

Antonia Hover

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 10:55 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20240173
Attachments: FW: Duke Energy - St. Petersburg FL/Gulfport FL

See attached customer correspondence for Docket No. 20240173.

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 10:51 AM
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Wetzel <ewetzel91@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 1:26 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Duke Energy - St. Petersburg FL/Gulfport FL

Hello,

First of all I'm a huge supporter and I think Florida has thrived under your leadership.

I appreciate the attempt to lessen or even eradicate property taxes as a homeowner. However, utilities in my area have gotten out of hand, especially post hurricane. I have an 800 sq ft home. It doesn't have the most insulation or efficient windows/ac but the duke energy bills are astronomical. I see my sentiments reflected throughout multiple local Facebook groups and forums. With the current taxes and utilities, we could go live in almost any city in America and unfortunately if something doesn't change that's exactly what we will have to do. Our monthly duke energy bill is \$400+ (\$500+ in the summer) so with city utilities, water, etc. we are paying over \$600/month for utilities. We have had duke come out and check my meter and they confirmed the rates and charges are accurate. I know our city and city councils are unfortunately very left leaning so I'm wondering if there is anything Doge or any state dept could do to investigate this for what it is, monopolization and price gouging. A family who makes \$100k per year should not be struggling to survive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eric Wetzel
Florida Resident

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