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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 12:55 PM
To: 'david@ddurfee.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: DOCKET NO. 2020051-GU

Good Afternoon, Mr. Durfee.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200051, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

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From: David D <ddurfee09@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: DOCKET NO. 2020051-GU

Good Morning.

I read the notice with my gas bill and question the reason for any increase. Peoples Gas should not get a base charge increase for residential customers. Moving the customer charge from 11.40 to 16.20 is a 42% increase in % terms. tTHIS will impact consumers negatively. Given that the billing and process has been in place for many years, this Utility has gained economic efficiencies over the years given their affiliation with TECO energy now owned by Emera Company. There is not any logical reason for any base charge increase, in fact, the base cost should be going down given efficiencies in computers and processes inside of the utility.

Appears to me that inefficient operations are the issue at this utility and I do not believe rewarding them with a 42% increase is warranted at these times. Understand that the cost of the Natural gas has continued to drop

over time creating a margin compression given the fuel cost. But that reduction in cost should not create a customer charge increase.

At the same time, the distribution charge is up by over 36%. The parent company based in Canada is showing the price of the stock is expected to grow over 13% without this increase

This is not in the best interest of consumers which only have this source in the Peoples gas distribution to get natural gas. .

Thank you for your consideration to stop this increase.

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