



August 11, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk
Division of the Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Docket No. 20210015-EI
Petition by FPL for Bate Rate Increase and Rate Unification

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing on behalf of the CLEO Institute and Vote Solar in the above-referenced docket is a Motion to Excuse from In-Person Hearing for Expert Witnesses Curt Volkmann and Rachel Wilson.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please let me know if you should have questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida
Power and Light Company**

**DOCKET NO. 20210015-EI
Filed: August 11, 2021**

**THE CLEO INSTITUTE AND VOTE SOLAR'S
MOTION TO EXCUSE CURT VOLKMANN AND RACHEL WILSON FROM IN-
PERSON HEARING AND REQUEST TO APPEAR VIRTUALLY**

The CLEO Institute and Vote Solar hereby move the Florida Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for leave to excuse expert witnesses Curt Volkmann and Rachel Wilson from the obligation to appear in person at the upcoming hearing scheduled to commence on August 16, 2021, or at such other time that said hearing may be re-scheduled by the Commission.

In order to attend the hearing in person, Mr. Curt Volkmann would be required to travel from Fontana, Wisconsin, involving multiple plane flights. He has not flown since January 2020 due to concerns about COVID and risks to himself (being over 55 years old) and to his family. Due to the increased spread of the Delta variant, and the growing number of breakthrough COVID infections, he is requesting the ability to appear remotely to give a summary of his testimony and be available to answer any questions of intervenors or the Commission. FPL has informed counsel for The CLEO Institute and Vote Solar that the Company does not intend to ask Mr. Volkmann any questions at the hearing.

In order to attend the hearing in person, Ms. Rachel Wilson would be traveling from Boston, Massachusetts, involving multiple plane flights. Ms. Wilson is vaccinated, but she has three young children at home who are unable to be vaccinated, creating higher risk of them

contracting COVID-19. She is requesting the ability to appear remotely to give a summary of her testimony and be available to answer any questions that other intervenors or the Commission may have. FPL has informed counsel for The CLEO Institute and Vote Solar that the Company does not intend to ask Ms. Wilson any questions at the hearing.

Undersigned attempted to confer with counsel for the parties. As of the filing of this motion, no party indicated opposition. Counsel for FAIR, Florida Rising, ECOSWF, LULAC, and the Larsons indicated support for the motion. Counsel for FPL and FIPUG expressed no objection to the motion. The Office of Public Counsel takes no position on the motion. As of 4:30 p.m. on the day of filing, neither FRF, FEA, FIT, nor WalMart had responded.

WHEREFORE, The CLEO Institute and Vote Solar respectfully request that the Commission enter an order excusing Mr. Volkmann and Ms. Wilson from in-person appearances, and permitting them to appear virtually at the upcoming hearing.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of August, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Docket No. 20210015-EI

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail on this 11th day of August, 2021, to the following:

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