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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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RE: Docket No. 20250029-GU

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to comment on the proposed TECO People Gas rate increase request. They just raised their Customer Charge (base rates) significantly in the last couple of years to where a residential base rate is now more than 50% of the total bill. Now they want to increase it by almost another 25%. One of the reasons they state the need for this increase is that they have expanded their network by adding 1,260 miles of mains and service lines to service demand. I also work in the utility industry and expansion of service is not to be borne by the existing rate payers. That cost should be covered by connection fees/impact fees paid by developers or new connections if they want service. For this reason, the proposed increase in the Customer Charge to help with expansion associated costs should be denied by the PSC or significantly reduced.

Second, combining the RS-2 and RS-3 rate classes will adversely affect most residential customers using around 25-50 therms per month. Since they want to close the RS-1 rate class they should instead combine RS-1 and RS-2 rate classes with usage up to say 500 or 1,000 therms and leave RS-3 from there up to 1,999.

Please consider the above in any decisions relating to this rate case keeping in mind the PSC already approved a 20-30% increase in their Customer Charge in 2023.

Thank you,



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