

**Nickalus Holmes**

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**From:** Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 10:40 AM  
**To:** 'Cindy Nelson'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #2025000

Good morning Ms. Nelson

We will be placing Commissioner Ballard's additional comments in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250011 and forward them to Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you,  
Nick Holmes  
Commission Deputy Clerk II  
Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
850-413-6770

**From:** Cindy Nelson <cindy.nelson@mymanatee.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 10:04 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #2025000

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Hello, please find attached the revised letter from Commissioner Ballard. Dist 2.

*Best Regards,*

*Cindy Nelson  
Commissioner Aide for Amanda Ballard  
Manatee County Government  
1112 Manatee Avenue West, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bradenton, FL 34205  
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**From:** Nickalus Holmes <[NHolmes@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:NHolmes@psc.state.fl.us)> **On Behalf Of** Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 3:29 PM  
**To:** Cindy Nelson <[cindy.nelson@mymanatee.org](mailto:cindy.nelson@mymanatee.org)>  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact <[Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US](mailto:Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US)>  
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Good Afternoon Ms. Nelson

We will be placing Commissioner Ballard's comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250011, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you,  
Nick Holmes  
Commission Deputy Clerk II  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 3:11 PM  
**To:** [GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com)  
**Cc:** Records Clerk <[CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US](mailto:CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US)>  
**Subject:** Docket #2025000

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Please find attached a letter from Manatee County Commissioner Ballard, District 2.

*Best Regards,*

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# Manatee County Commissioner Amanda Ballard, District 2

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May 12, 2025

RE: Docket #20250011

Dear Governor DeSantis & Florida Public Service Commissioners:

Numerous residents have brought to our attention their concerns about the impending rate increases by Florida Power & Light (FPL) and the lack of an opportunity to provide meaningful public comment to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC), as deliberations and ultimate decisions on the rate case are likely to be conducted in Tallahassee and only seven in-district hearings have been scheduled, leaving many families needing to travel hours to have an opportunity to participate in-person.

The lack of accessible, in-district hearings leaves a significant financial and logistical barrier to interested and affected individuals being able to give voice on a matter of importance. At nearly \$10 billion, FPL's rate request is the largest in US history, and constituents in Manatee County deserve an opportunity to share their concerns in-person, as this testimony is evidence in these rate proceedings. Virtual hearings do not offer the same opportunity.

Florida is in an affordability crisis, and any increases in costs to Florida families needs to be treated with the utmost care.

We thank the governor and the FPSC for your positive consideration of this request in the name of accessibility and a meaningful opportunity for public input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Ballard", with a long, flowing underline.

Amanda Ballard

Board of County Commissioner, District 2

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This correspondence is being sent from Amanda Ballard as an individual County Commissioner.

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