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From: Hannah Barker

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 10:50 AM **To:** Commissioner Correspondence

Subject: Docket Correspondence

Attachments: Please Don't Allow Utility Profiteering! Reject Rate Increases.; Please Reject Duke, FPL,

and TECO Rate Increases!; Stop Monopoly Utilities from Fleecing Customers; Don't

Force Me to Subsidize the Bad Decisions of FP&L, Duke, and TECO

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in Docket Nos. 20210034, 20210015, and 20210016.

Hannah E. Barker

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From:

Roberta Gorum <robbiegorum04@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:55 AM

To:

Office of Chairman Clark

Subject:

Please Don't Allow Utility Profiteering! Reject Rate Increases.

Roberta Gorum 615 Formosa Ave Bartow, FL 33830

August 10, 2021

Dear Chairman Clark,

I understand that all three of our state's monopoly utilities are asking the commission to raise electricity rates. Given the massive profits these companies rake in, I do not believe these rate increases are justified.

Not only are these companies profiteering on the backs of their Florida customers, they all have an energy mix that runs counter to current energy market trends. Today, the natural gas and/or coal generation heavily relied on by FPL, Duke Florida, and TECO is more expensive than solar paired with storage. Worse yet, as these plants age they become more costly to operate and are at great risk of becoming stranded assets.

By contrast, in parts of the U.S. solar generated electricity paired with storage is selling for between \$22 and \$26 per MWh, and that price is guaranteed for the next 20 years!!! Yet, in our "Sunshine State" we still gets less than 3 percent of our electricity from solar. Why should I be forced to pay for the poor decisions of these monopoly utilities?

The only thing that will force them to diversify with lower cost sources of electricity like solar, is if the commission does not allow them to prop up increasingly uneconomical power plants by raising our electricity rates.

There is nothing conservative about catering to monopoly utilities and the expense of ratepayers and basic free market principles. I am not alone, 74 percent of Floridians oppose these proposed electricity hikes.

Please reject all three of the rate increase proposals. Thank you.

Sincerely, Roberta Gorum

From:

Ricardo Ceballos < ricardoceballos 1966@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:55 AM

To:

Office of Chairman Clark

Subject:

Please Reject Duke, FPL, and TECO Rate Increases!

Ricardo Ceballos 900 nw 9th ave c14 Mulberry, FL 33860

August 10, 2021

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From:

Elaine J McLaughlin <mclaughline@msn.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:55 AM

To:

Office of Chairman Clark

Subject:

Stop Monopoly Utilities from Fleecing Customers

Elaine J McLaughlin 12524 Ballentrae Florest Drive Riverview, FL 33579

August 10, 2021

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Sincerely, Elaine J McLaughlin

From:

Barbara King <Babbstoy@gmail.com> Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:55 AM

Sent: To:

Office of Chairman Clark

Subject:

Don't Force Me to Subsidize the Bad Decisions of FP&L, Duke, and TECO

Barbara King 4355 Corporate Ave Lakeland, FL 33809

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Sincerely, Barbara S King