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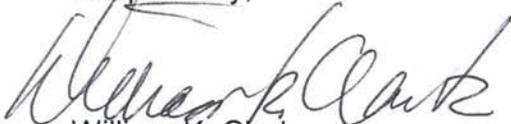
Subject: Comments pertaining to Docket 160021-EI
Florida Power and Light Rate Increase request

Dear Commission Clerk:

Enclosed you will find my written comments on the Florida Power and Light Rate Increase as a consumer and customer of FPL services for nearly 40 years.

I appreciate the opportunity to share these views and concerns with the Florida Public Service Commission.

Respectfully,



William K. Clark

Comments pertaining to the FPL Rate Increase, Docket # 160021-EI

I have been a customer of FPL for 40 years. They are an excellent company that is well run with excellent employees.

However, none of that is important to the question before us,

The question is whether that rate increase is justified. In my judgement, none of the proposed rate increase or additional charges is justified, at all.

As I understand the different parts of the proposed rate increase and adjustments, the basic rate for all residential customers will go up more than 22% over the next several years for all of its 4.8 million residential FPL customers.

This is separate from any adjustment for fuel which is not a part of this proposal and is imposed as it occurs or within the month. It is also separate from adjustments for storm damage which has the customers paying all of the cost of storm damage. I think stockholders should absorb some of those costs as well. A family business has a bad year; they don't bring in the same money. Stockholders are the owners of FPL.

In addition to the proposed basic rate increase, the customer account charge which is currently \$6.00 is going up by \$2.00 per month. That is \$8 per month for ever customer without any power usage at all, just for having an account. Why is that not already factored into the basic rate but instead added on top of the basic rate.

Simple research finds that the national average for return on equity or company profit for an electric company of similar sizes is around 9% a year. That is profit after all costs and taxes are paid.

Florida Power and Light's return on equity is just over 10% a year at present. Their proposal would take that just over 12% a year during the years of the proposal.

This is not justified for a company that also enjoys a public monopoly for their service. A report made to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners, as reported in the Sarasota Herald Tribune, indicated that the poverty rate is just over 13% in Manatee County. The report went on to say that some 43% of Manatee County residents struggle each month to make ends meet.

None of the proposed rate increase and changes and additional charges are justified. FPL has a higher profit margin than the national average already. A significant part of their customer base in Manatee County and elsewhere, cannot afford the rate increase

without a dimensioned quality of life or adjustments to their power usage. It appears the only reason for the rate increase is to increase company profits even higher above the national average.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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