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**From:** Ann Cole  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 09, 2012 10:25 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Cc:** Commissioners Advisors; Administrative Assistants - Commission Suite; Catherine Potts  
**Subject:** FW: TECO RATE HIKE

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 09, 2012 10:14 AM  
**To:** Ann Cole  
**Cc:** Kathleen Stewart  
**Subject:** FW: TECO RATE HIKE

Ann,

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Thank you,

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**From:** James Clarke [mailto:Redneck@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2012 1:00 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Subject:** TECO RATE HIKE

Since 2003, TECO - formerly called Tampa Electric - has reshaped itself into a regulated utility from a diversified energy company. It sold \$4 billion of assets and reinvested the proceeds in regulated utility projects with attractive returns. The regulated units, Tampa Electric and Peoples Gas, now generate 90% of TECO's profits. TECO's \$3.52 billion market cap and \$3.40 billion in annual sales make the company one of the smaller utilities in the United States. Investors have flocked to TECO as a utility in a relatively stable part of the Southeast that provides steady profits at a time of uncertainty. Expect the uptrend to continue as bond yields hit decade lows and income-oriented investors seek out greater returns.

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Florida historically has been one of the most stable and business-friendly regulatory environments for utilities. Regulators understand that utilities must deal with a dense population and annual hurricanes. And to compensate for these issues, TECO is granted one of the highest returns on equity of any utility: 12.25%.

To achieve this high return, TECO must persuade regulators that higher rates are necessary to pay for infrastructure investment. This is difficult, because Florida's unemployment rate is one percentage point above the natural average and energy demand in the area remains weak. Chief financial officer John Ramil is optimistic, since TECO has experienced two consecutive quarters of growth after 18 months of stagnation.

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**From:** Ann Cole  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 09, 2012 8:59 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Balbis  
**Cc:** Commissioners Advisors; Administrative Assistants - Commission Suite; Catherine Potts  
**Subject:** FW: TECO RATE HIKE

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Balbis  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 09, 2012 8:34 AM  
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Thank you,

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**From:** James Clarke [mailto:Redneck@tampabay.rr.com]  
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**From:** Pamela Paultre **On Behalf Of** Office of Commissioner Brisé  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 09, 2012 8:53 AM  
**To:** Ann Cole  
**Subject:** FW: TECO RATE HIKE

Good morning Ann,

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Thanks,

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