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From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 12:01 PM
To: 'Greg Wiersig'
Subject: RE: Reference Docket Number 160021-E1

Good afternoon Mr. Wiersig,

Thank you for contacting the Florida Public Service Commission. Your comments will be placed in consumer correspondence for Docket No. 160021-E1.

For further information on FPL's request, please review the PSC's Special Report:

[http://www.floridapsc.com/Files/PDF/Publications/SpecialReports/sr--2016-06-florida power light company.pdf](http://www.floridapsc.com/Files/PDF/Publications/SpecialReports/sr--2016-06-florida_power_light_company.pdf).

Sincerely,

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Attached is my testimony on the proposed rate increase by FP&L. For the record, I am against this increase.

Thank you in advance.

Greg Wiersig

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Re: Docket number 160021-E1
Florida, Power & Light (FPL) Proposed Rate Increase 10 Aug 2016

Ms. Stauffer;

As I am unable to attend the hearing, please accept this as my testimony concerning the proposed rate increase by FP&L. Living on a retired military fixed income and not getting a cost of living adjustment for the years, I am concerned about this proposed rate increase. From their website, FP&L states the following:

Information for Residential Customers

Based on the proposed base rate adjustments and the company's current projections for fuel and other costs, FPL estimates that its typical residential customer bill will grow about 2.8 percent per year, roughly in line with inflation, from January 2016 through 2020. Even with this growth, FPL estimates its typical residential bill in 2020 will still be lower than it was in 2006 and remain among the lowest in the state and nation based on current bill comparisons.

For a 1,000-kWh residential customer bill, the total of the three base rate adjustments would be \$13.28 a month or about 44 cents a day, phased in as follows:

- *In 2017, an increase of \$8.56 a month or about 28 cents a day on the base rate portion of a typical bill*
- *In 2018, a subsequent-year adjustment that would add \$2.64 a month or about 9 cents a day on the base rate portion of a typical bill*
- *In mid-2019, when the FPL Okeechobee Clean Energy Center begins powering customers, an increase of \$2.08 a month or about 7 cents a day on the base rate portion of a typical bill to cover the cost of the new plant*
- *No further base rate increases through the end of 2020*

I cannot refute the lower rates in 2006 as I was not a resident nor that the rates will still be among the lowest in the nation. However, according to AARP Florida, "Florida Power & Light's (FPL) request is for a \$1.34 billion increase in base rates. Know these two facts about FPL's request:

1. *\$960 million of FPL's rate increase will go into FPL investors' pockets. None of those funds will go to service enhancements, disaster preparedness, or energy innovation.*
2. *According to their own filing with the PSC, FPL is on target to make \$1.6B in profit in 2017 without the requested rate increase.*

This is a complex request that would require you – the consumer – to pay monthly increases to the only power provider available to you. FPL's request equals a 23 percent base rate increase for all residential

ratepayers (this is a charge increase even before you flip on a switch,) and would allow an unprecedented return on equity (shareholder profit) of 11.5 to 12.5 percent.”

It is my contention the proposed rate increase is excessive. Florida Power & Light Company reported earnings results for the second-quarter ending June 30, 2016. For the quarter, the company reported second-quarter 2016 net income of \$448 million, or \$0.96 per share, compared to \$435 million, or \$0.97 per share, for the prior-year quarter. In addition, its parent company NextEra Energy, Inc (NYSE: NEE) has shown a stock increase from Aug 2011 (\$52.69) to Aug 2016 (\$125.98).

FP&L states they need this increase to pay for infrastructure and service upgrades but it seems to me they have made more than enough profits (either FP&L or their parent company NEE) to cover these expenses.

Thank you for your time and effort in letting me address this matter.

Greg Wiersig