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DATE:

5/09/2018

TO:

Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Bureau of Consumer Assistance, Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach

RE:

Customer Correspondence

Please add the attached customer correspondence to Docket Correspondence-Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket <u>ADI OD84</u>.

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WHAT IS THIS DUKE IS COLLETING MORRY FOR A. PLANT IN LEUG COUNTY THAT WILL NEVER BYBUILTE WHAT DO THEY DO WITH THER PROKET FF WE ARE TO PRY TO BUILD AT PLANT THEN WE NEED TO DUKEN PART OF IT THAY ARE BOBING US PLIND WE STORE ON SS CANIT AFFORA THE ELDE. THANK YOU

A.C. Bellum



## Duke seeks rate hike in advance of plant opening

MICHAEL D. BATES Staff writer

rate hike to recover release.

investment costs associated with that facility.

In advance of the open-customers who use 1,000 crease in October and a and 1969, respectively. ing of Duke Energy Flori- kilowatt hours of electric- 1.5 to 2.1 percent increase da's new Crystal River ity a month would see a in December. natural gas plant, the com- \$3.59 bill increase in Octowith the Florida Public crease in December, Service Commission for a according to a Duke press

operational, the company erate and maintain the

trial customers would see coal-fired units 1 and 2, struction and related ac-If approved, residential a 2.5 to 3.5 percent in- which were built in 1966 tivities are expected to

2,800 workers are involved million during construc-Duke plans to bring the in the construction of the tion and \$13 million annupany has filed a request ber and a \$2.25 bill in- first unit of the plant on- local power plant. Once ally when operating. line in September and the complete, 50 to 75 workers second in November. Once will remain on-site to op-

Commercial and indus- will retire its Crystal River facility. Duke said conhave an area economic Currently, more than benefit of more than \$600

The 1.640-megawatt

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visit www.solarunited neighbors.org/citrus.

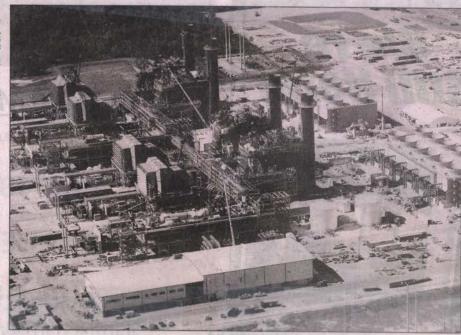
Contact Chronicle reporter Michael D. Bates at 352-563-3205, mbates@ chronicleonline.com.

## Teacher resigns after probe

CARLY ZERVIS

**Duke Energy** plans to bring the first unit of its combinedcycle natural gas plant online in September and the second in November. The company has filed a request with the Florida **Public Service** Commission for a rate hike to recover **Investment** costs associated with that facility.

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## HIKE

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combined-cycle, two-unit plant will serve 1.8 million Florida customers in 35 counties. Citrus County has 47,000 customers.

"Our customers expect and deserve cleaner energy, and building highly efficient natural gas infrastructure is critical to delivering on our commitment to a low-carbon energy future," Harry Sideris, Duke Energy Florida president, said in a prepared statement.

Duke Energy in January nixed plans to hike residential bills by about \$5 a month to recover \$513 million in Hurricane Irma recovery expenses and reserve-fund replenishment costs. The company changed its mind after President Donald Trump signed into law a tax overhaul.



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