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From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:34 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20220001
Attachments: {BULK} Duke energy rate increase

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20220001.

Thank you!

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From: Kathi Silverman <kmscra1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:32 AM
To: CLERK@UPSC.STATE.FL.US
Cc: Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: {BULK} Duke energy rate increase
Importance: Low

To whom it may concern,

Re: Docket No. 20220001-EI

I am a customer of Duke Energy Florida. I understand that the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) is considering a request by Duke Energy Florida to increase its rate for 2023 due to "volatile" fluctuations of natural gas prices. Duke's electricity rate per KWH is currently 29% higher than FP&L (see below) and Duke is now asking for another 15% for 2023, the highest increase of the three monopoly power companies seeking a rate increase. My electric bill has gone up tremendously. I am trying to retire but as costs keep increasing, how can I?

Duke already charges more per KWH than the other two, large investor-owned electric utility companies in Florida (source: Sept. 2022 issue of Florida Trend Magazine):

Duke Energy - \$201.32/1,500 KWH

FP&L - \$156.81/1,500 KWH

Tampa Electric – \$175.17/1,500 KWH

Non-investor owned near me:

OUC - \$169.25/1,500 KWH

Kissimmee - \$173.59/1,500 KWH

The FPSC Commissioners need to be asking, "How can Duke Energy justify asking for even more money from their captive customers when they already charge the highest rate compared to all the other major electricity utilities in Florida?"

Rather, the Commissioners should tell this public monopoly utility to look harder for cost savings and new efficiencies, and reduce their profit margin rather than asking for even more money from their captive customers. I strongly urge the FPSC Commissioners to reject this rate increase request.

Regards,

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