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**Attachments:** Tampa Electric and Duke Energy Rate Increases

Please place the attached in Docket Nos. 20240025 and 20240026.

Thank you!

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**To:** Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman La

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**Subject:** Tampa Electric and Duke Energy Rate Increases

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#### Commissioners:

It's one thing to have your beaches rated number one in the country, but it's an entirely different recognition when you have the highest auto insurance, the highest homeowners insurance and the fourth highest utility costs in the entire country!

Enough is enough, when will this commission realize the pressures citizens of our state are under, just to be able to afford to put food on their table and keep their homes safely cooled during our oppressive summertime heat?

It's very easy to throw out some buzz words like inflation and how Covid somehow impacted our power companies forcing them to seek additional rate increases, which historically, this commission seems willingly ready to continually approve.

Isn't it time for these power companies to be told NO? Shouldn't they too be asked to find ways to save by finding new alternatives for producing electricity?

I have attached a very informative article by Emily Mahoney, who writes for the Tampa Bay Times. I have found her to be an excellent journalist, one who provides accurate and fully researched information to her readers. I hope you will each take the time to read this, and then, realize that residents of Florida need assistance from each of you when it comes to managing these big power companies. It's time you take a stand and simply say NO!

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