# CORRESPONDENCE 12/22/2022 DOCUMENT NO. 12265-2022

## **Antonia Hover**

From: Cristina Slaton

Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2022 1:26 PM

To:Commissioner CorrespondenceSubject:Docket Correspondence - 20220001

Attachments: No More Rate Hikes!; No More Rate Hikes!; No More Rate Hikes!

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in CORRESPONDENCE – Consumers & Representatives in docket 20220001.

Thank you.

### **Antonia Hover**

From: elisebez=hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Elisabeth Bezemer

<elisebez@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 11:27 PM

To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa

Subject: No More Rate Hikes!

Dear Mr. La Rosa,

Once again, Florida utilities are asking to raise their rates because of the cost of dirty fracked gas. Not only is the burning of fossil fuels hurting our public health and environment, the cost of these fuels is hurting Floridians. We are in a housing crisis and much of that is due to the exorbitant costs of energy bills.

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Floridians are struggling, with many needing to decide whether to keep the power on or pay for other necessities like food, medicine and rent. All of this is because Florida utilities continue to double down on expensive fossil fuels, rather than move to clean, renewable energy sources. Denying a hike will de-incentivize the continued use of these dirty fuels.

We're tired of the PSC constantly approving increases to our electric bills. It is outrageous that they are about to approve another round of increases to our bills (Docket No. 20220001-EI) without even holding public hearings with the opportunity for the public to offer inperson testimony.

Please stop the utility rate hikes! We are already struggling from record rate hikes this year. Please don't approve any more.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Bezemer 2908 N Central ave Tampa FL, 33602-1606

#### **Antonia Hover**

From: nancystamm=edc-inc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Nancy Stamm

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Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 2:53 PM

To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa

Subject: No More Rate Hikes!

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Sincerely,

Nancy Stamm 11885 Twin Creeks Dr Fort Pierce FL, 34945-2534

### **Antonia Hover**

From: kia1985=ufl.edu@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Kia H. <kia1985@ufl.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 10:07 AM

To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa

Subject: No More Rate Hikes!

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