

**Lisa Smith**

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**From:** Lisa Smith on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:31 PM  
**To:** 'Terry Martin'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Please DO NOT approve increase for FPL

Good Afternoon, Terry Martin,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket 20210015-EI and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you.

*Lisa Smith*

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**From:** jmartin20=cfl.rr.com@mg.gospringboard.io <jmartin20=cfl.rr.com@mg.gospringboard.io> **On Behalf Of** Terry Martin  
**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 6:05 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Please DO NOT approve increase for FPL

Dear Commissioner

A settlement agreement was announced by Florida Power & Light (FPL) and filed with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) for four years of pre-approved rate increases totaling \$1.53 billion. Details include the following:

We support solar energy but question the need for a new solar base rate adjustment mechanism.

- The settlement includes investments in solar and electric vehicle infrastructure. Such subsidies are not needed as EV chargers can be installed by competitive providers.

Regarding the NEW annual increase for storm hardening: On Aug. 3, the PSC approved a \$233 million storm hardening surcharge (rate increase) for FPL. In 2020 and 2021 these costs were removed from the base rates and transitioned to the Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery Clause (SPPCRC) that is now an annual reoccurring increase.

- These additions would not account for any increases also approved for storm recovery, rising fuel costs or grid maintenance that regulators routinely allow.

- While Florida's per kwh rate may be competitive, it has among the highest average residential electric bills. Florida also saw among the largest increases in bills (20%) according to a report issued July 2021.

- Consumer groups believe rates can and should be lowered, not increased.

- Please carefully read FPL's press release detailing the settlement agreement.

- FPL continues to be the only major utility with no absolute carbon emissions reduction goals, instead committing only to a reduction of carbon "intensity." Ironically, NextEra (FPL's parent) invests in clean energy projects around the country.

- If the PSC agrees with the settlement, it will allow FPL to avoid going on the record with answers to questions about its clean energy goals and its commitment to keeping its rates affordable.

My and many others agree that FP&L should not increase rates and, further, why does FP&L not address environmental concerns? Florida's tourism is based on its environment. If they are allowed to follow this pattern, our economy will be destroyed. In addition, this is greedy politics and the citizens of Florida will not abide by this. What does the Florida Public Service Commission do anyway, if not protect its constituents? Can we trust and rely upon sound advice and judgment? Your careful investigation of the decisions and support in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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Reference Docket No. 20210015-EI.

Thank you,

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