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From: Bev DeMello
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 3:34 PM
To: 'chuckstevensjr@gmail.com'
Cc: Janet Brunson; Consumer Correspondence
Subject: FW: FPL Rate Increase Testimony: Docket Number 160021-E1

Thank you for contacting the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) about Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL) rate petition. To give Commissioners and staff an opportunity to review your comments, your correspondence is included in the file for Docket No.160021-EI.

As you know, the PSC customer service hearings were held in June in FPL's service territory for Commissioners to hear directly from customers about the utility's rate request and service. All customer comments during the hearings and all correspondence will be reviewed and considered when PSC staff prepares its recommendation to the Commissioners on FPL's proposed rates.

The PSC's evidentiary hearing on FPL's rate case will be in Tallahassee. Witnesses from the utility, intervenors, Commission staff, and the Public Counsel, who represents customers, will present testimony and exhibits and be cross-examined by the Commissioners and other parties. Commissioners will examine FPL's need for a rate increase, its existing and proposed rate structure, and its ability to provide safe and reliable service.

Commissioners are charged with making sure that Florida's utility companies fulfill their service obligation. The PSC will ensure that final customer rates reflect only those costs that are prudent and necessary for FPL to deliver quality electric service to your home or business. Any proposed rate adjustment is requested to begin in January 2017.

If you have additional questions or need further assistance, please call 1-800-342-3552. If you want updated case information, visit the PSC's website, www.floridapsc.com and click on the Clerk's Office tab, then hit Dockets and type in case number 160021.

Sincerely,

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From: Collin Roehner **On Behalf Of** Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:40 AM
To: 'chuck stevens'
Subject: RE: FPL Rate Increase Testimony: Docket Number 160021-E1

Good morning Mr. Stevens,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160021-E1 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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From: chuck stevens [<mailto:chuckstevensjr@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:12 AM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: FPL Rate Increase Testimony: Docket Number 160021-E1

Regarding Docket Number 160021-E1:

I'm retired and living on a fixed pension. FPLs proposed rate increase represents a frightening burden on my cost of living and fixed income. As there's no competition for this service, I have no opportunity to switch to another power company to reduce costs, nor do I have any insight or voice on how FPL conducts business.

Based on available information, FPLs rate increase is not required to maintain profitability and it's primary motivation is to make the company more attractive to investors outside of the state looking for

maximum return. That profitability will come at the expense of people who can least afford it, people like me.

An alternative way to increase profitability is to reduce operating costs, and this is the method that would be principle in a competitive environment. For example, costs can be reduced by process efficiency, controlling pay, especially executive pay, by reducing political contributions, which only serve to influence political representatives to support rate increases, and economies of scale and scope, and so on. This places the burden for increased profitability where it rightfully should be, on the company and it's leadership and in real operating methods, not on the forced redistribution of income.

Please don't support the FPL rate increase.

*Charles Stevens
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