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**DATE:** March 4, 2024

**TO:** Docket File

**FROM:** Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

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**RE:** Docket No. 20210015-EI - Petition for rate increase by Florida Power & Light Company.

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Please place the attached letter in the correspondence file for Docket No. 20210015-EI.



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the climate and our democracy for our grandchildren.*

March 4, 2024

To the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission:

(Chairman Mike La Rosa and Messrs. Andrew Fay, Art Graham, Gary Clark, and Ms. Gabriella Passidomo)

Regarding the PSC response to Florida Supreme Court, dated 2/22/2024:

While we at Third Act-Florida have not been involved in the earlier settlement negotiations, and do not have any previous standing in the case, we do have a stake in the outcome, and in the way it influences the direction that FPL and the PSC take in implementing the agreements in the next few years.

Our general comments on the settlement direction are as follows:

- The SoBRA and SolarTogether programs are commendable, but are not offering sufficient incentives for Florida customers to sign up in sizable numbers. Having to pay a premium for (cheaper) solar power is not appealing to the normal consumer, and the 7-year timeframe to start seeing any return on their up-front commitment is a deterrent.
- The potential failure of the solar programs to grow organically to meet the predictions in the 10-year Site Plan (and noting that the forecast share of solar has been doubled since the 2022 TYSP), should not be used as an excuse to slow the pace of the transition from gas to solar. Rather, the incentives to enrollment for new/existing customers should be adjusted to yield the forecast transition. A strategic plan should be included to achieve the predicted transition pace.
- Other clean energy resources, including battery storage for solar power and wind energy, as well as "clean hydrogen" as a substitute for LNG, should be pursued more aggressively. With this agreement, FPL seems to be "slow walking" the transition to clean energy sources.
- Concluding that the overall settlement is "in the public interest" is a very narrow interpretation of the PSC's purview. In the broader sense, climate change hazards should be weighed as a public consideration.
- While the arguments made in the subject Supplemental Order may be deemed to satisfy the Court's remand, they still will not satisfy the concerns of many of FP&L's customers. The rate case was the vehicle used to raise many of these issues, but it is not the best venue to address these concerns. We expect to comment further on the FEECA reports of the utilities, and other public records, in the future.



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In conclusion, we ask that these issues be addressed in the next iteration of the TYSP and in monitoring the interim progress toward meeting the forecasts for energy transition. The ravages of climate change on our homes, our community, and our economy are becoming more painfully apparent with each passing year.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Caffery". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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