

**Lisa Smith**

**From:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:48 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: TECO rate increase proposal

Good morning,

Please place the email below in CORRESPONDENCE-Consumers & Representatives in docket 20210034.

Thank you,

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**To:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** TECO rate increase proposal

Mr. La Rosa

I am writing regarding the TECO rate increase currently under review. I am a senior citizen; I am on a limited income. There are very many others in my same situation. I am sharing my thoughts and concerns on their behalf as well as my own. *The current rate increase proposal will have a devastating effect on seniors and others with limited income and resources.* The chart below is taken from the insert with my month TECO invoice. I added the rightmost column. For the purpose of calculations months are 30 days in length.

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>INCREASE PERCENT</u>
<b>RS</b>	15.05 / mo	21.00 / mo	<b>39.5 % increase</b>
Basic service charge	.502 / day	.70 / day	<b>39.4 % increase</b>
Energy 1 <sup>st</sup> 1000 kWh	5.225 / kWh	6.600 / kWh	<b>26.3 % increase</b>
Energy additional kWh	6.225 / kWh	7.600 / kWh	<b>22.1% increase</b>
<b>RSVP-I</b>	15.05 / mo	21.00 / month	<b>39.5 % increase</b>
Basic service charge	.502 / day	.70 / day	<b>40.0 % increase</b>
Energy Charge	5.539 / kWh	6.915 / kWh	<b>24.8 % increase</b>
<b>GS</b>	18.06 / mo	22.20 / mo	<b>22.9 % increase</b>
Basic Metered	60.2 / day	.74 / day	<b>22.9 % increase</b>
Unmetered	15.05 / mo	18.60 / mo	<b>23.6 % increase</b>
	.502 / day	.62 / day	<b>22.5 % increase</b>
Energy Charge	5.496 / kWh	6.915 / kWh	<b>25.8 % increase</b>
<b>GST</b>	20.07 / mo	22.20 / mo	<b>10.6 % increase</b>
Basic Service charge	.669 / day	.74 / day	<b>10.6 % increase</b>
Energy Peak Hours	12.594 / kWh	13.713 / kWh	<b>8.9 % increase</b>
Off Peak Hours	3.053 / kWh	4.580 / kWh	<b>50.0 % increase</b>

's energy bill, yours and mine, the increase also affects companies and other organizations. They will intern pass their increased costs on to their customers in the form of increased prices and higher taxes. *The current rate increase proposal will have a devastating effect on seniors and others with limited income and resources. Our incomes will not come near matching the increases requested. **I strongly urge you to reject the proposed increases** as presented. Perhaps TECO should also consider other avenues, such as reducing expenses. Everyone served by TECO, except the TECO executives, will be harmed by their proposal !*

Your attention and good judgement is both anticipated and appreciated.

*Wishing you a MAGICAL Day*

*Ray Bilinski*

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