## **Antonia Hover**

From: John Plescow

**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 3:31 PM **To:** Consumer Correspondence; Diane Hood

**Subject:** FW: To CLK Docket 20230001

Please, add to docket 20230001.

From: Consumer Contact < Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 1:21 PM
To: John Plescow < JPlescow@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

Subject: To CLK Docket 20230001

From: burrisdm@ns.sympatico.ca burrisdm@ns.sympatico.ca <burrisdm@ns.sympatico.ca>

Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2023 7:18 PM

To: Consumer Contact < Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

Subject: Electric Rates Duke Energy

## Dear PSC:

Watching the news on Jan. 24 and it was noted that the electric utilities in the Tampa Bay area are filing for rate increases. The utilities filing are Duke Energy, TECO, Florida Power and Light, and Florida Public Utilities. And the stats were given for each. This on top of the recent rate increases - Dec. 7, 2022 - "State regulators Tuesday approved utility costs that will translate to higher electric bills in January ...."

Duke Energy is the most expensive now - \$150/1,000 KWH, and they want a 13% increase, totally unacceptable. Besides the recent rate increase they were given, also last spring, they got a \$30/month bonus for any account that didn't use power, or very little power, in the month. The excuse was they have fixed costs. They have always had fixed costs, and so has everyone else, the utilities have always managed.

Florida Public Utilities Co. - present cost \$143/1,000 KWH, want a 22% increase. Dream on.

TECO, present cost \$133/1,000KWH. But they only want a 10% increase

The least expensive right now, Florida Power and Light, \$121/1,000 KWH, they want a 7.5% increase.

I live in Largo, Pinellas County and Duke is my supplier. I think that both Duke and Florida Public Utilities should be told no increase, or else the PSC will distribute their customers to TECO and FPL.

Although I would be real cautious about TECO, it is owned by EMERA, who also owns Nova Scotia Power. NSP has been concentrating on windmills, and power rates are headed north in a hurry. And they knew that would happen, but they got too close to politicians who had that renewables bug. On top of that they got involved with Muskrat Falls, which is double over budget and just a shambles, as Liberty Consultants noted

## Updates -

Aug. 16, 2022 "In other words, as has been true for some time, the LIL (Labrador – Island Link) appears no closer, in terms of milestones achieved, to commercial operations now than it has for a number of quarters ....... We continue to consider it prudent to anticipate a continuing failure to reach commercial operation before or during this coming winter,('22/'23) and perhaps well after. ... "

In other words TECO is owned by people who don't have a real firm grip on reality. So give Duke's customers and FPU customers to Florida Power and Light.

Thanks for your time.

Dave Burris, Largo, Pinellas Co. Florida