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**From:** Cristina Slaton  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 1:38 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket Correspondence - 20210016  
**Attachments:** Summet Jay - Duke Energy 10-4-21.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached letter in Docket No. 20210016.

1301 Fish Lake Road  
Ocoee, FL 34761

Commissioner Mike La Rosa  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850



Dear Commissioner La Rosa,

I am writing to you to express my concerns with the proposed \$30 minimum monthly bill by Duke Energy. My family has spent a considerable amount of money investing in a solar system for our house to offset our electrical usage and make sure that the energy we use does not produce carbon.

As our solar system provides for almost all of our electrical usage, the proposed \$30 a month minimum bill from Duke Energy would increase our electrical costs by 53% each year. (Our average monthly bill for the last 12 months was \$20.48, with eight months having bills of \$13 or lower.)

I feel that the proposed \$30 minimum monthly bill unfairly penalizes individuals who have done the environmentally conscious action of going with solar power, and that this penalty is being applied after our solar systems are installed (with no ability to re-consider our solar choice).

If Duke Energy is not able to make enough money, they should raise their electrical rates, which are applied to all customers, not just apply a monthly minimum that only applies to their lowest energy usage customers. Raising the cost of electricity may encourage more customers to take the environmentally sustainable solar path, while imposing a minimum bill amount will do the opposite.

Sincerely,

Jay W. Summet