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See attached correspondence and PSC reply to add to the correspondence side of Docket 170001-EI.

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Randy Roland

Sent:

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:13 AM

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For you.

From: CRM.CitizenServices [mailto:CRM.CitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com]

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Note

Duke Energy of Florida

Sent case notice - follow up requested

Case Assignment

Assigned To:

PSC - Public Service Due Date:

Commission

6/30/2017 10:04 AM

You have an assignment from the Executive Office of the Governor.

Please have staff review and respond as appropriate.

Please copy the link below to close the assignment, provide resolution information or request an extension/reassignment.

Click Here to Update the Case

If you have questions about this assignment, please send an email to CRM.CitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

Angela Mozdzierz

Office of Citizen Services

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Here we go again with Duke Energy of Florida, they want the consumers to pay extra money for the cost of their natural gas to make the electricity we the customers use. We should not have to pay for the natural gas that they used to make electricity that is not unfair burden on the people of Florida within doing this they wanted the money to pay for the replacement of a nuclear power plant. This should be their responsibility, not ours. As it is were pan for nuclear power plant that will never get built, that is wrong is an undue burden on the people of Florida, Duke energy needs to accept the responsibility for their repairs on their nuclear power plant and not put that burden on the people of Florida.

As it states in the paper. For example, Duke, residents, customers who use 1000 kW per hour electricity a month now pays an overall bill of \$117.24 with \$33.77 of that amount is related to fuel cost. We shouldn't have to be paying that extra \$33.77 for them. The energy companies are getting to be like gas stations raising prices for their own needs and putting the burden on the taxpayers. This is not right for the people of Florida.

In 2007 and 2008 while living in the state of Nebraska for the last 28 years. We only paid for the electricity that we use. We do not have to pay for the nuclear power plant that was shut down or broken down, nor did we pay for the Cole that they used to make electricity where this Cole was shipped from Wyoming to Nebraska to power their plants as it seems to me. Some people in the government of the state of Florida don't care for the people that they're supposed to be working for the commissions should be looking out for the people and not these big corporations, so I hope someone will do something about this, as I myself. I pay more than the\$ 117.24 per month for electricity because I use electricity every day in my daily tasks. I think the Florida Public service commission should rethink this and not let them raise what Duke energy wants.

Duke energy should step up and take the responsibility of paying for their own gas bill to make electricity, because we the people of the state of Florida have to pay our own bills. We don't ask them to pay our bills. So I think every State Sen. and Congressman all the way up to the top to Gov. Rick Scott needs to make sure that Duke energy does not get this raise that they are asking for because each year. It keep getting higher and higher, that's not fair to the people, I thank you for your time to see the points of

interest of the people of the state of Florida.

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June 3-2017

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This heller to The Commision shout be passed one to the Govner, The House au Senit an The Commission, What Duke Energy Wants They should Not get. The Letter is self stited.

Thank you

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Hublic Service Commission

June 13, 2017

Mr. Martin E. Rasch, Jr. 4957 Cortland Loop Winter Springs, FL 32708

RE: PSC Inquiry 1244988C

Dear Mr. Rasch:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your correspondence regarding Duke Energy Florida (DEF) to the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC 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 PSC. The PSC 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 assist you. You expressed a concern about DEF's mid-year request for an increase to its fuel adjustment charge.

The fuel adjustment charge recovers the actual expenses associated with securing and processing fuel necessary to run the power plants used to generate electricity. Fuel rates mirror rising and falling fuel costs as reflected in the international marketplace. The revenue generated by the fuel adjustment charge does not add to the profit of the utility companies, but goes to pay fuel suppliers and transporters. The cost of fuel is shown as a separate cents per kilowatt-hour charge, and fuel costs are not contained in any other charge on a customer's bill.

Each year, utilities file their projected fuel expenses for the upcoming calendar year. The PSC, along with the Office of Public Counsel and other consumer representatives closely examine the fuel costs requested by the utilities. Public hearings are held annually to set the fuel factors for the next year. Since rates are set on projected costs, at the end of the year, the costs are "trued-up" or compared to the audited actual expenses incurred by the utility. If the utility recovered more than its actual costs, the amount of over-recovery is used to reduce the next year's costs. If the utility under-recovered (costs were higher than expected) that deficit is likewise rolled into the next year. The fuel cost adjustment is recognized by virtually all state commissions, by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and is also used by most municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives.

On November 2016, the PSC set the 2017 fuel adjustment charges for the customers of Florida investor-owned electric utilities, including DEF. The fuel adjustments were based on information known to the utility in early September 2016.

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On April 13, 2017, DEF petitioned the PSC for a mid-course correction to its fuel adjustment charges based on increased costs of natural gas and coal. The PSC has approved mid-year corrections to utilities' fuel charges in the past, including both increases and decreases to the fuel charges. Such approvals have been based on significant differences between actual and projected costs and other factors. When costs increase significantly during the months after rates are set, mid-course corrections can serve to maintain more stable rates from year-to-year and prevent customers from having to pay interest on under-recovered costs. In this instance, DEF proposed an increase in its fuel charges.

On June 5, 2017, the PSC denied DEF's petition for a mid-course correction for the fuel adjustment charges. DEFs 2017 fuel costs will be re-evaluated, based on updated information, in the November fuel hearing and considered in setting DEF's 2018 fuel rates. We will add your comments to the correspondence side of Docket 170001-EL.

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

Sincerely,

Randy Roland

Regulatory Program Administrator

Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach

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