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**From:** Cristina Slaton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 12:05 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket Correspondence - 20210034, 20210015, 20210016  
**Attachments:** Please Don't Allow Utility Profiteering! Reject Rate Increases.; Please Don't Allow Utility Profiteering! Reject Rate Increases.; Stop Monopoly Utilities from Fleecing Customers; Don't Force Me to Subsidize the Bad Decisions of FP&L, Duke, and TECO; Please Reject Duke, FPL, and TECO Rate Increases!

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in CORRESPONDENCE-Consumers & Representatives in dockets nos. 20210034, 20210015 and 20210016.

Thank you,

*Cristina Slaton*

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO COMMISSIONER LA ROSA  
PHONE ~ 850.413.6018  
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**From:** Tracie Boide <tboide01@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 11:25 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa  
**Subject:** Please Don't Allow Utility Profiteering! Reject Rate Increases.

Tracie Boide  
2035 Blue rock dr.Apt.201  
Tampa, FL 33612

August 10, 2021

Dear Commissioner La Rosa,

I understand that all three of our state's monopoly utilities are asking the commission to raise electricity rates. Given the massive profits these companies rake in, I do not believe these rate increases are justified.

Not only are these companies profiteering on the backs of their Florida customers, they all have an energy mix that runs counter to current energy market trends. Today, the natural gas and/or coal generation heavily relied on by FPL, Duke Florida, and TECO is more expensive than solar paired with storage. Worse yet, as these plants age they become more costly to operate and are at great risk of becoming stranded assets.

By contrast, in parts of the U.S. solar generated electricity paired with storage is selling for between \$22 and \$26 per MWh, and that price is guaranteed for the next 20 years!!! Yet, in our "Sunshine State" we still gets less than 3 percent of our electricity from solar. Why should I be forced to pay for the poor decisions of these monopoly utilities?

The only thing that will force them to diversify with lower cost sources of electricity like solar, is if the commission does not allow them to prop up increasingly uneconomical power plants by raising our electricity rates.

There is nothing conservative about catering to monopoly utilities and the expense of ratepayers and basic free market principles. I am not alone, 74 percent of Floridians oppose these proposed electricity hikes.

Please reject all three of the rate increase proposals. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Tracie L. Boide

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**From:** Roberta Gorum <robbiegorum04@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:55 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa  
**Subject:** Please Don't Allow Utility Profiteering! Reject Rate Increases.

Roberta Gorum  
615 Formosa Ave  
Bartow, FL 33830

August 10, 2021

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**From:** Elaine J McLaughlin <mclaughline@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:55 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa  
**Subject:** Stop Monopoly Utilities from Fleecing Customers

Elaine J McLaughlin  
12524 Ballentrae Florest Drive  
Riverview, FL 33579

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**From:** Barbara King <Babbstoy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:55 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa  
**Subject:** Don't Force Me to Subsidize the Bad Decisions of FP&L, Duke, and TECO

Barbara King  
4355 Corporate Ave  
Lakeland, FL 33809

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**From:** Ricardo Ceballos <ricardoceballos1966@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:55 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa  
**Subject:** Please Reject Duke, FPL, and TECO Rate Increases!

Ricardo Ceballos  
900 nw 9th ave c14  
Mulberry, FL 33860

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