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From: John Plescow
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 1:00 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence; Consina Griffin-Greaux
Subject: FW: Tampa Electric Teco Price Gouging

Please, add to docket 20240026.

From: Consina Griffin-Greaux <CGriffin@psc.state.fl.us> **On Behalf Of** Consumer Contact
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 11:36 AM
To: John Plescow <JPlescow@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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From: Benton, Katherine <Katherine.Benton@fdacs.gov> **On Behalf Of** Commissioner Simpson
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 9:13 AM
To: Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: FW: Tampa Electric Teco Price Gouging

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Good morning,
The below request came to Commissioner Simpson at the Florida Department of Agriculture.
We believe this request would be best handled by your agency.
Kind regards,



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Office of Commissioner Wilton Simpson
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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From: B P <jivele55@gmail.com>
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To: Office of Commissioner Wilton Simpson
Wilton Simpson
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
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Subject: Formal Complaint and Request for Review of TECO Energy Rate Increases in Tampa and Hillsborough County

Dear Commissioner Simpson,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Hillsborough County regarding significant and ongoing increases in my electricity bills serviced by TECO Energy. Many households in the Tampa and surrounding areas are experiencing similar financial strain, and I am respectfully requesting that your office review this matter for fairness, transparency, and regulatory compliance.

Residents are reporting noticeable and repeated increases in monthly utility costs that do not appear to align with changes in usage or clear explanations provided on billing statements. For many families, these rising costs are becoming difficult to manage and are impacting basic household budgeting and financial stability.

As Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture and a long-standing advocate for Florida families and consumers, I am asking your office to look into whether these rate changes are reasonable, properly disclosed, and consistent with state utility regulations. If necessary, I also request guidance on what steps consumers can take to ensure they are being treated fairly.

This concern is not isolated, and I believe a formal review or inquiry into TECO Energy's billing practices in the Tampa and Hillsborough County region would provide clarity and reassurance to affected residents.

Thank you for your time, attention, and service to the people of Florida. I appreciate any assistance your office can provide in addressing this issue.

Sincerely,
Ivele Jean

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