

**Resolution to Oppose the \$853,000,000**  
**Fracked Gas Power Plant, in Hillsborough Co.**  
**by TECO Energy,**  
**an Emera Company**

TECO Energy, an Emera Company, is planning to expand their gas fired utility operations in Hillsborough County. In addition to their ongoing coal burning facility they plan to transport fracked gas from other locations in the USA through pipelines to operate new fracked gas burning facilities in Hillsborough County. This is a 30-50 year plan. TECO has previously been successful in passing the costs of building new Power Plants onto their customers. TECO has filed for a base rate review to increase customers' bills beginning March 2019 which, if approved by the Public Service Commission (PSC), would increase electric costs for every Hillsborough County Ratepayer while at the same time the company has stated publicly that their customers would not be burdened financially by this upgraded facility.

Whereas fracking is the process used to extract gas and oil out of the ground, and the dangerous chemicals used for that process remain underground and have been known to contaminate fresh water resources where the fracking takes place, and

Whereas the continued burning of fossil fuels has been scientifically proven to cause the warming of our Earth, it's atmosphere, and its waters, endangering the lives of people and all species on our planet, and

Whereas we currently have clean sustainable energy solutions available that limit the negative impact to the environment, using renewable and clean energy sources that will actually reduce the cost to ratepayers, and

Whereas the business of sustainable energy could provide more good jobs than the total number of current or future jobs provided in the fossil fuel industries of coal, oil, and gas combined, and

Whereas the currently available clean sustainable energy options leave no footprint of polluting chemicals in our ground water or the aquifer, and

Whereas the price of fracked gas is market driven everywhere and the renewable energy costs are one-time fixed, and dependable, and

Whereas the currently available sustainable energy options are in the best health interests of people of the region and protecting the environment from climate change, and

Whereas Hillsborough County currently has an F grade from the American Lung Association for Ozone and Bad “Healthy Air Days” in their most recent report, and

Whereas Tampa Bay has been named as one of the most endangered areas to be affected by sea level rise caused by the effects of burning fossil fuels, and

Whereas electric vehicles help the environment by not burning gasoline, the source of the electricity used should not come from fracked gas, with all of its risks and environmental hazards, and

Whereas it has been well documented that frequent accidents occur during the transport of fracked gas through the pipelines, under pressure, including leaks, explosions, and fires,

Therefore, I\_\_ /we\_\_ solemnly pledge my\_\_ /our\_\_ support for this Resolution to Oppose the Customer Financing and Building of a Fracked Gas Power Plant by TECO Energy, an Emera Company in Hillsborough County.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Group Name (if applicable)

All information in this resolution is from public documents and verbal testimony.