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From: Betty Leland

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 7:34 AM **To:** Commissioner Correspondence

Subject: Docket #20250011

Attachments: Re: FP&L Proposal to Increase Rates Again; Revoke FPL's charter; Reject FPL's

Unprecedented \$10 Billion Rate Hike – Protect Florida Families; Reject FPL's

Unprecedented \$10 Billion Rate Hike – Protect Florida Families

Good Morning:

Please place this email in Docket #20250011.

Thanks.

Betty A. Leland, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Art Graham Florida Public Service Commission bleland@psc.state.fl.us (850) 413-6024

From: Don P <donaldpowell2011@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 2:13 PM

To: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner

Fay; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith

Subject: Re: FP&L Proposal to Increase Rates Again

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Commissioners:

I understand FPL submitted a proposal to increase rates by over \$9 billion, which apparently is the largest rate hike request in United States history. If you approve their request, you will be forcing me to pay at least \$200 more annually on my electric bill and I am hearing it could be even more.

Electric bills have been rising for as long as I can remember. The state of Florida incentivized me to go solar, which I did. My service rate started at around \$8.00/ month and just a couple seasons later it is now over \$27 dollars/ month.

We chose to not use a battery backup because I think they are still too dangerous. As a result, I am stuck with net-metering and your approval of FPL's proposal will once again affect my bill.

We typically shut off the A/C in October and by the end of April we were able to bank enough Kilowatt hours to get through the hot summer and early fall when the A/C was turned on. When you let FPL pay me back for unused Kilowatts at the end of each year it really affected my net-metering as I get pennies on the dollar given back to me for what I saved in October November and December and now I have to keep my A/C off through most of May to have barely enough to get through the summer while paying more and more and more.

I am telling you these things because the decisions you make truly affect me and other solar farmers let alone the people who chose not to go solar. Quite frankly it is really unfair as again if you approve FPLs proposal like you have done all the other times, FP&L will have all the incentive to continue raising rates while you penalize me and other Floridians. There is no win win in this scenario! FP&L is the only winner!

I truly hope you gain insight from reading my comments about how the decisions you make affect me and other Floridians you serve?

Thank,
Donald Powell
Merrit Island Florida
412-605-4307

From: Don P

Sent: Friday, June 17, 2022 3:27 PM

To: Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>;

Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us>; Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us>; Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>;

Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us < Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us >

Subject: FP&L Base Rate Increase

The Florida Utility commission, which you are a part of recently approved an increase from \$8.99 to \$25 as a base fee on top of the previous \$17 dollar rate increase over the next five years for power generated by FP&L.

My problem is that the sole reason I opted to go solar was to avoid the rising cost from you approving FPL rate hikes. Per the FPL news release October 26, 2021 this increase directly supports the largest solar buildout in the United States, including 16 million solar panels across more than 50 new sites

http://newsroom.fpl.com/2021-10-26-PSC-unanimously-approves-FPLs-four-year-rate-settlement-agreement,-keeping-bills-low-and-accelerating-U-S-s-largest-solar-buildout.

You are allowing FP&L to charge Floridians so they can build solar farms to mitigate their rising costs. Every time you approve a base rate increase you are penalizing me and other solar farms for wanting to mitigate electrical costs. Net-metering is fare for both FP&L and the solar user. It is not like FP&L sends me a check each month. My unused power is banked during lower power months so I can offset the higher costs during higher power months. Continuing to Increase the base rate every time FP&L whines eliminates the power offset gained during lower power months all the while FP&L will have the all the incentive to continue building their solar farms on the backs of taxpayers. There is no win win in this scenario! FP&L is the only winner!

At what point are you going to start making better decisions for the Floridians you serve?

Thanks, Donald Powell Merritt Island Florida 412-605-4307

From:	Valerie Narr < valnarr@icloud.com >
Sent:	Sunday, May 18, 2025 11:05 AM
То:	Office of Commissioner Graham
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Subject: Revoke FPL's charter

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Dear Commissioner Graham,

I'm writing to urge you to begin an immediate investigation into Florida Power and Light in order to determine whether its charter to operate in the state of Florida should be revoked. As you are surely aware, FPL CEO Eric Silagy stepped down suddenly after highly credible allegations of campaign finance violations, media manipulation, and the surveillance of critical journalists:

https://www.npr.org/2023/01/25/1151453870/fpl-florida-power-ceo-eric-silagy

To call this behavior un-democratic would be a massive understatement. FPL, it seems clear, is more than willing to violate the public trust, game the political system, and do anything and everything to increase its profits - all on the dime of ratepayers who have no choice but to pay them for their power.

A company so blatantly working against the public interest can no longer be allowed to do business in Florida. Please take swift and sweeping action to investigate FPL and determine whether it is necessary to revoke their charter, as clearly seems to be the case.

Sincerely,

Valerie Narr

Oldsmar, Florida

From: jessicalombeyda@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessica Lombeyda

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Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 11:35 AM **To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

Subject: Reject FPL's Unprecedented \$10 Billion Rate Hike – Protect Florida Families

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Dear Florida Public Service Commissioner Art Graham,

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject Florida Power and Light's (FPL) proposed \$10 billion rate hike—the largest in U.S. history. Approving this increase would be a devastating blow to Florida families, many of whom are already struggling with rising living costs. This past year, this Commission has already failed residents by allowing TECO's rate hikes, and we cannot afford another reckless decision that prioritizes corporate profits over public well-being. Electricity is not a luxury—it is a life-saving necessity in Florida. With extreme heat, hurricanes, and severe weather events, access to affordable power is essential for survival. A rate increase of this magnitude would force seniors, low-income families, and working-class residents to choose between paying their electric bills and affording food, rent, or medical care. No one should have to make such impossible choices just to keep the lights on.

Beyond the financial hardship, this increase also carries serious environmental consequences. Instead of investing in clean, affordable renewable energy, FPL continues to expand its reliance on fossil fuels, worsening extreme weather patterns and increasing pollution. These impacts disproportionately harm low-income communities and communities of color, who already experience higher energy burdens and environmental health risks. If FPL truly needed more funding, it should focus on sustainable energy solutions, not passing costs onto struggling residents.

The Florida Public Service Commission has a responsibility to serve the public, not corporate monopolies. FPL is a monopoly, meaning Floridians have no choice but to pay whatever rates are approved. If this rate hike is allowed, it will set a dangerous precedent, opening the door for further unchecked increases that will push even more families into a financial crisis.

I urge you to reject this historic \$10 billion rate hike and stand with the people of Florida. The residents of this state deserve fair and affordable electricity—not price gouging from utility giants.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jessica Lombeyda

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From: ccbestard@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carolina Bestard

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Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 12:31 PM **To:** Office of Commissioner Graham

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Sincerely, Mrs. Carolina Bestard 8755 SW 21st Ter Miami, FL 33165-8213 ccbestard@gmail.com