Tristan Davis

From:	Ellen Plendl
Sent:	Friday, November 14, 2025 9:21 AM
To:	Consumer Correspondence
Subject:	Docket Nos. 20240026 , 20240172, & 20250112
Attachments:	Re: Consumer Inquiry - Tampa Electric Company

See attached customer correspondence for Docket Nos. 20240026, 20240172, & 20250112.

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From: Alexis Lelekis <lelekisa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 9:06 PM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: Re: Consumer Inquiry - Tampa Electric Company

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Ellen,

Thank for your promt response. I don't know anyone in Tampa who's bill is under $100 maybe for a one bedroom apartment or a studio and they are not the norm. The numbers provided are extremely missleading and if anyone cared to talk to residents the data Teco is roviding could be dispelled with ease. As a resident of hillsborough county I could care less about Teco improving infastructure in Polk County, that should be a Polk County resident problem. As for projects in South Tampa where I reside...I have seen NOTHING except a very expensie head quarters building. On top of that Teco sent out a tone deaf letter lecturing it's clients on how to save power. I will not be setting my AC to 77/78 degrees in the Middle of the summer as that promotes mold growth and stagnant air. I will not be waiting until it's dark to cook my family dinner! I live in a new and energy efficiant home. There is no reason my power bill should be over $800 a month in the summer. Every increase that has been approved has increased our bill several hundred dollars at a time not $5 as they say. The increases are around 80% more than what we paid in 2020 and the usage has stayed the same over the years. In the summer of 2020 we averaged around $275/month. The data Teco is providing is insulting! I can provide you copy of our bills over the years if nessary to prove my point. As you know many of us are being stretched super thin with inflation and other costs of living in Florida. Power is a basic need and these constant increases with no end in site are not sustainable for the everyday family. Utility companies need competition and the state needs to talk the consumers not just the utility providers. Data can easily be twisted to justify corporate greed.

Alexis Lelekis

On Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 07:33:41 AM EST, Ellen Plendl <eplendl@psc.state.fl.us> wrote:

Ms. Alexis C. Lelekis
lelekisa@yahoo.com

Dear Ms. Lelekis:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your correspondence regarding Tampa Electric Company (TECO) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

You expressed concern about TECO's recent rate increases.

On February 4, 2025, the FPSC approved interim storm restoration recovery costs related to Hurricanes Idalia, Debby, Helene, and Milton for Tampa Electric Company The Commission also approved the utility's request to replenish its storm reserve.

The approval of an interim storm restoration charge is preliminary in nature and is subject to refund, with interest, pending further Commission review once final audited costs are known. Final costs will be determined following a future Commission hearing. TECO's approved interim recovery is $463.6 million and meets the parameters of its 2021 Settlement Agreement. TECO requested recovery of $34.5 million for Idalia, $4 million for Debby, $52 million for Helene, and $358.9 million for Milton. The recovery total includes replenishment of TECO's $55.8 million storm reserve. The monthly bill impact per 1,000 kWh for a TECO residential customer is $19.95. The surcharge will appear on a customer's bill for 18 months, beginning in March 2025-August 2026.

On November 4, 2025, the FPSC approved TECO's 2026 Base Rate Adjustment, which reflects the annualized costs of projects placed into service in 2025 and provides cost recovery for the Polk Fuel Diversity project.

In TECO's 2024 base rate case, the Commission approved an adjustment to rates beginning January 1, 2025. It also approved an adjusted revenue requirement increase of $87.7 million primarily for projects placed into service in 2025. TECO filed a petition on September 4, 2025, seeking authorization to implement the 2026 Subsequent Year Adjustment (SYA). The SYA represents an incremental increase to TECO's authorized base rates.

Beginning with the first billing cycle of January 2026, the residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month will see an increase of $5.51, raising the typical monthly residential bill from $97.47 to $102.98.

The 2026 SYA includes cost recovery for several key initiatives, including:

* Polk 1 Flexibility Project
* Energy Storage Expansion
* Corporate Headquarters Development
* Bearss Operations Center Modernization
* South Tampa Resilience Project
* GRR (PLTE Spectrum) Upgrades
* Cottonmouth and Longbranch Solar Projects

These projects were placed into service in 2025 or are expected to be operational by year-end. In addition, two Polk Fuel Diversity Project unit upgrades are anticipated to enter service in 2026.

We will add your comments as a protest to Docket Nos. 20240026 and 20240172.

You may review all the information filed for Commission consideration in Docket Nos. 20240026 and 20240172 by accessing the FPSC website at floridapsc.com Under the Clerk's Office tab at the top of the page, click on Dockets. Type in the docket number 20240026 or 20240172. Click the Search button. Then select Document Filings Index for a list of all filings in each docket. This procedure allows you to view all of the information filed by the utility and other parties in each docket.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

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