## **Sandra Soto**

From: Bev DeMello

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016 4:53 PM

To: 'jlamel@aol.com'

**Cc:** Janet Brunson; Consumer Correspondence

**Subject:** FW: FPL rate increase - 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,

Bev DeMello Assistant Director Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach

Phone: 850-413-6107

From: Collin Roehner On Behalf Of Records Clerk

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:39 AM

To: 'ijlamel@aol.com'

Subject: RE: FPL rate increase - docket number 160021-E1

Good morning Mr. Lamel,

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: <u>ijlamel@aol.com</u> [mailto:ijlamel@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:14 AM

To: Records Clerk

Subject: FPL rate increase - docket number 160021-E1

A rate increase should be based on need, not desire. It appears from FPL's current return on equity that a rate increase is not needed for the company to stay viable and profitable. In this time of low interest and, thus, low returns, an increase of FPL's return on equity from 11.5% to 12.5% on the backs of customers, is unwarranted. Since FPL is a monopoly, the PSC should make sure FPL remains profitable but deny this rate increase.

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