duke Energy for my business so this issue not only affects me personally but my business as well.