

Iris Rollins

From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: Unacceptable TECO rate hike

Good morning,

Please place the attached email in Docket No. 20220001.

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From: michael burch <meburch34@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: Unacceptable TECO rate hike

I am writing to express my outrage at Tampa Electric Company's price hikes and urge your support in investigating the issue and voting against any future rate increase requests that might come under the purview of your office.

We reduced our power usage by 25% in the October 2022 billing cycle compared to October 2021 (26 kilowatt hours per day versus 35), yet we are paying 130% more (\$197.94 this year / \$85.75 last year). If there were any communications from TECO regarding this increase I'm sure they did not tell us that our cost would double. We would have noticed that and responded in advance. I presume this was timed to come during the time of year that we are using less electricity in hopes that it would fly under the radar. I shudder to think about what our bills will be like in a few months when we are all running air conditioners all day. To make matters worse I have read reports that another hike is possible in April.

This increase is an aggressive and shameful money-grab on the part of TECO that I'm sure its shareholders are pleased with, but if this is how they do business we need a provider that puts its customers first, or at least gives us some small amount of respect.

I hope that you will use the power of your office to advocate for moderation from Tampa Electric. This is unacceptable and I hope you are on our side.

Sincerely,

Eddie Burch

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