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From: John Plescow
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Please, add to docket 20230001.

From: Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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From: Charles Burgess <burgessltd@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 12:55 PM
To: Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: FPL Bogus Rate Hike Request - Fuel Costs

I would like to bring to your attention for consideration of FPL's recent rate increase request (see quote below). My issue is in regard to FPL's language about recovering fuel costs as being a bogus component of their request for a rate increase.

I have an issue with #1 and #2 in regard to FPL's reasoning for requesting a rate increase. Residential bills have a separate line item billing fee for fuel costs. Since FPL already directly charges customers for fuel costs, I see no reason for FPL to raise rates to "recover" fuel prices. The fact is that by the time the PSC grants FPL a rate increase, FPL will already have "recovered" fuel costs from 2022. and negates their need for a rate increase in regard to fuel costs.

#2 is very problematic, as it appears to be an attempt at creative accounting that will at least confuse customers. "...would be spread over 21 months while lower projected fuel costs for 2023 would provide a partial offset." They state " Fuel bills from 2022 already paid by FPL..." Just like their customers who have to pay their bills on time (they offer very little in payment extensions), so do they, thus should not increase rates to compensate.

It may be simply that FPL is engaging in the type of creative accounting that tries to cover up internal errors in its money management practices that may be creating unintended cash flow problems. FPL's bogus fuel cost claims raise some serious red flags and should be formally audited to ensure they are not engaging in any potentially fraudulent creative accounting practices to the detriment of their customers.

The bottom line is that FPL already is billing fuel charges to customers.

Sincerely,
Charles Burgess
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<http://newsroom.fpl.com/2023-01-23-FPL-proposes-plan-to-recover-costs-of-increased-fuel-prices-and-hurricane-responses>

"FPL proposes plan to recover costs of increased fuel prices and hurricane responses

Jan 23, 2023

1. Two hurricanes and natural gas price increases expected to impact customer bills
2. Fuel bills from 2022 already paid by FPL but not yet recovered would be spread over 21 months while lower projected fuel costs for 2023 would provide a partial offset
3. Cost recovery for Hurricanes Ian and Nicole would be spread over a 12-month period
4. Typical 1,000-kWh residential bill would remain below national average after the proposed changes"