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Jeff Lyash, President and CEO
Progress Energy Florida, Inc.
106 East College Avenue, Suite 800
Tallahassee, FL 32301-7740

Dear Mr. Lyash,

Your smile will be even bigger if the FL PSC grants you a 31% rate hike! I can also see why you are located in Tallahassee, close MY tax \$\$!

An 88% pay raise means you are very close to walking on water or just another "Pig at the Trough." Executive Compensation is so out of control. You make more in a year than I made working 50 years, 35 years as a Professional on Exempt payroll!

All that money and you make poor decisions! How much do you have to give back? You made a poor business decision about building a nuclear power plant with "higher than expected" up front costs and I am supposed to bail you out? Nice try; but **poor management planning** cost.

I have to deal with "Fuel" costs and unexpected expenses like a new water heater, major appliance or air conditioner on a **fixed** income. You want **guaranteed** increasing income/profit no matter what? You operate a Public Utility and should assume risk/loss that **could** affect your Executive Compensation.

I will never believe a nuclear power plant is more "cost effective" than windmills and solar energy farms which you **should** be building. What I do believe is you look at a nuclear power plant and see a huge project with very high construction and operation costs; **you** build with MY \$\$; operating cost are so high with huge piles of my tax dollars laying around it is easy to set up a huge cash cow. Then, all you have to do is belly up and ...

What a deal, just "belly up to the trough" as dumb taxpayers (your prey) are picking up the tab. With a copy of this letter I'm asking the FL PSC to deny your request and make ALL those payed through : "Executive Compensation" to cough up a lot first.

Sincerely,


Roger T. Goss

enc: copy of St. Petersburg articles and previous
cc: Charlie Crist, Governor of Florida

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Soaring electric rates the latest blow to our budgets

When it comes to energy prices, it feels like Tampa Bay folks just got sucker punched.

Gasoline prices peaked in mid July here at an average price per gallon of \$4.009. But now they're nearly 40 cents cheaper — still way too high, but any drop these days is worth cheering about.

Then *Bam!* Now we're told already rising electricity rates are about to take off like some runaway electric train. Saturday's story by *Times* reporter Asjlyn Loder says Progress Energy



ROBERT TRIGAUX
Times Business Editor

bills — in Florida, that is — could increase 31 percent starting in January. Rates would rise from both increasing fuel costs and a “higher-than-expected” charge in

advance for a \$17-billion nuclear power plant in Levy County that won't kick in until 2016.

That's a \$34-a-month increase in the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours, from \$110.59 to \$144.86. In sheer out-of-wallet expenses, that's more than \$40 a month — an additional \$480 a year — to be paid by a typical residential customer to keep an average household's lights and A/C running.

It's a nasty trend as many utilities push through some of the largest rate increases in decades, rais-

“It's the new energy reality. It's a global escalation in fuel prices and commodity prices that we're all going to have to deal with.”

Jeff Lyash, Progress Energy Florida CEO

ing rates by double digits.

Just a word of caution to electric utilities long used to getting their own way on rate hikes. When you're demanding 31-percent increases, suddenly you start to look a lot like an insurance com-

pany. And that's when you may start to encounter a political backlash.

Hard to believe it was only six years ago when Progress Energy dramatically dropped electric rates in Florida to less than \$82

per 1,000 kilowatt hours. That's a difference of some \$62 from the proposed prices next year for the same amount of electricity.

That's hard to swallow, harder to budget for. Take heed that energy costs may not stop rising and consume even higher percentages of household income.

The extraordinary rising price tags come at an especially tough time for many consumers. Tomorrow is Labor Day, a time of the year when working people

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April 21, 2008

**Jeff Lyash, President and CEO
Progress Energy Florida, Inc.
106 East College Avenue, Suite 800
Tallahassee, FL 32301-7740**

Dear Mr. Lyash,

You got a “88 percent raise in 2007”?

No wonder you have such a big smile in your picture! Those dollars came right out of my pocket! For shame, you are a **Public Utility** not private Industry!

The April 4 issue of the St. Petersburg Times reported:

“Progress boss Lyash’s pay jumps by \$1-million”

and the Sunday April 20th Opinion page editorial with your smiling picture reads:

“Bills are too high; so is CEO’s salary”.

It is obvious why you have a Tallahassee address. That’s where your lobbyists, the Florida PSC and Florida politicians are. You have your lobbyists to thank for getting to put your hand right in my pocket with that “Fuel Charge”, which you privately and laughingly call the “Fool Tax”! YOU calculate what you want for rates and the I’m sure that “fuel” charge calculation is a closely guarded secret.

It sure looks like the spirit of :

“Pigs at the Trough” is alive and thriving at Progress Energy!

Sincerely,

Roger T. Goss

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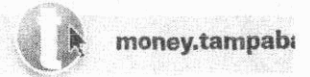
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Your letters

Progress boss Lyash's pay jumps by \$1-million | April 4

Bills are too high; so is CEO's salary

Several months ago, I read in the *St. Petersburg Times* that Progress Energy was going to have to rebate customers because they were using the wrong coal. I never saw any more about this and, of course, no rebate. From the above article I can see where the money went: to the CEO and directors of Progress Energy. Why should anyone making \$1.54-million get an increase of \$1-million to \$2.56-million, especially when the consumer's electrical bills are so high? In my household, our bill is extraordinarily high for a family of two, even after a "Progress Energy Check" where recommendations were made and put into effect. It's no wonder this country is so one-sided.

William G. Mansfield,
Land O'Lakes

Consumers pay as utility profits



Jeff Lyash, Progress Energy Florida's president and chief executive officer, received a 66 percent raise in 2007, according to documents the utility's parent company filed this month. That's an increase of \$1-million over his 2006 compensation.

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Ellen Plendl

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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 3:11 PM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Progress Energy Rate Increase

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-----Original Message-----

From: norman johnson [mailto:njj8334@otowhomes.com]
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2008 6:48 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Energy Rate Increase

Dear Governor Crist,

We are concerned with the recent request for a rate increase based on building new power plants in Florida. It is an insult to any taxpayers intelligence that this public utility can get away with this scandalous request. The idea of pre-paying for these utilities in advance is just trying to take the utility customers for a ride. It's like buying stock in the company knowing you'll never get a return on your money, better known as fraud in the legal profession.

My wife and I are 79 and 80 years of age and just simply can't afford such an increase. We barely can pay our present billing, despite our efforts to conserve energy and live in an energy efficient home. We're trying our best to conserve but Progress Energy turns a deaf ear because their main focus is to make money and not really serve the public needs.

Please use whatever influence you have on the authorities that pass judgement on such issues to turn down this request. Can't they issue bonds like other businesses instead of passing this cost on to the consumer? We are tired of all these scams decreed by over paid executives who do really do not accomplish any thing else except collect their ridiculous salaries.

Norman and Jean Johnson
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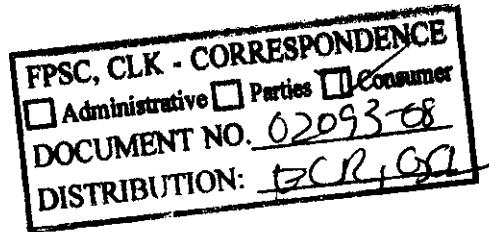
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Washington, DC 20515-0909

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am enclosing, for your review, a copy of comments which I received from Diantha Kohler, who is one of my constituents.

In summary, my constituent is concerned about the potential of Progress Energy increasing its electricity rates.

I would appreciate your thoughts regarding the attached comments. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Monica Richter at 202-225-5755 of my Washington D.C. office.

Sincerely yours,

Gus M. Bilirakis
Member of Congress

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In today's (8-31-08) St. Petersburg Times newspaper in the Business Section there is an article about soaring electric rates. Progress Energy could increase our electricity rates by 33 percent. It is, also, stated that the company's home state of N. Carolina residents only have a residential rate of \$97.00 per month. Please tell me why the residents of Florida are paying much more than that? With the unemployment rate, gasoline, food cost, etc. what is going to happen to us? I guess residents will have to convert to candle light.

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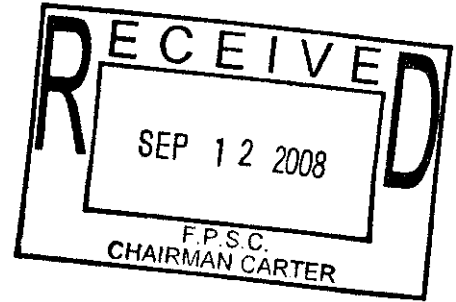
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Mr. Matthew M. Carter II, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Carter:

Once again I find myself writing you a letter requesting your assistance with Progress Energy. This morning in the Star-Banner there is an article where they are asking permission to add \$11.42 to our bills. This increase is so they can recoup \$395 million the utility has spent so far on its proposed Levy County nuclear power plant.

This move to increase rates is the first of two other rate request that are scheduled for November when Progress Energy asks the PSC for another monthly \$21.12 rate hike per cusomter to cover predicted fuel cost and \$2.50 for environmental projects, including the installation of clean-air technology at two of the company's Crystal River coal-fired power plans to reducer emissions. Progress Energy has 1.7 million Florida customers in 35 counties.

The added \$11.42 would meant Progress Energy increased it billing 19.41 million dollars and the \$21.12 would realize them an additional 35.90 million dollars. Or a total of \$55.31 million increase per month.

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If approved, the rate increases combined would mean a 31 percent spike in people's bills for home typically using 1,000 Kilowatt-hours. \$34.27 over current charges of \$110.59 to \$144.86.

I guess this means us seniors have to give up either eating or our pills to pay our electric bill. This is the third rate increase Progress Energy has asked for this year. Is the PSC going to underwrite all their money request. I sincerely hope not. They like me need to learn to manage their money better. If Progress Energy is charging an average \$110.59 per customer and they have 1.7 million that means they earn \$188.003 million dollar a month. Give me a break. I earn about \$1200 a month. I manage to keep my expenses within my budget. It's time Progress Energy learned. We did not ask them to build the Levy County nuclear plant. That was their decision. Let them pay. When I make an improvement on my home I pay for it out of my income.

I request you deny Progress Energy this additional rate increase.

Sincerely,


Frank la may

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CHAIRMAN CARTER

Dear Mr. Mathew Carter II
Public Service Comm.

We here in Florida, pray you will put a stop to ~~Chairman Carter~~ of Progress Energy asking for such a great increase in our energy bills, when all the CEO,s and other high priced office people draw down Millions in salary, not to mention the big fat bonus, they get each year for doing nothing.

I am sure you are fully aware the economy here in Florida, does not warrant any more price increases, such as the recent Insurence request, which was pure insanity. And many thanks for you stand on that one.

I know people that can,t afford to run their AC as ~~due~~ due to the present costs, Not to mention the high price of gas, food Medications, etc, Some with three or four kids, need help buying food, or have to use a food bank. This IS VERY SAD INDEAD.

I trust, once again, you will have the backbone to stand up to these people, and help the thousands here in Fla. that need all your help.

God Bless!!
J.J. Aspinall
J.J. Aspinall
New Port Richey, Fla. 34655



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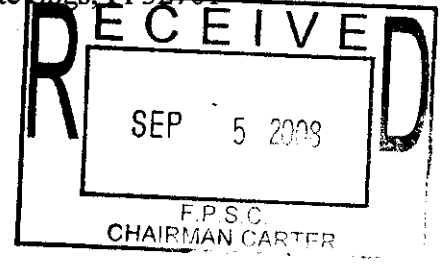
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September 1, 2008

10 Hermits Trail
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Chairman Matthew M. Carter, II
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850



RE Progress Energy Nuclear Cost Recovery

Dear Chairman Carter,

As a Progress Energy customer in Altamonte Springs I am writing to ask you not to approve a rate increase which would include money to finance a nuclear power plant. I do not feel safe with nuclear power for reasons I will explain below and I do not feel that I should be made to pay for this still controversial power source. I also want you to know that I would voluntarily increase my payment to Progress Energy if the money would be used to produce electricity from photovoltaics or other energy sources derived from solar energy.

The discovery of the photovoltaic effect has set the stage for the most beneficial transformation of energy use since humans started using electricity. The human health and environmental benefits of the discovery simply make all other existing energy technologies obsolete. Number one; there is no combustion or need for heat to start the electrons moving. Without combustion there is no release of any heat trapping gasses and without the need for heat there is no accumulation of spent, radioactive material. The photovoltaic effect is passive; benign; harmless. There is no danger to anyone or anything when the electrons are moved by photons from the sun. Photovoltaics is safe.

I can think of at least six reasons why nuclear should not be allowed. Number one, it releases heat. Nuclear does not contribute gasses to trap heat but it nevertheless adds unwanted heat to the environment. We should be trying to reduce the amount of heat in the atmosphere. Photovoltaics would do that. Nuclear energy uses fresh water for cooling. Photovoltaics don't require water for anything. Several years ago the FBI director said nuclear plants could be targets for terrorists and the president said maps of nuclear facilities had been found in terrorists' camps. Moving spent nuclear fuel on roads or rails also creates targets for terrorists. Numerous nuclear facilities have been forced to shut down over the years by the NRC because they do not comply with safety regulations. If spent fuel is reprocessed to plutonium powder, it would be easier for insiders to get their hands on it and produce weapons.

I don't believe I should be asked to support nuclear energy. Please deny the request.

Sincerely,

Samuel Kendall
Samuel Kendall

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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 2:49 PM
To: Trudy Miller
Subject: RE: Progress Energy Increase

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Dear Mrs. Miller:

Thank you for contacting Governor Charlie Crist. Governor Crist appreciates your concerns regarding Progress Energy.

As you may know, the agency that regulates public utilities is the Public Service Commission (PSC), which is an arm of the legislative branch of government and therefore, not under the administrative authority of the Governor. To assist you, I forwarded a copy of your correspondence to them for their review and response. If you have questions, please call 1-800-342-3552 or use the information below.

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(850) 413-6100

Thank you again for contacting my office. For information about my initiatives and to subscribe to my weekly "Notes from the Capitol" newsletter, please visit my Web site at www.flgov.com.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Jordan
Office of Citizen Services
-----Original Message-----
From: Trudy Miller [mailto:trudymill@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 8:04 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Energy Increase

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I was appalled to find that Progress Energy is requesting a 31% increase. Don't let this happen. My husband and I are both retire and my electric bill last month in my 3 bedroom modest home was almost \$400. This must all stop. ENOUGH!!

Mrs. Trudy Miller
Belleair, FL
trudymill@tampabay.rr.com

Ellen Plendl

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From: Office of the Chairman
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 3:35 PM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Proposed Progress Energy rate increase

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From: Michael Paul [mailto:mpaul@mgapnet.com]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 7:52 PM
To: Office of the Chairman
Subject: Proposed Progress Energy rate increase

You tell those greedy *%!s to suck it up. Nobody's subsidizing my rising fuel costs and that'll be the day somebody pays me 15 years in advance for construction costs.

Seriously, where do they think we're going to get the money for this. Wake up and smell the turnips, they've been squeezed dry.

Michael Paul
Voter

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Ellen Plendl

From: Office of the Chairman
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 3:35 PM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Deny Progress Energy Rate Request

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From: Bill Manther [mailto:bmanther@cfl.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 3:30 PM
To: Office of the Chairman
Subject: Deny Progress Energy Rate Request

Chairman,

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Contact Information:
Name: William Manther
Company: Progress Energy customer
Primary Phone: 407-884-8227
Secondary Phone:

Email: bmanther@cfl.rr.com <<http://webmail.cfl.rr.com/do/mail/message/mailto?to=bmanther%40cfl.rr.com>>

Response requested? Yes
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:

Progress Energy does not deserve a rate increase. I have filed complaint after complaint with the PSC and, when I can contact a person at Progress, have complained to them about their lack of maintenance on their equipment, my terribly frequent power outages and total lack of customer service and respect for the customer. I have been called names, hung up on and disconnected more times than I can count when I use Progress Energy's outage lines. No one can talk to a person and your PSC people do absolutely nothing to reign in Progress Energy and hold them accountable. Why are the utility companies guaranteed a profit no matter how they perform? Let the shareholders pay their bills and take risks. The utilities have a monopoly on their businesses. The customer can not shop around.

This is especially true for the individual customer as we have no political clout. When cities demand improvements in service and equipment maintenance, they have the power to cancel Progress Energy's strangle hold on their utilities. The City of Winter Park did this and Apopka, Fl. threatened to follow suit. They got Progress' attention rapidly. The PSC is supposed to exist to protect the consumer. However, that is impossible when the PSC appointees are former utility members. Dirty politics at it's best. Where have integrity and honesty gone? To H___ in a hurry. Follow the money is more applicable everyday in America. Deny their rate increase requests. Where the heck am I supposed to get their blood money? I certainly can't raise taxes or fees to pay their blood money.

Ellen Plendl

From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@cog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 2:30 PM
To: KIMBERLY CARRIGAN
Subject: RE: fed up

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Dear Friend:

Thank you for contacting Governor Charlie Crist. Governor Crist appreciates your concerns regarding Progress Energy, Aloha Water Utility water quality and off-shore drilling.

As you may know, the agency that regulates public utilities is the Public Service Commission (PSC), which is an arm of the legislative branch of government and therefore, not under the administrative authority of the Governor. To assist you, I forwarded a copy of your correspondence to them for their review and response. If you have questions, please call 1-800-342-3552 or use the information below.

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In addition, I forwarded a copy of your letter to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for their review. If you want to contact that Department directly, please use the information provided below.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
(850) 245-2118

Finally, most will agree that Florida has one of the world's most unique environments that must be carefully protected. The state and national economy also need protection. With that in mind, Governor Crist believes that both beaches and the economy must be part of the conversation regarding offshore drilling.

Thank you again for contacting my office. For information about my initiatives and to subscribe to my weekly "Notes from the Capitol" newsletter, please visit my Web site at www.flgov.com.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Jordan
Office of Citizen Services
-----Original Message-----

From: KIMBERLY CARRIGAN [mailto:przeugen@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 10:50 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: fed up

Mr. Governor:

Private companies such as the Power, gas and oil services should not be given as much benefits as seem to be ready to be done now for the Nuclear Power plant in discussion. They should have to put out a bond, and raise their own capital. This is the worst thing for the state of Florida. You are over taxing home owners, our government is not protecting us from insurance raping, and now your going to let Progressive Energy have a rate hike, that they will not fill any orders for use for *8* EIGHT years. You all make the term "let them eat cake" seem mild! I know if you all are elected offices I am going to make sure you are not elected again, and I will join any group to get you gone. Your management of our state commission is likely to be a disgrace to us all, as well as a drain on our pocket books, you are obviously not worth the money we citizens pay you.

REALLY VERY CONCERNED CITIZEN! And more and more of us are getting really feed up with this backhanded treatment.

If your appointed by the Governor, then he should be gone too.

In addition, we are all forced to follow the water restrictions in our counties, but the ALOHA WATER UTILITY company in Pasco county can dump MILLIONS and MILLIONS of gallons of water every week for all I can determine because of their sub-standard water services. DISGRACEFUL, WASTEFUL, and DESPICABLE. If this were one of us lowly peon citizens we would be reprimanded and threatened with fines. I guess you have to be a big shot to get away with this type of waste. Our water is so bad, it is likely killing us slowly, for water from a utility is smells in our houses as bad as some of the irrigation wells for our lawns. Their comments are even to brand new housing is "it must be in your pipes". YEAH, ONLY AFTER THEIR WATER IS ALLOWED IN. With a little chlorine most well water tests better than ALOHA's does.... Is there something rotten going on here. You bet ya, the big shot is given preferential treatment...

In 5 years the cost for me to live in this state in my home have nearly doubled. Between Progressive Energy fuel charges tripling, their base charge rising, my homeowners insurance tripling; and I suppose to go up AGAIN, my taxes on my future retirement investment in my homes going bonkers. Explain to me why we are buying that big old sugar mill place. We should be making fuel out of all of it.

And on fuel, If you drill off the coast, and get OUR oil before the CHINESE get it from angle drilling into our state, the leasing of this should make our taxing situation better. Leasing of these grounds/waters should be that the state royalties be about 25% of the oil pumped from the wells at the rate of sale. They should not get any more big breaks for their \$400,000,000.00 single person QUARTERLY BONUS!!!!!!! If they can afford this, then this arrangement for royalties is not to much, it could be to LITTLE. It is OUR PUBLIC LAND, all of us CITIZENS, not just some bunch of despicable CEO's at EXXON, CHEVRON, or SHELL. Are you capable of protecting our rights, or only those of the big shots. BIG SHOTS. Does any of this make sense to you.

Earl Carrigan
przeugen@msn.com

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Ellen Plendl

From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 2:53 PM
To: Dick Rosen
Subject: RE: huge increase in our electric bills proposed by progress energy

Dear Mr. Rosen:

Thank you for contacting Governor Charlie Crist. Governor Crist appreciates your concerns regarding Progress Energy.

As you may know, the agency that regulates public utilities is the Public Service Commission (PSC), which is an arm of the legislative branch of government and therefore, not under the administrative authority of the Governor. To assist you, I forwarded a copy of your correspondence to them for their review and response. If you have questions, please call 1-800-342-3552 or use the information below.

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850
(850) 413-6100

Thank you again for contacting my office. For information about my initiatives and to subscribe to my weekly "Notes from the Capitol" newsletter, please visit my Web site at www.flgov.com.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Jordan
Office of Citizen Services
-----Original Message-----

From: Dick Rosen [mailto:rrosen1@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 3:54 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: huge increase in our electric bills proposed by progress energy

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I am writing this E-mail to you to protest the huge and totally unfair increase that Progress Energy is proposing. I do not feel that I should have to pay for a new nuclear plant that I probably will never receive any benefits. Any other business that upgrades their facilities pays for it out of its profits and then recoups it's cost when it is complete and in operation. Their proposed rates of a 31% increase on top of the recent 6% increase would be intolable. Very few residents use the 1000 kw to 1200 kw that they claim to be the average. To put this burden on your constituents on top of the taxes and insurance which you promised to lower would cause many of us to leave the State of Florida or at the least make you a 1 Term Governor. Give us the relief that you promised and stop this Rape of the citizens of Florida. Tell Progress Energy and their obnoxist CEO that we have had enough of their unwarranted increases. I hope to receive a positive answer.

J. Richard Rosen
352-527-3288
rrosen1@tampabay.rr.com

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To the State of Florida Public Service Commission:

J. M. Kocjan
13388 SE 86th Circle
Summerfield, FL 34491

Please consider denying Progress Energy's rate increase as proposed for the year 2009. Tell them to fund the Nuclear power Plants and other expansion with funds from private financing, grants, bonds and company profits. Recent financial data reports indicate the following:

Progress Energy
Florida

(six months ended June 30)

Progress Energy Florida reported increased Revenue and net income but decreased expenses for the first six months of its fiscal year.

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	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Revenue	\$2.20 B	\$2.14 B
Expenses	\$1.87 B	\$1.89 B
Net Income	\$192 M	\$129 M

(source: Securities & Exchange Commissions)

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In addition, I feel that you should look at Progress Energy's retained earnings.

The citizens of the State of Florida are under siege from rising costs and rate increases and unemployment every week. This request is punitive to the rate payers especially Senior Citizens. The people of Florida are hoping that Public Service Commission will be a proper advocate during these difficult financial times.

Yours truly,

James & Jean Kocjan

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Public Service Commission :

Progress Energy does not need the huge increase!
This greedy company charges customers in Florida much higher rates than their customers in northern states!

Please do not allow this greedy company to push through their huge rate increases here in Florida!
Many of our elderly residents can barely exist at present!
Increased electric rates will really be disastrous for many retired people or working families with children!

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Sincerely,
Ralph Beck
10156-45th Way
Pinellas Park, Fl.
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SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

IT HAS BEEN VERY MUCH IN THE NEWS LATELY THAT PROGRESS ENERGY IS REQUESTING A SIZEABLE INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY COST TO THEIR CUSTOMERS SERVICE. THE REASON GIVEN IS TO DEFRAY THEIR COST TO BUILD A NUCLEAR GENERATING IN LEVY COUNTY.

IF PROGRESS ENERGY DESIRES TO BUILD A NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, THAT IS BETWEEN THEM THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. WHY SHOULD THE CUSTOMERS OF PROGRESS ENERGY BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR IT?

THE QUESTION WAS ASK IN THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 ISSUE OF THE STAR-BANNER NEWSPAPER AND THE RESULTING ANSWERS PRINTED IN THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 ISSUE OF THAT SAME NEWSPAPER. (SEE ATTACHMENT) OF THOSE RESPONDING 91.7 PERCENT RESPONDED NEGATIVELY. BASED ON THIS RESPONSE, IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT APPROXIMATELY 91.7 PERCENT OF PROGRESS ENERGY CUSTOMERS FEEL THE COST OF THIS NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT SHOULD NOT BE PASSED ON TO THEM.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE COMMISSIONERS ARE VERY MUCH AWARE THAT CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ARE GETTING MORE DIFFICULT FOR MOST OF US EACH DAY.

ONCE AGAIN, I TRUST THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WILL TAKE A LONG HARD LOOK AT THIS REQUEST.

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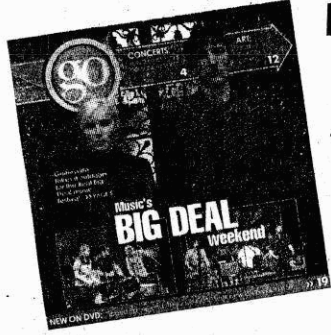
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Real Big Deal music festival is a smorgasbord of bands



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Bucs' Brian Griese will start in place of injured QB Jeff Garcia

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BIG MAC ATTACK

Don Gorske, of Fond du Lac, Wis., tracks every Big Mac he eats. In fact, he just downed No. 23,000 and plans to keep eating the sandwiches twice daily. **2A**

NEVER GIVE UP

A North Carolina mom survived a car accident in a ravine by drinking water from a leaf and thinking about her family. **5A**

I WANT MY MTV



Ocalan Sean Garrity makes his MTV debut tonight as part of the band Mosaic on "America's Top Pop Group." **1B**

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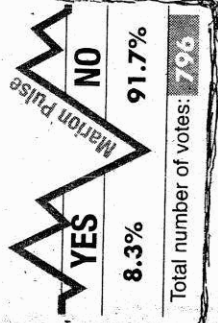
PIGSKIN PREVIEW

Sports Editor Andy Marks and staff writer Byron Sauce run down this week's high school football schedule.

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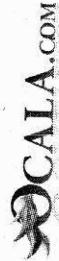
WEDNESDAY'S QUESTION:

Do you think Progress Energy should increase customers' bills to recoup costs it has spent so far on the proposed nuclear plant in Levy County?



TODAY'S QUESTION:

Do you feel the U.S. is still vulnerable to a terrorist attack?



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For more on weather, see... **8B**

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



**23,000 Big
 Macs in 36
 years, that's
 no whopper**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
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 Talk about a Big Mac attack!

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 11, 2001, in the single worst act of terrorism committed on U.S. soil, nearly 3,000 people died when two hijacked jetliners crashed into New York's World Trade Center, causing the twin towers to collapse; a commandeered jetliner smashed into the Pentagon; and a fourth hijacked plane crashed in western Pennsylvania.

In 1857, the Mountain Meadows Massacre took place in present-day southern Utah as a 120-member Arkansas immigrant party was slaughtered by Mormon settlers.

In 1973, Chilean President Salvador Allende died in a violent military coup.

In 1978, Georgi Markov, a Bulgarian defector, died at a British hospital four days after being stabbed by a man wielding a poisoned umbrella tip.

In 1985, Pate Rose of the Cincinnati Reds cracked career hit number 4,192 off Eric Show of the San Diego Padres, eclipsing the record held by Ty Cobb.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

For Earl Holliman is 80.
 Movie director **Brian De Palma** is 68.
 Rock singer-musician **Tommy Shaw** (Styx) is 55.
 Actress **Kristy McNichol** is 46.
 Singer **Harry Connick Jr.** is 41.
 Rapper **Ludacris** is 31.
 Country singer **Charles Kelley** (Lady Antebellum) is 27.
 Actor **Tyler Hoechlin** is 21.

LOTTERY

Sept. 10

CASH 3

Afternoon: 0-9-8
 Evening: 8-5-5

PLAY 4

Afternoon: 5-0-0-5
 Evening: 8-0-5-6

FANTASY 5

6-7-18-24-27

LOTTO

4-14-22-44-50-52

Previous Results

LOTTO — Sept. 6
 11-23-24-26-44-45

Match	Payoff	Winners
6 of 6	\$24 million	0-Rollover
5 of 6	\$5,533.00	89
4 of 6	\$70.50	5,651
3 of 6	\$4.50	115,638

FANTASY 5 — Sept. 9
 2-6-8-11-28

Match	Payoff	Winners
5 of 5	\$51,196.96	4
4 of 5	\$80.00	411
3 of 5	\$8.00	11,423

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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 9:40 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Correction - critical type error- correction - 120 should be 220!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Art Wilmoth [mailto:artwilmoth@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:05 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: RE: Correction - critical type error- correction - 120 should be 220!

and paying \$220 a month for electricity.

From: artwilmoth@hotmail.com
To: charlie.crist@myflorida.com
Subject: The high cost of Florida Electricity
Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2008 00:11:19 -0400

Dear Govener Charlie Crist, and Lt Kottkaml, and Staff; Greetings.

I am afraid that if this 30% Electricity rate hike is past in a couple of months, that my family can not remain here in Florida on these low wages. This would drive me and thousands others into starvation with no choice but to look for somewhere else. The high cost of gas alone has taken way any extra money and we are living from week to week, paycheck to paycheck. Water and sewer cost in Pinellas county is triple the cost of other counties, basic food cost have risen, a gallon of milk is \$4.00, and now we don't have enough money to put gas in the car, and if this 30% electric rate hike is approved, that will kill us off. We can't do it. We will leave to another fairer more honest State that doesn't rob their citizens. If you were a leader we would be drilling off shore, we would be building Nuclear power plants, but just like a good puppet politician; Don't let this 30% rate hike pass, please. You try paying \$1,000 a month rent on \$14 dollars a hour, and paying \$220 a month for electricity, and then expect us to bare a 30% increase.

Art Wilmoth
artwilmoth@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 9:31 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Progress Energy rate hike

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-----Original Message-----

From: Janice Gingras [mailto:jgingras@mdmhotels.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 4:15 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Energy rate hike

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE. Mr. Charlie Crist, you will be governor of a state with NO people if something is not done to stop these rate hikes. Progress Energy now wants 31% or more. I am using 1/3 the electricity this year than last year and has my bill gone down??? I think you know the answer. It is time to say NO

Janice Gingras, Administrative Controller Menna Development & Management, Inc ph 727-796-0021 fax 727-797-8504 jgingras@mdmhotels.com

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Ellen Plendl

From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 9:28 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: FPL Rate Hike

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From: Margaret Fabian [mailto:mfabian@browardcenter.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 11:35 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: FPL Rate Hike

Hello Govenor Christ,

Is there any way you can stop Florida Power and Light from raising our rates again? We, as Florida citizens are dealing with such harsh economic times and additional hike could really hurt us. I am a college graduate and work full time and really struggle with making ends meet. Please help us.

Thank you,

Margaret Fabian
Box Office Manager
FAU Student Union Box Office
777 Glades Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431
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Fax: 561-297-2173
mfabian@browardcenter.org

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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 9:27 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Progress Energy price increase

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-----Original Message-----

From: Martha Wells [mailto:mmwells@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 11:29 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Energy price increase

I just want to thank you for everything you do to protect the citizen's and preserve Florida.. But I have been a Floridian since 1964 and I'm am considering leaving the state I love, please do NOT let progress energy raise they're rates by 31%... Between the rise of homeowners insurance and property taxes in this state, it's getting to the point that I as a single mother and on a limited budget, I am being priced out of Florida....I am a homeowner, taxpayer, mother, and concerned citizen.. please do not let this happen I don't want to leave but it will leave me no choice but to sell when and if the market goes up.... I do believe that one voice makes a difference and I hope that I am not the only voice regarding this matter....Thank you for your concern in this matter...

Martha M Wells
Orange City, FL
mmwells@embarqmail.com

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Ellen Plendl

From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 9:25 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: No rate hike for Progress Energy!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: White, Donald P. [mailto:Donald.White@diebold.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 9:22 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: No rate hike for Progress Energy!!!

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Dear Governor Crist,

As a resident of Pinellas county I know you find Progress Energy's request for a 31% rate hike and outrageous request to say the least. For those of us facing ridiculous home owner insurance rates here in Florida this request from Progress Energy comes as a slap in the face to Floridians. I am certainly not opposed to business covering costs and making a profit. Having said that, I don't believe 'mismanagement' of a business and its financial shortcomings should fall on the shoulders of Progress Energy customers. More specifically, the reasons they give for asking for the rate increase align more with P&E inability for plan and efficiently run some aspects of their business. The fundamental problem with monopolies is that if they do not manage their business efficiently they can cover their shortfall by asking for a rate increase from the public who have no other options. What the people of Florida need is more options when it comes to energy.

A 31% increase is totally unacceptable. I would respectfully urge you to take a clear stand with the Public Service Commission to deny this level of increase.

Respectfully,

Donald P. White
Ann F. White
15 Evonaire Circle
Belleair, Florida 33756
(727) 559-9603
Donald.White@diebold.com

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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 9:20 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Against Progress Energy raising rates by 31%

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sandy Hutton [mailto:shutton@sourcegrp.com]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 12:22 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Against Progress Energy raising rates by 31%

Dear Governor Crist,

I find it ludicrous that Progress Energy is wanting to raise my utility bill by 31%!! The biggest percentage of the rate raise is for fuel Surcharges. When I get my bill, now, the fuel surcharges are already almost as much as the energy charges. They just adding on a lump sum amount and they will not be required to justify what makes up those charges. It is just a way to double our bills. I cannot afford my electric bill as it is. The company has already said that they plan to make \$3.05 per share before any rate raising. That is more than they made last year. They do not need this money. They are robbing Floridians! Please stand up for the little people for once, Governor Crist.

Thank you,
Sandy Hutton
727 443 6104
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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 9:16 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: A cry for help to the Gov. from a Florida voter

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jay Hunt [mailto:jayjhunt@cfl.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 2:46 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: A cry for help to the Gov. from a Florida voter

Dear Gov. Crist,

First of all, thanks for all that you do! I realize that you may not necessarily be able to do anything about this (see below) but I at least think you should be aware of what is being asked for from Progress Energy and get some feedback on that request from the people whom that request will affect. Hopefully you will hear my concern and pass them on along with your own feelings to the proper officials.

I have also sent my feedback to the Florida Public Service Commission. I have never sent e-mails out like this before but what is being asked for is excessive and we need a voice.

Please continue to fight for the people of Florida.

Thank you!

I saw in the Orlando Sentinel 8/29 that Progress Energy is asking to hike their rates by 31%. The article said that would equal \$34.27 additional per 1000kwh per month.

I use just over 2000kwh at least 7mths of the year. That would be an additional \$68.54 per mth. more my electric bill would cost (at a minimum) and that does not add the taxes (County and Gross receipts)that would make it even more! If you follow that math and 7 months of the year I use over 2000kwh, those 7 months would cost me an additional \$480.00. That increase does not even include the other 5 months left in the year. My thermostat is already at 78 degrees. How much more can I conserve?

Don't let them fool you with them saying what a average residential electric bill is. It's the median residential bill that tells the real story and by how much each customer is affected.

Is not a business run to make a profit? Should not a portion of those profits be used to expand ones business. Were was this 10 year plan 10 years ago. Suddenly they need 31% more from everyone. We are being asked to pay for their expansion and they reap all the rewards.

Did you get a 31% increase in salary? When was the last time the rates were decreased? We the people are going through temporary difficult times and granting a 31% increase or even half that amount is irresponsible.

Please deny their request.

John Hunt
Orlando, FL
jayjhunt@cfl.rr.com

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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 11:00 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: More Progress Energy

Attachments: Progress Energy; Progress Energy Increase



Progress Energy



Progress Energy Increase

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From: Gaetano Fida [gfida@thefidafamily.com]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 10:20 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Energy Rate hike

Importance: High

Don't let this happen. ? 31%. That would be \$31.00 for every hundred dollars on your current electric bill. Like our bill isn't high enough.

I am not sure but believe the increase is before all the taxes are added on. Since taxes and franchise fees are percentages on your bill, it will be like \$35.00 to \$40.00 on every hundred.

We can't take anymore!!!!!!!!!!

Gaetano Fida
gfida@thefidafamily.com

Ellen Plendl

From: Mike Wilkinson [mikewilkinson123@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 8:43 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Energy Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Governor,

Please use whatever authority you have in this matter to deny Progress Energy the rate increase they are seeking! This beyond reasonable!!

Thank you,

Michael Wilkinson
1707 Peaceful Avenue
Belleair, FL 33756
(727) 585-0608
mikewilkinson123@hotmail.com

Ellen Plendl

From: The Smith Family [jamb4@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 8:08 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Evergy increase

Dear Governor,

We cannot take another energy hike right now!

Individuals are struggling and are getting psychologically and emotionally bankrupt.

You represent us all and surely can see this.

Please do not allow this to happen.

Thank you,

Robert Smith
411 Buttonwood Ln.
Largo, Fl 33770
727-587-7961
jamb4@verizon.net

Ellen Piendl

From: Barbara Rodenbaugh [barbrodenbaugh@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 6:37 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Energy

Dear Governor Crist,

We the people of Florida are being gouged by the power company. First, it was the insurance companies, the drug companies, the oil companies, the supermarkets with the high prices of food now it is the power company. Progress Energy in particular. We have been inundated with high prices all around and now Progress Energy is trying to raise our rates again! I just heard this information on the News13 Network! They want to justify this rate hike because they want to build a nuclear power plant. They just raised our rates a year or so ago.

They owe me and many other customers money. They illegally took money from us because they were caught over- charging customers for three years in a row and they won't pay back the money they owe us but yet they want to raise their rates!

My husband works for the school board of our county and he hasn't had a raise in his salary in a year. With all of the budget cuts he is very lucky to still have a job. The salaries of Florida are not rising to meet the demands of the rising prices of the economy. I have a special needs son that is still living at home. I am in the process of trying to go to school and finish my education. We live on a tight budget and the price changes to our electric bill will finish off my family and many other families like us. I am sure you know that there are many people trying to make ends meet in this changing economy of ours. Many people are just one tragedy away from homelessness. Many senior citizens and those trying to make it on fixed incomes. Especially those who were hit hard by the natural disasters that came through our state, the tornados, Fay with flooding and other disasters. Some of those people are still struggling to get on their feet again! There has been a rise in homeless people throughout Florida because of these types increases. Mortgage, phone, utilities, food, insurance when will it end?

We pay a lot already for our power bills and I feel if the power company wants to build a nuclear power plant then they should do it with the funds they already have, not with a price hike!!! This is just another way for them to gouge the public and then say they need to raise the prices because of the cost of oil. I think they need to manage their money better like the rest of us.

If you could please keep an eye on this development and know that many people don't want or need this price hike. It is a price hike to another disaster.

Check out the story at : www.cfnews13.com and then click on the Progress Energy link.
Thank you, very much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barbara Rodenbaugh
barbrodenbaugh@hotmail.com

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Ellen Plendl

From: gene kohnke [geneandbrad@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 2:52 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: progress energy

August 30, 2008

The Honorable Charlie Crist
Governor of Florida
The Capitol, 400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Governor Crist:

i read in the paper that they are asking for a rate hike. i am not a customer of theirs but i am sure fpl will follow suit. . i looked at their earnings and know they just laid off some people which will save them more money. i feel that they are just trying to improve their profits. i can hardly afford th electricity bill now.and as in the newspaper the ceo of progress said the we will just have to deal with it. maybe they need to realize that they just are not always guaranteed a profit and they should just deal with it. utilities are out of control in this state the water bills are outrageous . with prices of everything going up i just can`t say to my employer i am raising my wages because . everything is going up .; I have to do with less and stretch my money.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gene Kohnke
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Ellen Plendl

From: AFB DEVELOPMENT, INC [abarayba@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 8:29 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Florida Progress increase rates

Please don't let Progress Energy increase their rates again.

Don't fall for the "lets ask for twice as much and settle for half" trick they learned from the Insurance Company. Allowing a rate increase in the middle of a recession should be criminal and irresponsibile. If Progress Energy is making the Citizens of Florida pay for their new plant in Levy County then the Citizens of Florida should own that power plant.

Alberto F. Baraybar

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Ellen Plendl

From: Scot Thompson [scotsonjathompson@ymail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 8:10 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Cc: President Bush
Subject: Progress Energy raising rates 31%

Dear Governor Crist,

The request from Progress Energy to raise rates 31% comes at a particularly horrific time for all of Florida's families. If you have any control over this, please intervene. The people of Fl cannot take any more increases; we have a very high unemployment rate, and with everything else going sky high, increasing this rate is only going to put our economy over the edge. People are already strapped to the limit of what they can bear.

Thankfully, my husband makes a decent salary, but I can tell you we are withdrawing funds from our savings each month to cover taxes, insurance, repairs to house and car, and in helping our son with college. We are 59 and 61 and our depleting our retirement income everyday.

Please do not allow these energy companies to raise rates any higher - they already raised the rates about a year ago.

Please help the people of Florida, the majority of which are not wealthy and are trying to find enough income to retire on; the others are young families and middle age people trying to have an American dream to live for.

Also, please pass this e-mail on to our Washington leaders - our country is in deep trouble.

Sincerely,

Scot and Sonja Thompson

Sonja Thompson

Ellen Plendl

From: Diane Martinez [dgiovannetti@daysurgerycenter-fl.com]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 1:04 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: progress energy rate increase

Dear Governor Crist,

Please some one has to speak on the peoples behalf the electric company wants to raise our rates because of the high gas prices don't they know we don't have any more money to give. Our wages are not going up because of all the business losing money. Food is up gas is ridiculous how are we expected to survive. All of the little people are being drained and we have nothing left to give were losing our homes our jobs and I don't see an end in sight what future do I have what future do our children have!!!!!!!

Our government has to fix this now not next year now or we all are doomed.

Sincerely,

Mrs.Giovannetti

Ellen Plendl

From: Jack and Cindy [rwatson53@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 1:27 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: progress energy

Dear Sir,

First let me take the time to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I was appalled by the article about Progress Energy wanting yet another increase in our electricity bills beginning in January. 30%!!! Why on earth should Floridians have to endure yet another increase to pay for a nuclear plant, when they are continuing to lay off current employees?? Can they not use the funds those people would have recieved in their paychecks? 300 employees, that's alot of extra money in their budget to use for WHATEVER they seem to feel they need. Use it for gas...WHATEVER. Why build another nuclear plant anyway? Whose going to work there? They lay-off..then they'll have to re-hire. They'll increase our rates now and then again when they claim to have to create more jobs for the plant!! Ridiclous!! Please..for Floridas sake, DO NOT APPROVE! Let them begin construction on a new plant in 10 years or so when maybe the tops of our heads are above water.

Sincerely-

Cindy Watson
rwatson53@tampabay.rr.com

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Ellen Plendl

From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 10:52 AM
To: Ellen Plendl

Attachments: FW: Progress Energy rip off; Progress Energy Proposed Rate Increase; Progress energy rate hike; Re: Progress Energy rate increase; Progress Energy Increase



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From: Ronald Perrott [rperrot3@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 10:39 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Energy Increase

Governor Crist:

This is unbelievable, Progress Energy requesting an increased of 31% on our already high electric bills. That equates to approximately \$31.00 on every \$100.00 of your current bill and that is without the taxes, so therefore we will be getting hit with \$35.00 to \$40.00 per hundred. We need you to step in and really review this increase.

Also, I want to say that we need to get the Florida Republicans, Independents, and Democrats to vote for McCain/Palin ticket..

Ronald E. Perrott
Belleair, Florida
rperrot3@tampabay.rr.com

Ellen Plendl

From: lcromer@juno.com
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 10:58 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Re: Progress Energy rate increase

Governor Crist,

You've done a fair job controlling the obscene rate increases demanded by the insurance industry. I'd like to suggest you take a look at a new state law that allows Progress Energy to pass on to customers building a nuclear plant years before the plant begins generating power. While no one would disagree that fuel costs have escalated throughout the country, demanding that consumers pay for overhead as well as research and development is indecent and begs the question, why doesn't state law permit all businesses to pass on their costs of doing business to their customers.

Thank you,

Lil Cromer
Belleair, FL
lcromer@juno.com

Ellen Plendl

From: nancy stoner [jstoner@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 11:23 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress energy rate hike

Dear Governor Crist.

I'm writing this to you in regards to the proposed tax hike by Progress energy in Pinellas County Florida. The proposal stands at 31% !! Can you imagine having to pay an extra 31 dollars for every hundred billed. My family and I have live in Belleair Florida for 21 years. Yes we are transplants, however we love this state, our little municipality, our home. However...it is becoming almost impossible to withstand all the increases are wallets are subject to. I know your aware of what they are, I don't have to go into great detail. Please, Please do what you can to stop this proposal. Between our home owners insurance increases and other cost of living expenses we may be forced to leave our paradise.

We have a 14 year old son that was born at 24 weeks gestation. You are probably wondering why I'm telling you this. It's because our wallets cannot be stretched any further. We pay for occupational and speech therapy for him. We want to give him every chance of having a normal life as possible. I'm a ICU Registered Nurse. I have been for to many years to count. (LOL) My husband is also a college educated professional. Yet we find it difficult to live from paycheck to paycheck in this area. A proposal by Progress energy is unacceptable. I spend my days saving others, then come home and worry how we will continue to pay for other expenses. I (we) would so appreciate your support regarding this matter. Please help us honest tax paying citizens that are very pleased with the job you are doing as our Governor.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy Stoner
6 south pine circle
Belleair, Florida 33756
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jstoner@tampabay.rr.com

Ellen Plendl

From: Connolly McArthur [CMcArthur@buckleyandfudge.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 10:25 AM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Cc: James McArthur
Subject: Progress Energy Proposed Rate Increase

I am writing to express my opposition to Progress Energy's proposed rate increase. From what I have read, Progress Energy is requesting a rate increase that would result in an additional \$31.00 to \$40.00 on every \$100.00 we currently pay for electricity. My husband and I have already cut back in so many areas of our lives to handle the increase in the price of gasoline and groceries that I do not think we can take any more! And, we are not even in the same boat as many of the citizens of our state who have to go without groceries just to pay for transportation to work - some of whom I currently work with at our small law firm! Please don't let big business take more money out of our pockets and stop Progress Energy's proposed rate increase. Thank you.

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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 10:51 AM
To: Ellen Plendl

Attachments: progress energy; progress energy rate increase; Progress Energy raising rates 31%; Florida Progress increase rates; progress energy; Progress Energy; Progress Evergy increase; Progress Energy Rate Increase; Progress Energy Rate hike



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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 11:00 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
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From: Sandy Sonnenberg [bchbums@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 4:51 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Energy Increase

I have just received a note that Progress Energy is trying to increase our rates by 31%. This is insane! Where does it stop.

Sandra Sonnenberg
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Ellen Plendl

From: Harry & Ginnie [hzimmer3@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 6:32 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Energy

Please don't let progress energy raise our rates that high. With taxes, gas, food and electric bills we won't be able to live.

Thanks for you help,
Virginia Zimmerman
hzimmer3@tampabay.rr.com



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Mr. Doanld Disonell
2549 Commerce Avenue
Spring Hill, Florida 34609

Dear Mr. Disonell:

Thank you for contacting me. I appreciate your concerns regarding Progress Energy.

As you may know, the agency that regulates public utilities is the Public Service Commission (PSC), which is an arm of the legislative branch of government and therefore, not under the administrative authority of my office. To assist you, I forwarded a copy of your letter to them for their review. Please continue working with this agency. If you have questions, please call 1-800-342-3552 or use the information below.

Thank you again for contacting my office. For information about my initiatives and to subscribe to my weekly "Notes from the Capitol" newsletter, please visit my Web site at www.flgov.com.

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Sincerely,

Charlie Crist

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Dear Governor Crist,

I just sent the following complaint to Florida's Public Service Commission.

Recently Progress Energy has stated that they want to charge startup costs for their intended Nuclear Power Plant in Levy County but it will not disclose how much they intend to ask for as a rate hike. Now, I am as trusting as the next person, but I am on a fixed income and I MUST know the how and whys they need a rate hike. As a matter of fact, I want to know how long it will take, if there are overruns, which always happens, who are to pay for that. In a time when fuel and food costs have soared I don't think their lame explanation of why they can't disclose this info is very honest. So if they can't publicly show all of the costs, I would reject rate increases even though I approve of Nuclear Power. I am a Florida State citizen and more importantly an American Natural born citizen and I want full disclosure by you and Progress Energy, which I think, is not only proper but also, mandatory.

Thank You
Don Disonelli

One of the reasons people don't trust government is that they sometimes allow the above to happen without action by our public figures. I trust you all will do your best to rectify Progress Energy's lack of disclosure that affect millions of people in this state. The PSC of Florida should quickly inform Progress Energy that of the people affected by this increase has a right to know why it is justified.

Thank You,
Donald Disonelli
Spring Hill
Florida

2549 Commerce Ave.
34609

Phone: 352-686-3278

Kimberley Pena

From: Rhonda Roff [marshmaid@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 14, 2008 9:46 PM
To: Saveitnowglades; No-New-Nukes-Yall; NONUKESNOW@yahoo.com; COMMONS-EVERGLADES; floridaclimate@google.com; EnvironmentalVoiceofSouthwestFlorida@yahoo.com; Records Clerk
Subject: The Price Isn't Right: Nuclear Power is Expensive (please submit to FPSC Docket #080149 AND #080009)

And this is just the capital cost folks, not the cost to the US Taxpayer for waste management, not the cost of managing under an accident scenario, and not the POTENTIAL COSTS implied in the utilities' "Safe Harbor" statements, appended to each projection document, wherein they say, loosely, that everything we have just told you may be wrong.

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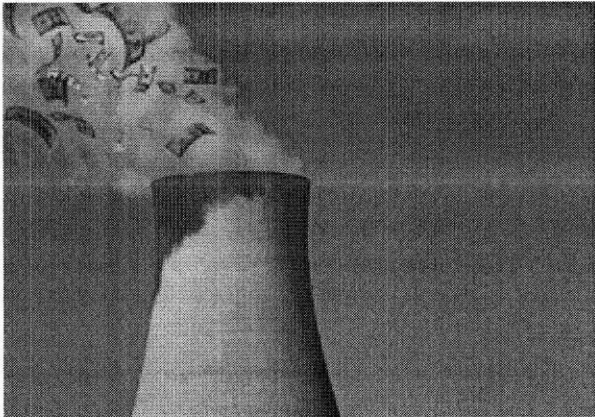
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The price isn't right**Nuclear power is expensive**

Posted by [Joseph Romm](#) (Guest Contributor) at 12:49 AM on 14 Jun 2008

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In mid-2007, a [Keystone Center nuclear report \(PDF\)](#), funded in part by the nuclear industry estimated capital costs for nuclear of \$3600 to \$4000/kW including interest. The report notes, "**the power isn't cheap: 8.3 to 11.1 cents per kilo-watt hour.**" In December 2007, retail electricity prices in this country averaged 8.9 cents per kwh.

Mid-2007 has already become the good old days for affordable nuclear power. Jim Harding, who was on the Keystone Center panel and was responsible for its economic analysis, e-mailed me in May that his current "**reasonable estimate for leveled cost range ... is 12 to 17 cents per kilowatt hour lifetime**, and 1.7 times that number [20 to 29 cents per kilowatt-hour] in first year of commercial operation."

At the end of August, 2007 [Tulsa World reported](#) that American Electric Power Co. CEO Michael Morris was not planning to build any new nuclear power plants. He was quoted as saying, "I'm not convinced we'll see a new nuclear station before probably the 2020 timeline," citing "realistic" costs of about \$4,000 per kilowatt.

So much for being a near-term, cost-effective solution to our climate problem. But if \$4,000 per kilowatt was starting to price nuclear out of the marketplace, imagine what prices 50 percent to 100 percent higher will do.

6/16/2008

In October 2007, Florida Power and Light, "a leader in nuclear power generation," presented its detailed cost estimate for new nukes to the Florida Public Service Commission. It concluded that two units totaling 2,200 megawatts would cost from \$5,500 to \$8,100 per kilowatt -- \$12 billion to \$18 billion total! (These are the actual costs, not adjusted for inflation.)

Lew Hay, chairman and CEO of FPL, said, "If our cost estimates are even close to being right, the cost of a two-unit plant will be on the order of magnitude of \$13 to \$14 billion. That's bigger than the total market capitalization of many companies in the U.S. utility industry and 50 percent or more of the market capitalization of all companies in our industry with the exception of Exelon ... This is a huge bet for any CEO to take to his or her board."

An October 2007 Moody's Investors Service report, "New Nuclear Generation in the United States," concluded, "Moody's believes the all-in cost of a nuclear generating facility could come in at between \$5,000 - \$6,000/kw."

In January 2008, MidAmerican Nuclear Energy Co said that prices were so high, it was ending its pursuit of a nuclear power plant in Payette County, Idaho, after spending \$13 million researching its economic feasibility. Company President Bill Fehrman said in a letter, "Consumers expect reasonably priced energy, and the company's due diligence process has led to the conclusion that it does not make economic sense to pursue the project at this time."

MidAmerican is a company owned by famed investor Warren Buffet. When Buffet pulls the plug on a potential investment after spending \$13 million analyzing the deal, it should give everyone pause.

Let's take a look at one more example. Earlier this year, Progress Energy informed state regulators that the twin 1,100-megawatt plants it intends to build in Florida would cost \$14 billion, which "triples estimates the utility offered little more than a year ago." That would be more than \$6,400 per kilowatt. But wait, that's not all. As reported by the *St. Petersburg Times*, "The utility said its 200 mile, 10-county transmission project will cost \$3-billion more." If we factor that cost in, the price would be \$7,700 a kilowatt.

Amazingly, the utility won't even stand behind the exorbitant tripled cost for the plant. In its filing with state regulators, Progress Energy warned that its new \$17 billion estimate for its planned nuclear facility is "nonbinding" and "subject to change over time."

And it gets even better (by I which I mean, worse) for Florida ratepayers. Florida passed a law that allows utilities to recoup some costs while a nuclear plant is under construction. How much? About \$9 a month starting as early as next year! Yes, the lucky customers of Progress Energy get to each pay more than \$100 a year for years and years and years before they even get one kilowatt-hour from these plants.

This would seem to be the exact opposite of the old claim for the nuclear industry, "Too cheap to meter." Now it's so expensive the company raises your rates before the power even gets to the meter!

This post was created for ClimateProgress.org, a project of the Center for American Progress Action Fund.

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"It is difficult to get a man to understand something, when his job depends on his not understanding it."
Upton Sinclair

Ruth Nettles

From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 1:05 PM
To: Ruth Nettles
Cc: Kimberley Pena
Subject: 080148

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From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 11:48 AM
To: Ruth McHargue
Subject: FW: Nuclear Plant Hearings

To CLK for Progress Docket

From: Marylou Klein [mailto:louladyhawk@mindspring.com]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 11:39 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Nuclear Plant Hearings

A you work throug the hearings on the nuclear plants, please be aware that perhaps a better solution would be to save energy rather than constantly building bigger and better plants. I am particulary distrubed because there is still a chance that Progress Energy may send their power lines right through Rainbow Springs State Park and over the Rainbow River. Why concerve land for the future if a utility company can plow right through at a whim because it seems to be the least expensive way to do things. We do not want a power plant or two in Levy County, and certaily don't want to begin paying for it now.

Marylou Klein
19200 SW 101st Place Road
Dunnellon, Fl 34432



Nancy B. Ogden
190 18th Ave N
St Petersburg FL 33704

Docket 080148

Florida Public Service Commission

April 22, 2008

For the sake of all life on earth, I ask you to **invest in solar** technology for Florida, the "sunshine state," not nuclear. The way to charge for it is to get involved in putting it on people's roofs and businesses, maybe even over highways and charge rent for the materials and technology. **Nuclear plants are not insurable** because they are too risky. Nuclear pollution is not something you can clean up after and **the danger is around for thousands of years**. The limestone and sandy soil we have would allow any kind of liquid spill to immediately contaminate the water table. Even in the dry areas of Washington State and Idaho where nuclear waste is being stored, contamination of the water table is becoming vast. Vladimir Chernousenko, the physicist assigned to "liquidate the consequences" of Chernobyl, **questions whether such a hazardous industry has the right to exist** (10/19/91). When the number of nuclear accidents is reviewed, it becomes evident that it is not a safe technology and **no nation can afford to have a big nuclear accident**. There is a saying that **"If it can happen, it will happen!"** Nuclear cleanup problems have already overwhelmed the government (2/11/91; 12/2/03).

If the money it takes to build two nuclear plants, mine and transport the fuel and deal with the wastes were put into solar, wind and wave energy we would be in a much better place. People are even using solar in places that do not get much sun. I think the power industry is ignoring the advances in solar technology. What are the costs of shutting down a nuclear plant? Nuclear contamination is spreading worldwide misery through cancer. Chernobyl contaminated most of Europe and Greece (7/25/96) enough to raise the cancer rates. Sich, a nuclear engineer calculated the contamination to be 4-5 times what had been reported (1/31/94). Less than one-millionth of a gram - an invisible particle - is a carcinogenic dose (American Friends Service Committee). If ingested, plutonium concentrates in the bone marrow and causes leukemia. If inhaled, it sticks to the lungs or nasal passages and causes cancer there. In 1992 an even more dangerous product of plutonium decay - Americium 241 - was detected around Chernobyl leading to fears of unbelievably high radiation levels in the decades to come. Five years after Chernobyl, the physicist in charge had lost at least 100 associates due to radiation exposure and 5,000 to 7,000 people died trying to clean up the escaped nuclear hazards. Over **65 million** people in the USSR have been affected. There was a high incidence (80x normal—9/4/92) of thyroid cancer in children. Food crops 10/5/00 and livestock mutated and the water supply (12/12/93) became contaminated. The nuclear contamination was measured worldwide. I suspect the English mutant duck (2007) with a deformed extra pair of legs is a product of Chernobyl. The disappearance of the English sparrow is probably a casualty also.

*Government has a history of covering up bad news in favor of dirty corporations (10/16/88; 10/29/88). It is time for that to change!

*It has come out that geologists lied about the suitability of Yucca Mountain for nuclear waste disposal.

*The discovery of counterfeit valve parts at a Michigan nuclear plant represents an added threat of accidents (12/21/88).

*Jean-Michel Cousteau exposed the risk that shipping plutonium represents (9/18/89).

*Most nuclear plants fail to make all the necessary safety changes (3/26/89).

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*The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is continually seeking **relaxation of rules to allow greater contamination of the public** and the environment by recycling waste into building materials. (11/20/90; 2/7/99)

*When the EEC denied food aid to Jamaica because it rejected **radioactive powdered milk** (3/24/88 *Caribbean Business*), I stopped buying European food products.

*Plutonium is **poorly stored** around the country (12/7/94).

*Carl Johnson, radiation, medical specialist reported that Denver should have been evacuated in 1957, but the Atomic Energy Commission **denied any significant radiation release** even though their own secret survey indicated **heavy contamination near an elementary school** (12/20/88).

*It took 18 years for "downwinders" in Utah to get **compensation for** deaths and health problems due to **radioactive fallout** from bomb tests.

*A friend working around Enewetak came across radioactive marine sediments and the government workers did not want to hear about it. His assistant ended up with thyroid cancer.

*"Concern over nuclear safety" was "minimized in the early Reagan years (11/7/88)."

*Thousands of tons of radioactive uranium waste was released into the environment and **thousands of people exposed** over decades in Ohio (10/15/88).

*Russia had a radioactive waste tank explosion in 1993 (4/7; 4/13).

*Russia dumped radioactive waste at sea for decades (6/17/90-asteroid die off; 5/5/92; 4/3/93)

*The congressional committees with oversight **don't have a clue** what's really going on (12/4/88).

*In 1993 (12/8) the existence of 29 radioactive pools around the country where deterioration has "**exposed dozens** of workers."

*Disposal of wastes and old plants remains a problem and the presence of nuclear products increases security risks. Crystal River nuclear plant received a poor safety report in 1988.

*Cancer rates around nuclear power plants are increasing due to Strontium 90 contamination.

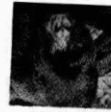
It is disgusting how Mr. Lyash's salary was hugely increased – like it's already a done deal and he gets a percentage of the future costs. The greed of people who promote nuclear technology knows no bounds. One would think that they do not have to breathe the same air or consume the same contaminated food and water. Workers who report safety problems have been deliberately contaminated and harassed by co-workers (October 10, 1991). The movie *'Silkwood'* was made about a woman who was probably murdered for trying to expose nuclear safety problems. Thousands of unsuspecting employees were exposed to cancer causing plutonium at a uranium plant in Kentucky (August 9, 1999). Corporations invested in the nuclear industry do not want to lose what has been invested and they do not have a good record of reporting problems. They even recently passed a law that allows them to keep problems hidden and prevent the public from having any power to do anything about contamination issues.

One of the dangers of nuclear technology is that it is not possible to maintain constant fear and vigilance against an invisible killer. Thousands of unsuspecting employees were exposed to cancer causing plutonium at a uranium plant in the state of Kentucky (August 9, 1999). May 7, 2002 there was news of damage to the 6-inch thick steel cover at an Ohio nuclear plant – **damage that "nobody thought possible."** This is a clear indication that the people in charge of generating nuclear power do not fully comprehend the dangers. Chernousenko claims that **not a single nuclear physicist, who is well informed**, favors the use of nuclear power and certainly the dangers of nuclear weapons are even worse.

✓ Dates refer to St Petersburg Times articles, except where otherwise indicated.

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Ann Cole

From: Ann Cole
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:36 PM
To: Katherine Fleming
Cc: Kimberley Pena
Subject: RE: Dockets #080149 -EI, 080148 -EI, 080009 -EI, 080007 -EI, 070650 -EI

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Thanks for the follow up. I will see to it that the email and attachment are placed in *Docket Correspondence - Consumers & their representatives* for the above-referenced docket nos. today.

From: Katherine Fleming
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 3:22 PM
To: Ann Cole
Cc: Kimberley Pena
Subject: RE: Dockets #080149 -EI, 080148 -EI, 080009 -EI, 080007 -EI, 070650 -EI

I meant to have it placed in the Docket Correspondence. I noticed that it was addressed to you and I and was just following up with whether it had been placed in the docket correspondence.

From: Ann Cole
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 2:03 PM
To: Katherine Fleming
Cc: Kimberley Pena
Subject: RE: Dockets #080149 -EI, 080148 -EI, 080009 -EI, 080007 -EI, 070650 -EI

Hey Katherine,

This has not been placed in the docket files. Would you like for this to be placed in *Docket Correspondence - Consumers & their representatives* for the above-referenced docket nos?

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 11:22 AM
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From: rhonda roff [mailto:marshmaid@hughes.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2008 12:36 AM
To: Ann Cole; Katherine Fleming
Subject: Dockets #080149 -EI, 080148 -EI, 080009 -EI, 080007 -EI, 070650 -EI

Dear Ms. Cole and Ms. Fleming, I respectfully request that you share this compilation of news stories with staff and the Commission as it pertains to the potential costs in the above referenced open docket nos involving nuclear power generation. Thank you in advance for your consideration, Rhonda

Rhonda Roff, President
 Save It Now, Glades!

4/24/2008

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"It is difficult to get a man to understand something, when his job depends on his not understanding it."
Upton Sinclair

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PRESS RELEASE

Tallahassee April 8, 2008

WE THE PEOPLE, INC, a non-profit whistleblower organization whose purpose is to provide the public with information about the safety and operation of nuclear power plants and the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission is concerned about recent disclosures regarding discoveries of serious safety problems in newly constructed facilities in Europe and the United States.

Recent media reports in Europe and Canada have documented numerous construction and safety flaws at the first European pressurized reactor to be built in Northern France and have warned that these problems will be exported by the French to Canada and the United States. An April 7, 2008 Information Notice issued by the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission also warns all holders of licenses for nuclear power reactors and applicants for licenses to construct new plants to watch out for counterfeit parts in their supply chains after counterfeit valves and circuit breakers were discovered in the United States. Copies of these reports are attached.

WE THE PEOPLE has previously called for and is circulating petitions demanding an investigation of the US Regulatory Commission by the United States Congress based on the discovery of counterfeit or substandard parts in more than 70 existing US power plants and the Commission's

failure to conduct inspections required to cure such defects. The Commission has also failed to adequately address the health and safety of people who would be at risk of serious harm or death should there be a nuclear accident at a nuclear power plant. "The best the NRC can offer many elderly and other children who could not be quickly evacuated after an accident are iodine pills" said Stephen Comley, founder of WTP, who became a nuclear safety advocate after he learned that the NRC had no effective plans for evacuating elderly patients from his family-run nursing home near the Seabrook, New Hampshire nuclear power plant.

More information about the petition drive may be obtained by contacting Bill Reeves at the above address.

Problems at French nuclear construction site for company seeking Ont. contract

Last Updated: Thursday, April 3, 2008 | 8:43 AM ET

CBC News

One of the companies competing to build new nuclear reactors in Ontario has run into trouble with regulators in France.

The French nuclear safety watchdog says there are a number of serious infractions in the Areva construction of a reactor in northern France - the same type of reactor it wants to sell to Ontario.

Areva is one of four companies competing to build Ontario's next power reactors, but in March the French Nuclear Energy Agency cited the company for shortcomings in the reactor's construction.

The agency says there was inadequate preparatory work before pouring concrete; the concrete base was smaller than promised; and reinforcing rods weren't up to standard.

Greenpeace International obtained a copy of the letter from the agency that was sent to Areva.

"I think it shows the shoddy workmanship that Areva's doing building the reactors overseas," said Sean Patrick Stensil, Greenpeace's nuclear expert in Ontario. "And that should make Ontario ask, 'Would you want to buy or do you trust Areva to build a reactor here in Ontario?'"

Areva's spokespeople in Ontario would not comment about the problems in France.

Ontario Energy Minister Gerry Philips says the criticism won't change things.

"I don't think it changes the process at all that we'll follow," Philips told CBC News. "We have a regulator who is required to ensure the public of its safety."

Philips hopes to choose a nuclear technology design — either Canadian-made Candu or a foreign design — in December.

"It's going to be crucial that the people of Ontario are satisfied [the technology] works, that they can deliver it on time, and that it meets all of the regulatory requirements," the minister said.

Safety fears over French nuclear technology

By Peter Allen in Paris

Last Updated: 1:46am BST 01/04/2008

Nuclear reactors of the kind France wants to sell to Britain suffer from "potentially catastrophic" problems, it was claimed yesterday.

News of the structural flaws came days after President Nicolas Sarkozy used a state visit to Britain to boast about his nation's nuclear expertise.

He made it clear that devices such as the European Pressurised Reactor (EPR) being built at Flamanville, in Normandy, should be on Gordon Brown's shopping list as part of the "entente formidable" between the two countries.

advertisement But a letter from France's nuclear safety watchdog, ASN, leaked on a website yesterday, highlighted weaknesses that could undermine the £2.8 billion project.

Pointing out "numerous malfunctions" in the building of the reactor at Flamanville, it calls for them to be corrected in a month. These include weaknesses in steel grids reinforcing the concrete base supporting the reactor.

Such damage could lead to nuclear accidents, threatening the population of northern France, the Isle of Wight and possibly the coast of England.

The Prime Minister and Mr Sarkozy pledged last week to co-operate "on a new generation of nuclear power plants by sharing information on safety, security and waste disposal."

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
OFFICE OF NEW REACTORS
WASHINGTON, DC 20555-0001

April 7, 2008

NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 2008-04: COUNTERFEIT PARTS SUPPLIED TO NUCLEAR
POWER PLANTS

ADDRESSEES

All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors and applicants for combined license to construct nuclear power plants under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants."

PURPOSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this information notice (IN) to inform addressees of the potential for counterfeit parts to enter their supply chains. Addressees should review this information and consider actions, as appropriate, to avoid similar problems. The suggestions contained within this IN are not NRC requirements; therefore, no specific action or written response is required.

DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Counterfeit Valves

In November 2007, NRC became aware that Hatch Unit 2 had discovered a counterfeit valve (5" 150# Ladish stop check valves) on the stator cooling water skid. The licensee at Hatch later determined that it had two counterfeit valves in its facility: one in the warehouse and another one installed in Unit 2, as the "B" stator cooling water pump discharge stop check valve. The valve installed on Unit 2 had been in service for 8 months as of the time of discovery. Upon discovering the counterfeit valve, the licensee began to closely monitor the performance of the valve and plans to replace it during the next refueling outage in the spring of 2009. The valve installed at Hatch Unit 2 is being used in a non-safety related system.

Counterfeit Circuit Breakers

NRC is aware that on December 27 and October 30, 2007, and November 16, 2006, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) had announced a recall of counterfeit circuit breakers labeled as "Square D" distributed by North American Breaker Co., Inc., Connecticut Electric and Switch Co, and Scott Electric Co. Inc. The recalled circuit breakers labeled "Square D" were manufactured in China and distributed from March 2003 through April 2006, February 2005 through August 2006, and May 2005 through May 2006, respectively. The counterfeit circuit breakers can fail to trip when overloaded, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

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A licensee database search indicated that Catawba, McGuire, and Oconee nuclear power plants had purchased Square D circuit breakers during the suspected time frame. After inspecting their Square D circuit breakers, Oconee and McGuire Plants confirmed that the Square D breakers that they had purchased during the suspected time frame were genuine. Catawba Nuclear Plant, however, could not confirm the authenticity of four of its Square D circuit breakers that it had purchased during the suspected time frame. Subsequently, Catawba removed these circuit breakers from stock. The NRC is not aware that the counterfeit circuit breakers have been installed in safety-related applications. The CPSC reports are available at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prereel/prhtml08/08151.html>, <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prereel/prhtml08/08054.html>, and <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prereel/prhtml07/07036.html>.

BACKGROUND

Over the past two decades, the NRC has issued several generic communications to inform licensees of counterfeit or misrepresented vendor products. In March 1989, the NRC staff issued Generic Letter (GL) 89-02, "Actions to Improve the Detection of Counterfeit and Fraudulently Marketed Products" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML031140060). The GL informed licensees of program elements that are effective in detecting counterfeit or fraudulently marketed products and in assuring the quality of vendor supplied products. Additionally, in October 1989, the staff issued IN 89-70, and a supplement in April 1990, "Possible Indications of Misrepresented Vendor Products," to inform licensees of misrepresented vendor products and to provide information related to the detection of such products (ADAMS Accession No. ML031180470).

DISCUSSION

Although none of the counterfeit items described above were installed in safety-related applications, these examples demonstrate the need for licensees to remain vigilant and maintain effective quality assurance programs to reduce the potential for introduction of counterfeit parts into their supply chains.

In recent years many vendors, including foreign companies, with little to no experience in the nuclear industry have entered the market to supply parts and components for both safety and non-safety applications to nuclear power plants. It remains the licensees' responsibility to ensure that all suppliers use standards and processes that conform to US standards. Effective oversight of suppliers becomes increasingly more important as the nuclear industry begins construction of new nuclear power plants in the US.

As discussed in GL 89-02, three characteristics of effective procurement and dedication programs are (1) the involvement of engineering staff in the procurement and product acceptance process; (2) effective source inspection, receipt inspection, and testing programs; and (3) thorough, engineering-based programs for review, testing, and dedication of commercial-grade products for suitability for use in safety-related applications. Licensees may want to consider the applicability of these characteristics to their programs to reduce the likelihood of the introduction of counterfeit or fraudulent products into their plants and to assure the quality of procured vendor products.

CONTACT

This information notice requires no specific action or written response. Please direct any questions about this matter to the technical contacts listed below.

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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 9:35 AM
To: Ron
Subject: RE: Rate increase...for Progress Energy ...is outrageous.

CONSUMER

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

Thank you for contacting Governor Charlie Crist. The Governor appreciates your concerns regarding Progress Energy and asked me to respond on his behalf.

As you may know, the agency that regulates public utilities is the Public Service Commission (PSC), which is an arm of the legislative branch of government and therefore, not under the administrative authority of the Governor's office. I am forwarding a copy of your email to them for review and response. If you have questions, please call the Public Service Commission at 1-800-342-3552, or use the contact information provided below:

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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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(850) 413-6100

Thank you again for contacting the Governor's office. For information about the Governor's initiatives and to subscribe to his weekly "Notes from the Capitol" newsletter, please visit our Web site at www.flgov.com.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Jordan
Office of Citizen Services
-----Original Message-----
From: Ron [mailto:bhaktaron@isp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 5:43 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Rate increase...for Progress Energy ...is outrageous.

Dear Governor Crist:

I understand that Progress Energy plans to charge about \$9 additional each month on my bill, (and others' bills also) to help pay for the new nuclear power plant they are going to build here in Levy County. That is a big increase, especially for low income seniors like myself.

Gas is increasing and food has increased a lot..now with the gas going higher, the food will increase more.

Top this off with that outrageous increase of \$9 a month by Progress Energy..Wow! Please...Help!! Do not let them do that to us!! Please.

Thank you very much.

Ronald McCarthy
Morrison, Florida

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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 8:48 AM
To: Rohn Burgess
Subject: RE: Progress Energy Nuclear Power Facility....

CONSUMER

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Sincerely,

Julie A. Jordan
Office of Citizen Services
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From: Rohn Burgess [mailto:RBurgess14@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 1:44 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Progress Energy Nuclear Power Facility....

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Dear Governor Crist,

I read in the St. Petersburg Times that Progress Energy wants to build two nuclear plants in Florida, which I applaud. We learned last year that the Public Service Commission approved a plan, that rate payers will pay a portion of the facilities costs in advance of it being built. Because of the great cost and the risk of such a venture and the fact it will save the use of oil and gas, I can accept such a move. As long as we the customers who are paying for such facilities in advance of construction receive a better rate in our cost, than those who Progress Energy will sell future electricity to out of the State of Florida.

The problem that I see. Progress Energy has built up the cost of the new nuclear facilities to three times the original cost a year ago. They were approved for a program, but are now expanding it out of sight. I can see some increase in the cost of steel and concrete, but three times, it appears they found a great sugar daddy in the rate payers and are adding everything they can get in the costs.

Part of the cost is they have added in over \$3 billion in transmission line property acquisition and construction of such lines, which will cover all their future needs for the next hundred years and more. Are we to pay for their property purchases and everyother cost they can add to the nuclear facilities cost the rate payers are to pay in advance? This portion is not the nuclear power facilities.

I believe the agreement with the PSC was for the nuclear facility, not every other expense they would add. If they were building a natural gas facility with additional transmission

lines needed, they would be responsible for all those costs with no advance costs from the rate payers.

Please review these actions and take the necessary steps to protect rate payers from the greedy actions of Progress Energy.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,
Ronald Burgess