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From:

Ellen Plendl

Sent:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:44 PM

To:

Consumer Correspondence

Subject:

Docket Nos. 20230001 & 20230020

Attachments:

Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida; FW: Duke Energy Price Gouging?; FW: Duke Electric bill; FW: Duke Energy; FW: Duke Energy rate increases; FW: Duke Energy

See attached customer correspondence and replies for Docket Nos. 20230001 & 20230020

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:33 PM

To: 'sgoodall0518@gmail.com'

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Sandra Goodall sgoodall0518@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428520C

Dear Ms. Goodall:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your emails regarding Duke Energy Florida (DEF) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

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Sincerely,

From:

Ellen Plendl

Sent:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:30 PM

To:

'dlr1203@comcast.net'

Subject:

Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Diana Roby dlr1203@comcast.net

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428519C

Dear Ms. Roby:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your emails regarding Duke Energy Florida (DEF) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

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Sincerely,

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:27 PM

To: 'xatetx67@gmail.com'

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Alice Trudell xatetx67@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428517C

Dear Ms. Trudell:

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From:

Ellen Plendl

Sent:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:18 PM

To:

'maisakingstone@gmail.com'

Subject:

Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Maisa Kingstone maisakingstone@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428514C

Dear Ms. Kingstone:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your emails regarding Duke Energy Florida (DEF) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

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From:

Ellen Plendl

Sent:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:15 PM

To:

'aralamberth1@gmail.com'

Subject:

Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Ms. Ara Lamberth aralamberth1@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1428513C

Dear Ms. Lamberth:

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Sincerely,

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:12 PM

To: Ellen Plendl

Subject: FW: Duke Energy Price Gouging?

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

From: Sandra Goodall <sgoodall0518@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 9:05 AM

To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke Energy Price Gouging?

Constituent message:

1. Name

Sandra Goodall

2. Email Address

sgoodall0518@gmail.com

3. **Phone Number** 4076697330

4. Subject

Duke Energy Price Gouging?

Message

Holy crap-Duke energy bill this month is \$370.85 up from \$218.. How can this be? Are we paying more for emergency lineman or price gouging? Florida State Senate Orange County, Florida Government

- 6. Attach file (optional)
- 7. User IP Address

107.221.219.0

8. HTTP User Agent

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9. Date Submitted

01/09/2023

10. Time Submitted

9:04:42 am, EDT

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From:

Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:12 PM

To:

Ellen Plendl

Subject:

FW: Duke Electric bill

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Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

From: Diana Roby <dlr1203@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 5:03 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke Electric bill

Constituent message:

1. Name

Diana Roby

2. Email Address

dlr1203@comcast.net

3. Phone Number

9544656411

4. Subject

Duke Electric bill

5. Message

Dear Governor, I posted , on next door, my electric bill price increase. I have received over 70 responses with the same concern. There are many unhappy floridians dealing with this ungodly heat and find no comfort in trying to stay cool. Up goes gas, up go groceries, up goes insurance and up go utilities. Most are working or retired people living on a budget. Tell me how do you pick one to cut cost. Fl's a wonderful place to live, so how can you help us. This is a time of need for many. Thank you

- 6. Attach file (optional)
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- 9. **Date Submitted** 03/09/2023
- 10. **Time Submitted** 5:03:23 pm, EDT

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From: Alice Trudell <xatetx67@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 6:41 AM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke Energy

Dear Governor DeSantis,

As I Florida resident for 32 years I am writing you this due to the extremely HIGH electric bills we all are receiving after the bill that you signed up for FPL 5 billion dollar increase over the 5 yr period. I am a widow on a fixed income and just over the past year my bill has gone up over \$60.00 and still increasing. I have voted for you both times because of your concerns and the great job you have done for your Florida residents, but this is a big mistake. With the state of this economy: high gas prices, higher grocery bills, and the homeowners Insurance rates, skyrocketing (which went up \$1000.00 this year alone),it's almost impossible to survive. I hope you take this into consideration as many of my friends, family and neighbors feel the same. These circumstances will change the minds of many come voting time. Thank you for your time and consideration and I hope you continue to work for the lively hood of the people of our Great State of Florida.

Wishing you and your beautiful family the very best. Thank you for your time and consideration of this email. Alice Trudell

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:10 PM

To: Ellen Plendl

Subject: FW: Duke Energy rate increases

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Sincerely,

Martha Lynn Office of Citizen Services Executive Office of the Governor

From: Maisa Kingstone <maisakingstone@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:08 PM **To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke Energy rate increases

Constituent message:

1. Name

Maisa Kingstone

2. Email Address

maisakingstone@gmail.com

3. Phone Number

4074151773

4. Subject

Duke Energy rate increases

5. Message

Hi Ron,

I'm really grateful for you as our governor and I appreciate everything you do. Specially, how you protected us and our businesses during the pandemic.

I was hoping you could take a look at the outrageous rate increases that Duke energy recently put forth. 20-40% increases are too much! That's beyond the stated rate of inflation reported by the federal government, 3.18% as of July 2023.

Is there anything you can do with your special magical gubernatorial powers to help us simple peasants? Pretty please?

Most sincerely,

Maisa Kingstone (I voted for you)

6. Attach file (optional)

7. User IP Address

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10. **Time Submitted** 12:07:33 pm, EDT

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From:

Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:09 PM

To:

Ellen Plendl

Subject:

FW: Duke Energy

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From: Ara Lamberth <aralamberth1@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 4:52 PM To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Duke Energy

Constituent message:

1. Name

Ara Lamberth

2. Email Address

aralamberth1@gmail.com

- 3. Phone Number
 - 407-281-1625

4. Subject

Duke Energy

5. Message

Dear Gov. DeSantis,

I am desperately reaching out to you concerning our Duke energy and Home Owner insurance bills. We are being grossly over charged. I am an 89 yr. old woman presently on 10 liters of oxygen and recently put on Hospice. Since I am no longer able to care for myself 2 of my daughters moved in to care for me. My Daughters are both senior citizens, one on disability and the other living on SSI. My husband passed away in 2018 so I have his SSI as income. Needless to say we are not living in luxury. For the past two and a half years we have practiced conserving to the max as all living expenses have zoomed upward and our income has not kept up. My electric bill for July/August was \$370.82 for my 1,500 sq ft home. We keep the new air conditioner set on 78 during the day and 76 at night to make it easier for me to breathe. We keep our lights off until absolutely necessary and unplug all appliances when not in use. This is shameful.

- 6. Attach file (optional)
- 7. User IP Address

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- 9. **Date Submitted** 04/09/2023
- 10. **Time Submitted** 4:51:42 pm, EDT

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