

Charlie Smith

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 11:35 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket Nos. 20230001 & 20230019
Attachments: FW Utilities; Consumer Inquiry - Tampa Electric Company

See attached customer correspondence and reply for Docket Nos. 20230001 & 20230019

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 11:18 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Utilities
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Please find attached email received by the Governor's Office of Citizen Services. This email is forwarded to your office for review and any response or action appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

From: Christian Perez <perezch@cooley.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 9:52 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Utilities

Constituent message:

1. **Name**
Christian Perez
2. **Email Address**
perezch@cooley.edu
3. **Phone Number**
8133806484
4. **Subject**
Utilities
5. **Message**
Governor Desantis,

I wanted to bring something to your attention. As a kid raised in Tampa, Florida the list of changes I've seen in the last few years is truly unbelievable. Some good, some bad. Unfortunately, one of the negatives has been the cost of living. I know inflation hit Florida harder than most states but the cost of utilities in Tampa has far surpassed any reasonable measure. Utilities have essentially doubled in a matter of months and that's a blatant failure from our leadership. Regardless of what obstacles the country may face the cost of utilities cannot double - especially when they were already high. As a conservative young professional I worry about my ability to raise a family in Tampa, Florida. The rising

costs are pricing the locals out. I also fear you will lose support from your Conservative/Florida voters if this isn't addressed soon. Please listen to a fellow Tampa boy and make this right.

See our July Tecu bill attached. We have a 2 bedroom home.

6. **Attach file (optional)**

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9. **Date Submitted**

01/08/2023

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9:52:27 pm, EDT

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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 11:34 AM
To: 'perezch@cooley.edu'
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Tampa Electric Company

Mr. Christian Perez
perezch@cooley.edu

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428190C

Dear Mr. Perez:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email regarding Tampa Electric Company (TECO) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

You expressed a concern about recent rate increases. On March 7, 2023, the FPSC approved a mid-course correction to the fuel factors and granted preliminary interim storm restoration charge for TECO.

The adjusted fuel factors reflect unrecovered fuel costs incurred in 2022. The interim storm restoration recovery charges are costs associated with named storms and will replenish each utility's storm reserve fund. Interim storm restoration charges are approved for a 12-month recovery period and are subject to refund, with interest, pending further review once the total actual costs are known for each utility.

Utilities do not earn a profit on fuel charges. The fuel and capacity cost component of customers' bills is set for each calendar year, but mid-course corrections are used when a utility's costs increase or decrease significantly in the interim. Under Commission rules, a utility must notify the PSC when it expects an under- or over-recovery greater than 10 percent.

TECO's approved charges include the new fuel factor and the preliminary approval for recovery of \$131 million in interim storm restoration costs associated with Hurricanes Dorian, Elsa, Ian, Nicole, and Tropical Storms Alberto, Nestor, and Eta.

We appreciate you sharing your views and will add your correspondence to both Dockets 20230001 and 20230019 regarding the mid-course correction and the storm restoration recovery, respectively.

Customers who are experiencing difficulty in providing payment on their account can contact the following resources for financial assistance:

* Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program --- <https://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/community-services/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program/find-your-local-low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-provider-for-help>

* Elderly Electric Assistance (EHEAP), which provides assistance for home-energy emergencies to qualified, low-income households with at least one person 60 years of age or older. To find out about qualifications, you may contact your county's local EHEAP agency, or by calling 1-800-963-5337.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

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