## **Sandra Soto**

From: Janet Brunson

**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2016 9:13 AM 'davemary4345@gmail.com'

**Cc:** Bev DeMello; Consumer Correspondence **Subject:** FPL Rate Increase - Docket No. 160021-EI

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 August 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, <a href="https://www.floridapsc.com">www.floridapsc.com</a> 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 -----Original Message-----

From: Sandra Soto On Behalf Of Records Clerk Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:15 AM

To: 'dave&maryw'

Subject: RE: FPL rate increases

Good morning Mr. and Mrs. Whitehouse,

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,

Sandra Soto Commission Deputy Clerk I Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850) 413-6010

----Original Message-----

From: dave&maryw [mailto:davemary4345@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 7:48 AM

To: Records Clerk

Subject: FPL rate increases

## Good morning,

Having recently retired to Florida we are concerned about the proposed rate increases. We selected Florida for two primary reasons; weather and cost-of-living. Retirees make up a third of your population and are a tremendous boost to your economy since they are not sending kids to schools, etc.. While many retirees are affluent, we are not. A 23% increase in utility costs would have negatively influenced our decision to choose Florida as our permanent residence.

Thank you for listening.

David & Mary Whitehouse 2692 NE Highway 70, Lot 640 Arcadia, FL 34266

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