

Sandra Soto

From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 4:38 PM
To: 'sally.b.philips@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: FPL Rate Increase - Docket Number 160021-EI

Dear Ms. Philips:

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, 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: Sandra Soto **On Behalf Of** Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 8:58 AM
To: 'SBPhilips'
Subject: RE: Docket Number 160021-EI

Good morning Ms. Philips,

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
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From: SBPhilips [<mailto:sally.b.philips@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2016 12:32 PM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Docket Number 160021-EI

I sent this to Marlene Santos. A copy is attached.

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17 July 2016

Marlene Santos, Vice President

Customer Service

Florida Power & Light Company

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Dear Vice President Santos:

This is in response to your letter dated July 13. I am very impressed with all the energy that has been put into remedying the complaints I had about my individual service. Rather than credit Cynthia Guido, I credit Juan

Khoury with prompt service and very good interpersonal skills. As I also do Mr. Bruce and his team who did the actual work.

However, my complaints about my residential service were NOT the focus of my comments when I got up to speak at the PSC on the 27th of June.

Your labeling FP&L as “the largest producer of solar energy in Florida” is about as disingenuous as many of the other claims in FP&L’s public statements. Of course, FP&L is the largest producer: it is a giant monopoly. *Monopoly* means that there are no other sizable producers, no competition. I suspect, had there been competition, FP&L would have steered its profits into Research and Development.

I looked at the Annual Reports for the last three years. FP&L has paid handsome dividends to its stockholders. It has netted average of \$1,505 Mil in those years. NextEra has netted an average of \$2,380 Mil. (I do not think these profits include what FP&L makes from its stock market investment.) I saw no mention in these reports of any Research and Development funds or projects.

The 2015 Annual Report indicates that FP&L still has plans to build two new nuclear reactors at Turkey Point. As far as I know, no new designs are mentioned that would put those plants above a rising sea level storm surge.

Contrary to claims, nuclear power is not clean. It is almost impossible to transport and store spent nuclear fuel safely. It has been impossible for FP&L to keep Biscayne Bay waters pristine. Now, while buildings are still going up and towering above the land, FP&L is going to use the Biscayne aquifer for cooling water. That is the water source for all the people who live here now and who will inhabit those high-risers.

The artist’s conceptual renderings of the three new solar panel farms show how unimaginative FP&L is. Covering ground – especially Everglades and farming country - with solar panels is ugly. There are acres of exposed roof tops all through Florida. Every new building should have solar panels as part of its design requirements. Every municipal building with an unshaded roof - including schools and libraries – should have solar photovoltaic panels. Every unshaded roofed bus stop, Metrorail and train station, airport terminal and hangar, factory and sports stadium should be covered with photovoltaic panels. I refuse to believe that FP&L with all its wordsmiths could not persuade building owners to let it “rent” roof space. FP&L has to buy the land, has to maintain the panels on it – why not use the money and man power to farm roof tops?

Why not use the roads to farm solar power? I am sure you know that photovoltaic road surfaces are currently in use. BUT NOT IN FLORIDA. Not anywhere on all the high flying interstate exchanges, the miles of unshaded road that ribbon this state.

Florida is almost entirely surrounded by salt water. Where is FP&L's research and development of tidal power? What if every tower FP&L has running up and down this state also had a wind-powered propeller producing electricity? The three new solar plants may triple FP&L's solar capacity. WOW! Raising that capacity from less than 1% to less than 3%. "No net cost to customers" really? – then, what are the rate hikes all about?

My main point in speaking on June 27th was that FP&L would rather poison people (by putting high voltage lines through urban areas, for one) and the environment in Florida than go solar. For FP&L to demonstrate more sincere interest in its Florida customers and environment, it would need to dismantle the Turkey Point nuclear reactor and show that sun, wind, and tides (none of which have associated fuel costs) were well on their way to being the only sources of power generated by FP&L. Then, assuming it was truly necessary for Florida Power & Light's survival, I would support a rate hike.

Sincerely yours,

Sally B. Philips

P. S. You want new sources of revenue – invent, create, refine the means to turn sun, tides and wind into electrical power. Then sell them. Look what Tesla is earning with the continual improvement of batteries. **Get a new business model.**