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From: Collin Roehner
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 9:37 AM
To: 'Beatrice Balboa'
Subject: RE: Concerns

Good Morning Ms. Balboa,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160021-EI

Sincerely,

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From: Beatrice Balboa [<mailto:beatricebalboa@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, December 24, 2016 9:44 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Brown
Cc: Consumer Contact; Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Re: Concerns

I was reading the latest news media article(s) regarding the latest Florida Power & Light Co. (FPL) proposed electrical rate increase activities throughout the State of Florida with great interest. Please review and implement an action plan to thoroughly address this extremely troubling issue. Media reports continue to underscore the ongoing significant rate increase requests throughout the State of Florida, despite an increasingly faltering economy impacting senior citizens living on fixed incomes disproportionately. Please coordinate, collaborate and cooperate on Federal, State and/or local jurisdictional levels in addressing these concerns potentially impacting adversely the public's safety, finances, policies, trust, confidence, and quality of life issues. Thank you for your time in this matter and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Letter: Recent FPL rate increase

Treasure Coast 4:02 a.m. EST December 21, 2016



Rich Hamilton, Port St. Lucie

Recently someone from FPL wrote to justify the recent rate increase granted to the utility. The main gist of his argument was that FPL rates are lower than those of competing utilities and that, basically, we should be grateful for that.

So what. They should be lower! An examination of the population that FPL serves will indicate that the per capita income is lower than other Americans and that there is a preponderance of retired persons on fixed incomes within their domain. So they have an inherent responsibility to keep their rates as low as possible,

practice all economy, and minimize any and all increases.

But they are not doing that. This increase was requested to increase profitability and attract more investors to the utility. A great portion of their overhead is attributable to fuel expenses and we all know what the story is with recent energy prices. But have their rates gone down accordingly? Their request was mandated by pure, simple greed.

Furthermore, this individual did not tell you that FPL was part of the recent energy consortium that was backing the recent amendment (defeated) that would allow the companies to not buy power back from those folks investing in solar power! Their sole and primary interest is selling kilowatt hours and not buying them back or losing revenue. Anyone who goes solar is, according to them, costing them money and adversely affecting their bottom line.

And something else – why all the institutional media advertising for a monopoly? That costs big bucks: We all know who and what FPL is. All that needless advertising does is raise overhead and cost rate payers even more money.

Rich Hamilton, Port St. Lucie

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