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**From:** Angela Charles on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2016 1:46 PM  
**To:** 'Victoria Thiel'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket 160021 - FPL rate increase

Good afternoon Ms. Thiel,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160021-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Victoria Thiel [<mailto:thielv314@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2016 12:14 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Docket 160021 - FPL rate increase

I urge you to oppose this rate hike as I do.

FPL is requesting to increase rates in 2017, 2018 and 2019. These increases will bring our monthly fixed charge from \$7.87 to \$10.30, a 31% increase. The non-fuel kilowatt charge is expected to increase 25% for the first 1000 kWh, and 19% for kWh over 1000. These increases do NOT include fuel charges. So if the globalist drive gas and oil prices back up again, which I believe they will, our fuel charges could double.

The return on equity should be reduced to a more appropriate level for a regulated monopoly utility and Smart Meter opt out fees should be rescinded and policies updated to reflect the NTP report findings. There never was any evidence that retaining an analog meter was more costly, as the reading could be reduced and absorbed by estimated billing in the interim or acquired through submission of photographic emailed readings by owners. They are instead a fine.

Without even considering the drawback of solar panels, which have not been successful elsewhere, while killing thousands of birds, some almost to extinction, if there is any valid consideration for this request it should be handled as a bond issue.

Disallowance of testimony during the 2012 Smart Meter service hearings was improper. In light of the NTP study just released, the Commission should re-evaluate its smart meter policies for all Florida utilities. Please consider the studies and listen to the people this time around.

I am a senior on a fixed income, already saddled with the \$13.00 fine for the smart meter opt out fee and another \$20.00 for various fees and taxes.

Please do not grant an increase which will certainly create hardships for the people of Florida.

**Victoria Thiel**