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From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Hannah Barker Monday, September 26, 2022 10:06 AM Commissioner Correspondence Docket Correspondence Docket No. 20220001-EI Reject the new electric rate hikes!; Proposed Duke Energy increase; FPL

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20220001.

Hannah E. Branum

Executive Assistant to Commissioner Clark Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850) 413-6004 Chairman Gary Clark,

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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Docket No. 20220001-El 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 Commissions to reject this rate increase request.

Sincerely,

Peter & Sheila Favier

Retirees & Active registered voters.

644 Westhampton Ct. Winter Garden, Florida 34787 When a company increases its net income by 70%, pays its CEO 532X more than its median worker & is spending \$100 million on stock buybacks. The problem is not inflation nor is it a worker's 50 CENT raise. The problem is sociopathic corporate greed

And YOU are allowing citizens of northwest florida to be raped by this company