

**Sandra Soto**

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**From:** Janet Brunson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2016 7:59 AM  
**To:** 'mrdeibel1@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** FPL Rate Increase - Docket No. 160021-EI

Dear Mr. Deibel:

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](http://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

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandra Soto On Behalf Of Records Clerk  
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 8:22 AM  
To: 'David Deibel'  
Subject: RE: FPL REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN BASE RATES BEFORE THE PSC

Good morning, Mr. Deibel,

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,

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

-----Original Message-----

From: David Deibel [mailto:mrdeibel1@gmail.com]  
Sent: Saturday, August 06, 2016 3:28 PM  
To: Records Clerk  
Subject: FPL REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN BASE RATES BEFORE THE PSC

MS. Carlotta Stauffer  
Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

In Re: Docket # 160021-E1

Dear Ms. Carlotta Stauffer:

My name is David L. Deibel. I live at 629 White Pine Tree Rd, Venice FL 34285-4203, where I receive FPL service. I also own an apartment at 618 Bird Bay Dr Unit # 105-S, Venice FL 34285, where I receive FPL service.

Since I have no other source to receive power from except PFL I am writing to you my thoughts on the matter.

My understanding is that FPL has a request for an increase in base rates before the PSC. Also, It is purported that 960 million of the rate increase will go to FPL investors and that none of the increase is for service enhancements, disaster preparedness, or energy innovation. Further It is purported that according to its own filing with the PSC, FPL is on target to make \$1.6B in profit in 2017 without the requested rate increase. Purportedly this represents an increase equivalent to 23% in the base rate.

I was unable to attend any of the public hearings. It seems to me a senior citizen i.e. 86 years old that this increase is obscene based on the facts as i know them. I acknowledge that every company has the right to make a profit in order to remunerate its investors adequately, but this proposal is excessive to say the least and represents a real hardship for those of us on fixed income. In my case as a retired public servant that has had little or no increase in my pension or social security in the last few years.

I had heard that increases were coming but had no warning that they would be as onerous as those FPL is seeking, Perhaps, my preparation for them was clairvoyant and/or fortuitous as I am in the process of installing a solar power system at 629 White Pine Tree Rd. My thinking was to shelter my wife who is age 79 from these future increases in the event of my death since her income will reduce materially and her life expectancy is much greater than mine.

My hope is that the PSC will moderate PFL's request considerably in favor of my situation and many others like me.

Respectfully Submitted,

David L. Deibel  
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