## **Antonia Hover**

From:

John Plescow

Sent:

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 8:59 AM

To:

Consumer Correspondence; Consina Griffin-Greaux

Subject:

FW: Urgent Concern Over Rising Electricity Costs

Please, add to docket 20250011.

From: Brianna Stevens < BrSteven@psc.state.fl.us>

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 4:36 PM

To: John Plescow < JPlescow@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Cc: Shonna McCray < SMcCray@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

Subject: FW: Urgent Concern Over Rising Electricity Costs

PLEASE forward to Clerk's office, 20250011

From: Consina Griffin-Greaux < CGriffin@psc.state.fl.us > On Behalf Of Consumer Contact

Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 3:01 PM

To: Brianna Stevens < BrSteven@psc.state.fl.us>

**Subject: RE: Urgent Concern Over Rising Electricity Costs** 

Protest, please log in CATs and forward to John and request he forward to Clerk's office. 20250011

From: Joe T < joezakt@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 11:06 AM

To: Consumer Contact < Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US > Cc: Adrianna West < adriannaw3st@gmail.com > Subject: Urgent Concern Over Rising Electricity Costs

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the continued rise in electricity rates across Florida. Families like mine are being squeezed harder every year, and despite making sacrifices—raising thermostats, cutting back on usage, and adjusting our lifestyles—there is only so much we can do.

Recent developments are alarming:

- Florida Power & Light (FPL) is seeking a nearly \$9.8 billion rate hike over four years, which could push residential bills to almost \$152 per 1,000 kWh by 2029.
- Tampa Electric (TECO) customers have already been hit with an increase adding \$109 annually to household bills.
- SECO Energy is pushing a 9% increase, about \$10-\$12 more per month for average families.

• Statewide, electricity prices are already up 5% in 2025, climbing faster than wages and household incomes.

These hikes are not abstract numbers—they mean seniors, low-income households, and working families must make impossible choices between electricity, food, medicine, and other essentials.

I strongly urge the Florida Public Service Commission to:

- 1. Demand transparency from utilities in justifying every cent of proposed increases.
- 2. Prioritize affordability for vulnerable Floridians through targeted protections and phased adjustments.
- 3. Explore clean energy and efficiency options that could reduce long-term costs for consumers.
- 4. Hold utilities accountable to the public interest, not just shareholder profits.

Floridians deserve fair, affordable electricity—not endless rate hikes with little oversight. I respectfully ask that you stand up for ratepayers and prevent these increases from placing an even heavier burden on our communities.

Thank you for your time and service to Florida residents.

Sincerely,

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