

Tristan Davis

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 7:38 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket Nos. 20240026 & 20240172
Attachments: FW: Tampa Electric Rate Increases - Complaint.

See attached customer correspondence for Docket Nos. 20240026 & 20240172

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From: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 5:30 PM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Tampa Electric Rate Increases - Complaint.

From: Dave Lynch <xz1z5ajwj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 1:28 PM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Re: Tampa Electric Rate Increases - Complaint.

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On Wed, Jan 7, 2026, 4:49 PM Dave Lynch <xz1z5ajwj@gmail.com> wrote:

I would like a response to this email please !!
2nd request. What are you going to do to lower electric bills ???!!!

On Fri, Dec 19, 2025 at 7:35 PM Dave Lynch <xz1z5ajwj@gmail.com> wrote:

Commissioners,
I am writing to complain about the recent approval of rate hikes given to Tampa Electric and other Florida utilities.

It is completely outrageous how virtually every year TECO files for rate increases and the PSC simply "rubber stamps" the approval process.!!!

A recent news report from WMNF discusses the Florida Public Service Commission's approval of TECO rate hikes, which will affect customers starting in January. The segment covers the expected average increase of about \$5.51 per month and the resulting 82% cumulative bill increase over five years. It also includes reactions from **consumer advocates who call the increase a "corporate greed grab" and discuss the financial strain on families**

Key details of the TECO rate hike

- **Effective Date:** The new rates will take effect in January 2026.

- **Average Monthly Increase:** The average residential customer will pay approximately \$5.51 more per month.
- **Year-over-Year Impact:** With this increase, **the average TECO customer's bill will be about 82% higher than it was five years ago**, amounting to nearly \$939 more annually.
- **Reasons for the hike:** TECO cites the need to fund storm recovery costs, energy storage projects, and power plant upgrades to improve reliability and resilience.
- **Customer and consumer advocate reaction:**
 - Some customers are concerned about their ability to pay bills and view the hike as corporate greed.
 - **Consumer watchdogs, like Food and Water Watch, criticize the decision, stating that regulators have not adequately protecting consumers from rising costs!!!**
 - **Potential relief:** TECO points to its SHARE program as a resource for customers facing financial hardship. You have to make next to nothing to qualify for this program!

Previous rate increases

- **This is the fourth rate increase for TECO customers in a 12-month period.**
- **Previous increases included a January 2025 base rate hike, a March 2025 storm recovery charge, and a June 2025 fuel charge increase.**
- All the Commissioners need to listen to the "Florida Matters" radio segment on WUSF radio recently which uncovers that fact that TECO alleges and tries to justify it needs these increases for various reasons which
- the PSC never actually verifies and proves that these line items are being executed by TECO!!!
- The Utility lobby in Tallahassee is getting away with murder , in my opinion, and this is the fourth rate increase in 12 months!! How can you possibly justify this???

The PSC has no consideration for consumers!!! You never actually audited the claims made by TECO and other utilities as to their claims for needing these rate increases

David J. Lynch