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Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 2:21 PM
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Subject: RE: Docket No.20240025-EI – Opposition to Duke Energy Florida Base Rate Increase

Good Afternoon

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250000, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you,
Nick Holmes
Commission Deputy Clerk II
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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Subject: Docket No. 20240025-EI – Opposition to Duke Energy Florida Base Rate Increase

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as a Duke Energy Florida customer in Ocoee, to strongly urge the Commission *to deny* the proposed base rate increases filed under Docket No. 20240025-EI. Duke is seeking a base rate adjustment totaling approximately **\$593 million for 2025, \$98 million for 2026, and \$129 million for 2027** — a cumulative **\$820 million request** floridapsc.com+14psc.state.fl.us+14psc.state.fl.us+14.

I understand that part of this ask is intended to fund future solar farms as part of Duke's clean-energy transition. However, this shift must not disproportionately burden low-income households, seniors on fixed incomes, and vulnerable families who already struggle to pay for basic needs.

My concerns include:

- **Sharp rate increases:** These hikes represent steep jumps — literally doubling electricity costs for many fixed-income households.
- **Timing:** The proposed increases take effect as early as January 1, 2025 psc.state.fl.uspsc-fl.granicus.com — giving limited time for customers to prepare.

- **Economic hardship:** With inflation, housing, and healthcare costs already high, this rate hike could force people to choose between electricity and lifesaving medication or nutritious food.

What I respectfully request:

1. **Deny Duke's request** for this large base rate increase. Keep rates stable for now.
2. **Require Duke to seek alternative funding** — such as low-cost loans, grants, federal tax incentives, or phased investments — to develop solar infrastructure without sending the full cost to consumers.
3. **Ensure protections** are in place for vulnerable customers, such as seniors and low-income households, including deferring automation or minimum charge increases until a careful review is done.

Why this matters locally:

In Altamonte Springs, many households live on Social Security or fixed income. A base rate increase of this magnitude would significantly burden our seniors, disabled individuals, and families already struggling — making just staying warm or cool dangerously unaffordable.

Thank you for your careful consideration. I urge the Commission to safeguard Florida's most vulnerable and push Duke Energy to pursue cleaner energy responsibly — without causing harm through sudden, steep rate hikes.

Sincerely,

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