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RESOLUTION NO. 1103

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO DENY FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT'S MARCH 18, 2009 APPLICATION REQUESTING APPROVAL TO INCREASE CUSTOMER BASIC ELECTRIC RATES AMOUNTING TO APPROXIMATELY \$1.4 BILLION ANNUALLY OVER 2 YEARS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Power & Light (FPL), Florida's largest public utility, filed an application with the Public Service Commission (FPSC) on March 18, 2009 requesting approval to increase customer basic electric rates amounting to approximately \$1.4 billion annually over 2 years which will result in an increase of approximately \$12.55 per month, or 30 % above present rates for a residential customer using 1,000 Kwh per month; and

WHEREAS, in January 2010, the FPSC is expected to make a final decision on FPL's rate increase request and it is projected that customers will see any rate changes in their bills beginning in March 2010; and

WHEREAS, this rate increase request has been opposed by Florida Governor Charlie Christ, Florida Attorney General Bill McCullom, State of Florida Public Counsel J.R. Kelly, AARP, the Florida Retail Federation, South Florida Hospital and Healthcare Association, Florida Industrial Power User's Group and others; and

WHEREAS, during these very tough economic times, with one of the highest unemployment and foreclosure rates in the country, no cost of living increase in Social Security payments announced for 2010, higher water, sewer and insurance rates for many, the customers of FPL cannot afford increases to their monthly expenses to cover the cost of substantially higher basic electric rates; and

WHEREAS, FPL residential customers will not only be directly impacted via their electric bills but will also have to pay more for goods and services as government and business entities will need to pass on the higher cost of doing business as a result of higher electric rates; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds objecting to FPL's request for an increase in customer basic electric rates to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, FLORIDA:

<u>Section 1. Findings</u>. The foregoing whereas clauses are hereby ratified and incorporated as the legislative intent of this Resolution.

Section 2. FPL's rate increase request.

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands urges the Public Service Commission to deny FPL's request to increase customer basic electric rates amounting to approximately \$1.4 billion annually over 2 years.

<u>Section 3. Transmittal</u>. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to immediately transmit this Resolution to the Florida Public Service Commission.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of December , 2009.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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