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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:30 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket Nos. 20240172 and 20250010
Attachments: FW: County/City and Teco abuse of taxing authority and price gouging

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

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

From: Mr. Edwin Charles O'Malley <noreply@flgov.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 4:25 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: County/City and Teco abuse of taxing authority and price gouging

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August 14th,2025

"The Honorable Ron DeSantis,

Governor of Florida

Dear Governor DeSantis,

It has come to my attention and many other people's attention that the county (Polk) and/or city of Winter Haven has been charging inflated amounts on top of our already high electric service here.

I mean, the state can charge what they deem correct at 7%, but how does the city get away with charging over 10% on top of our electric bill. I am disabled, and I receive a fixed income.

While staring at my bills, I watch each and every cent they charge. This is unacceptable. How can the city charge more than the amount of tax set by our state government?

Well, the second case in point would be this: I used to run businesses, and there were times

I needed new computers or a new car and a new piece of equipment.

Well, that would come out of my profit that I made as a company. Recently, let's just say within the last 20 years companies now charge (new infrastructure fees), and TECO also charges a (storm protection charge), a (storm surcharge fee), and a

(Clean energy transition mechanism fee).

Since when do a company's improvements fall upon the consumer. This should be taken from their profits! If the State of Florida is only allowing these companies to charge a certain rate, it should not allow all these other charges to fall upon the consumers. This only shows contempt for how they are really breaching the agreement set up with the state. TECO charges for the storm protection fee I mean, hey, when a storm hits us, I am without power for a day, a week or two, or maybe a month. I have a generator for which I buy gas and oil. I lose food in my freezer, I am not compensated by these storm protection fees. The fact they are Being able to charge these fees is really unfathomable.

I really hope that you will read this, and I'm not going to continue rambling on and on, but you have spoken about property tax reversals and other things put forth by the county and cities. Please, I beseech you to send your DOGE guys to also Look into the other leeches we have in our pathway.

I thank you in advance,

Respectfully yours,

Edwin C. O'Malley
2840 Thornhill rd
Winter Haven, Fl
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Service For:
2840 THORNHILL RD
WINTER HAVEN, FL 33880-1037

Account
Statement
Charges

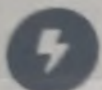
Meter Read

Service Period: Jul 01, 2025 - Jul 30, 2025

Rate Schedule: Residential Service

Meter Number	Read Date	Current Reading	Previous Reading	=	Total Used	Mult
1000623727	07/30/2025	55,344	53,762		1,582 kWh	

Charge Details



Electric Charges

Daily Basic Service Charge 30 days @ \$0.43000 \$12.90

Energy Charge

First 1,000 kWh 1,000 kWh @ \$0.08924/kWh \$89.24

Above 1,000 kWh 582 kWh @ \$0.09924/kWh \$57.76

Fuel Charge

First 1,000 kWh 1,000 kWh @ \$0.03044/kWh \$30.44

Above 1,000 kWh 582 kWh @ \$0.04044/kWh \$23.54

Storm Protection Charge 1,582 kWh @ \$0.00722/kWh \$11.42

Clean Energy Transition Mechanism 1,582 kWh @ \$0.00406/kWh \$6.42

Storm Surcharge 1,582 kWh @ \$0.01995/kWh \$31.56

Florida Gross Receipt Tax \$6.75

Electric Service Cost \$270.03

Municipal Public Service Tax \$22.55

Total Electric Cost, Local Fees and Taxes \$292.58

Total Current Month's Charges

\$292.58