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# **Nickalus Holmes**

From: Hannah Barker

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025 11:20 AM **To:** Commissioner Correspondence

**Subject:** Docket Correspondence

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

FPL's Rate Hike – Hold In-District Hearings for Public Input; Reject FPL's Rate Hike – Hold In-District Hearings for Public Input; FPL petition for increase and solar mandate

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20250011. Thank you!

#### Hannah E. Branum

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**SERVICE COMMISSION** 

From: rimskyr4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rimsky Richard < rimskyr4

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025 12:21 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark

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

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Dear Florida Public Service Commissioner Gary Clark,

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, Mr. Rimsky Richard 21150 N Miami Ave Miami, FL 33169-2212 rimskyr4@gmail.com

From: alizaalegria@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ALEGRIA BENSIMON

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025 5:35 PM **To:** Office of Commissioner Clark

**Subject:** Reject FPL's Rate Hike – Hold In-District Hearings for Public Input

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Dear Commissioner Gary Clark,

Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No.20250011 -EI

Petition by Florida Power & Light Company for Base Rate Increase

I am writing to formally request that The Commission hold in-district hearings regarding Docket No. 20250011 (Petition for Rate Increase by Florida Power & Light Company) to ensure that the public has a fair opportunity to weigh in on this critical decision.

Some FPL customers have already seen their bills increase by 60% in the last five years, and now the company is asking to increase rates by almost \$9 billion over the next five years, all while Floridians struggle to afford basic necessities. FPL is ranked 52 out of 53 by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy of utilities nationwide in terms of helping customers reduce power bills with efficiency and conservation programs. Approving this rate hike would only reward corporate greed at the expense of millions of hard-working Floridians.

I urge you to reject this request to ensure that consumers, not corporate profits, remain your priority. Holding in-district hearings will allow impacted residents to voice their concerns and hold FPL accountable. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
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From: joleenkoehly@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joleen Koehly

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025 5:01 PM **To:** Office of Commissioner Clark

**Subject:** Reject FPL's Rate Hike – Hold In-District Hearings for Public Input

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Dear Commissioner Gary Clark,

Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No.20250011 -EI

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Sincerely,
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From: margit moore <margitmoore2016@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, May 24, 2025 5:11 PM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark;

Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith

**Subject:** FPL petition for increase and solar mandate

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# Greetings:

This email is regarding the first letter that FPL has sent to homeowners in May regarding its petition in February for a four year increase.

Every year this conglomerate company has territories and no competition, and gets the increases from the board every year. They try to justify it and do the expensive studies to prove the need. Excessive salary pay and this provider is on the stock market having to bow to shareholders. I do not agree with the increase and they must be more cost effective and less administrative heavy. There could be 4 zone administrators for this CEO pay benefits and stocks.

This reminds me of the game monopoly. Now the mandate by the state of Florida that all solar panel owners must submit to FPL???? Who is in control of the government or the people?

Also, late fees, restarting fees, now with digital meters at times I monitored mine and it was very off. the control of this company to increase the rates(with the board), turn on and off electricity. Also, WE were being charged still when the hurricane hit and there was no electric yet, the days that the electric was off there was still a charge for those days.

All of this needs to be investigated and exposed as with other departments. affordability, and cost effectiveness, and independent homeowners not having to pay at all for solar or give back to FPL the excess. The fear is that with solar FPL will not make the profits it used to make and feed this massive conglomerate company.

Yes, accountability is so needed and monitoring of the board and its connections to fPL executives and board of directors.

Next energy and FPL are hiring people from India at a large rate and not giving the work to our people or educating the staff and promoting them.

This company can do better and lower costs. the general Florida public will be very upset if this petition passes.

Electricity is a right not a privilege??????

Other countries pay way less than we do for a kilowatt.

why? This reminds me of the big pharma companies. We want complete transparency to the allocation of costs to the public, transparency of the budget and the financials and general ledgers.

Transparency is a must.

Regards,

Margaret

CC: washington administration