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From: Office of Chairman Fay

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Please place the attached email and letter in Docket No. 20230001

Thanks

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From: Sue VanWinkle <floridasue314@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 11:25 PM

To: Records Clerk

Cc: Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner

Graham; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject: 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!

- 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 ask themselves: "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?"

The Commissioners should ask 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. These rates are out of control.

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

Sincerely, Susan VanWinkle 323 Dempsey Way Orlando FL 32835



1430 Diron Blvd., Apt. 507 Cocoa, Florida 32922-4411 February 15, 2023

Mr. Andrew Giles Fay Chairman The Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blud. Tallahassee, Florido 32399-0850

Dear Mr. Fay:

Please have The Public Service Commission turn down the rate in creases utility companies are asking for. Many of the residents in my retirement home cannot afford their utility bills now, a rate hikewould be yet another hardship on them. Please place yourself in the shoes of these people and vote to limit the utilities rates.

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