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From: Angie Calhoun
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To: Consumer Correspondence
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Consumer correspondence for docket 20210034.

Angela Calhoun

From: Edward Mc Donald <emcdotomb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 5:05 PM
To: Cissy Galloway <CGallowa@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Proposed Tampa Electric Rate Request

Ms. Galloway,

I am emailing you because the insert that was included with my July bill from Tampa Electric indicated that you are the Public Service Commission contact person for technical questions. My electric bill is very hard to understand as it includes 13 separate charges. These are: Basic Service Charge; Energy Charge; Fuel Charge; Storm Protection Charge; Florida Gross Receipt Tax; Municipal Pubic Service Tax; Lighting Energy Charge; Fixture & Maintenance Charge; Lighting Fuel Charge; Storm Protection Charge; Florida Gross Receipt Tax; Municipal Public Service Tax; State Tax.

How will the proposed rate changes impact each of these charges? It is impossible for me to accurately provide numbers to you. It is just too complex and requires information not easily obtained.

I am going to limit my discussion to just two items that I think I do understand. My July electric bill from TECO shows a Basic Service Charge of \$15.05 for a 32 day billing period. The proposed rate would be \$22.40 or nearly a 50% increase.

My Energy Charge was \$50.39. The proposed Energy Charge would be \$58.74 or nearly a 17% increase.

How can anyone justify this large of an increase? I assume that TECO is replacing it's old, expensive to maintain coal fired plants with modern, less costly, more efficient, gas fired combined cycle combustion turbines. Their cost in manpower savings alone should be substantial.

If anything, TECO should be lowering their price, not increasing it at a rate that is much higher than Social Security Pensions have increased.

The Public Service Commission should decline TECO's request for a rate increase and request a decrease in rates.

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