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From: John Plescow
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2026 8:34 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence; Consina Griffin-Greaux
Subject: FW: E-Form Other Complaints TRACKING NUMBER: 217354

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Please, add to docket 20240026, and redact the customer's account number.

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From: Consina Griffin-Greaux <CGriffin@psc.state.fl.us> On Behalf Of Consumer Contact
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2026 8:30 AM
To: John Plescow <JPlescow@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: RE: E-Form Other Complaints TRACKING NUMBER: 217354

Send to clerk 20240026

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

From: consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us <consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2026 11:05 PM
To: Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: E-Form Other Complaints TRACKING NUMBER: 217354

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: Ian Burke
Telephone: 3059036388
Email: Burke261990@gmail.com
Address: 2412 Thrace St Tampa FL 33605

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Account Name: Ian Burke
Account Number: [REDACTED]
Address: 2412 Thrace St Tampa FL 33605

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Complaint: Other Complaints against Tampa Electric Company
Details:
Ian Burke
2412 Thrace St
Tampa, FL 33605
7/30/2026

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399

CC: Tampa Electric Company (TECO)

702 N Franklin St
Tampa, FL 33602

RE: Formal Comment/Complaint – Tampa Electric Company Rate Increases

To the Florida Public Service Commission,

I am writing as a residential customer of Tampa Electric Company (TECO) to formally object to the repeated and compounding rate increases my household and my neighbors have absorbed over the past several years, and to ask the Commission to take a harder look at future rate requests from this utility.

The scale of the increases is not sustainable. Since 2020, the average TECO residential bill has risen by more than 80%. In the past two years alone, customers have absorbed:

- A base rate increase of roughly \$185 million approved for 2025, adding approximately \$9–13/month indefinitely
- A 10% increase in fuel charges in June 2025
- A subsequent-year adjustment of approximately \$87.7 million for 2026, adding another \$5.51/month for a typical 1,000 kWh household
- A separate storm recovery surcharge of \$0.01995/kWh running from March 2025 through August 2026

Taken together, this is not one rate hike, it is four to five distinct increases stacked within roughly a year, on top of a household bill that was already among the highest in Florida and among the highest in the nation this past summer.

TECO operates as a monopoly, and that changes the Commission's obligation to customers. Unlike a competitive market, I have no ability to choose a different electricity provider. TECO is my only option for service in Hillsborough County. That exclusive franchise is precisely why rate requests need independent scrutiny, customers have no market mechanism to push back with our wallets, which makes the Commission's review the only real check on these increases.

****Customers are being asked to fund TECO's capital projects and then guarantee the company a return on top of it. TECO has stated that recent increases fund new energy storage facilities, power plant upgrades, and new solar plants. I understand utility infrastructure requires investment, but under the current regulatory model, ratepayers are covering both the capital cost of these projects and a guaranteed authorized return on equity (currently around 10.2%) on that investment. Customers are effectively financing the company's asset growth while absorbing all of the cost risk, with no corresponding benefit beyond the promise of "reliability."**

****I am requesting that the Commission:****

1. Apply heightened scrutiny to any future TECO rate or surcharge requests, particularly the step-up increases scheduled through 2027
2. Publish a clear, itemized public accounting of what portion of current bills is base rate, fuel cost, storm surcharge, and return on equity
3. Consider the cumulative annual burden on residential customers, not just each individual filing in isolation, when evaluating future requests

Tampa families are increasingly energy-burdened, and this trend is unsustainable for the community the Commission is meant to protect. I ask that this letter be entered into the public record for any pending or future TECO rate proceedings.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ian Burke
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