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From: Jacob Veaughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 10:21 AM
To: 'Henry Roth'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20210034-EI TECO proposed rate increase

Good Morning, Alison Roth

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20210034 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

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From: Henry Roth <roths3@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 8, 2021 2:11 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket No. 20210034-EI TECO proposed rate increase
Importance: High

TECO power bill insert notifies how proposed rate changes may affect my bill.

I don't know how many people actually read the insert, thought about it, or even paid attention to it, and if you pay your bill online through an automated service, you may never see it.

TECO's Basic Service Charge (BSC), monthly \$15.05, is proposed to change to 70 cent per day in 2022.

This increase will range from \$4.55 up to \$6.65 per month, tacking an additional \$79.40 per year per household budget.

This increase does not include the Energy and Demand Charge (E&DC) increase from \$52.25 to \$66.00 for the first 1,000kWh, almost 8%. Proposed increase for all hours above that first 1,000kWh is also in the 8% range.

Charging a higher rate for actual energy use (E&DC) does make sense to me. I check my bill monthly to compare usage and try to find ways to conserve.

At a time when households are still having trouble paying rent and utilities, and some landlords are unable to collect monies owed, increasing the BSC by almost \$80 per year seems pernicious and mean.

TECO should not change the current monthly Basic Service Charge.

Sincerely,

Alison Roth. Tampa, FL