

Testimony Regarding Docket No. 160021-E1

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As a Florida Public Service Commission and advocate of the Florida public, I felt it was incumbent upon me as a member of the public to inform you of my opinion. This request to increase base rates is not in the interest of myself and other rate payers. As a retired senior I can never expect to receive a cost of living increase in my fixed income to pay a 23% residential increase. This increase will cause undue burden on the public like myself who are not even able to shop around for better rates.

To add insult to injury, \$960 million of FPL's requested \$1.34 billion increase will go into investors' pockets. None of these funds will go toward service enhancements, energy innovation, or disaster preparedness. FPL says it is on target to make \$1.6 billion in profit next year without the requested rate increase. So where is this requested money going? Certainly not to any public service. Is it being used to inflate executive pay, make political contributions, or prevent conservation efforts? We have no accurate way of accounting for these type of expenditures yet know almost three quarters of the increase is not going for public service needs.

As a Florida resident who must use FPL and pay their rates, I recommend that the Public Service Commission not allow this increase based on no apparent or accountable need.

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