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**From:** Office of Commissioner Polmann  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 03, 2018 1:37 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: Another service charge on top of the ones we are already paying for by the Power Companies? . . .

Good afternoon:

Please place the e-mail below in docket correspondence consumers and their representatives in the following Dockets: 20160251-EI, 20170271-EI and 20170272-EI.

Thank you,  
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**From:** Steve D. Melone [<mailto:Steve@Melone.us>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 29, 2017 7:25 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Polmann  
**Subject:** Another service charge on top of the ones we are already paying for by the Power Companies? . . .

I'm confused as to why we, the consumers, should have to pay for the recovery cost of restoring power to us, we that pay taxes on our property, food, drinks, gas, and every other thing that we have to live with!

When a business chooses to do business in a state and then they have to pay to correct some issues that have occurred, it is the responsibility of that company to pay for the cost, not the people that live here. Case in point, if I were to open up a business, oh, let's say a computer repair shop, in the state and there is a problem that would cause that business to have to pay for repairs, should the tax payers have to pay for the repairs or upgrades? No! I made the choice to do business here hence it is my responsibility to repair or upgrade my equipment.

The request for a rate service charge addition is not because of anything that we, as power users did, yet rather mother nature. So why should we have to pay for it? And this is especially true when that business makes a lot of money in running their business and having the consumers pay for their services.

You should reconsider the Hurricane IRMA service charge that is being proposed by these companies.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

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