

Tristan Davis

From: Tristan Davis on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 2:05 PM
To: 'Brooke Ward'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20250011

Good Afternoon,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250011, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you!

Tristan Davis
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From: Brooke Ward <bward@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 1:35 PM
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Subject: Docket #20250011

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To Whom It May Concern -

On Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Food & Water Watch submitted an elected official sign on letter opposing the FPL rate hike proposal. Earlier this week, Charlotte County Commissioner Bill Truex responded to that letter submission with concern about his name being on the letter. We immediately contacted his office to address the concern.

On Tuesday, October 21, 2025, I spoke with Diane Whidden, Commissioner Truex's Professional Assistant. Food & Water Watch had several recorded email exchanges (7/23/25, 8/15/25, 9/11/25, 10/1/25) and one phone call (8/15/25) with Commissioner Truex's office between 7/23/25 and 10/1/25. Ms. Whidden confirmed that she also had a record of these communications.

On the 8/15/25 phone call, Ms. Whidden told a Florida staffer that she would bring the sign on letter request to Commissioner Truex's attention. On October 1, 2025, at 9:26 am, we sent a follow-up email to Commissioner

Truex at Bill.Truex@CharlotteCountyFL.gov (email attached). At 10:40 am that same morning, we received a timestamped response to the sign on letter request with Commissioner Truex's name, elected office, phone number and email address confirming the addition of his name to the letter opposing FPL's rate hike. Ms. Whidden confirmed they received the email October 1, 2025, and that the information on our timestamped form was accurate, but she said that, to her knowledge, no one in their office had completed the form or authorized the sign on. She also confirmed that only she and Commissioner Truex have access to his email account. I assured Ms. Whidden that we would file an amended letter with Commissioner Truex's name removed, given their position regarding the letter.

I also inquired with Ms. Whidden about the "one other Commissioner" mentioned in Commissioner Truex's email to the PSC. She said that she did not have the name of the commissioner. I asked her to contact me if they were able to identify who Commissioner Truex was referring to, and let Ms. Whidden know that we would readily provide an amended letter removing the alleged commissioner, if we were so notified. We have not received any further communication on the matter.

Please accept the amended sign on letter (below) from 29 Florida elected officials opposing Florida Power & Light's requested rate increase, removing Commissioner Truex's name, but adding State Representative Daryl Campbell and Oakland Park City Commissioner Aisha Gordon who have both signed on since the originally filed letter.

Please feel free to reach out to Food & Water Watch directly with any questions on the letter.

Best,
Brooke Ward
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Florida Elected Officials Oppose FP&L's \$10 Billion Rate Hike Request

Dear Governor DeSantis and the Florida Public Service Commissioners,

We, the undersigned elected officials, write to urge **the rejection of Florida Power and Light's (FP&L) proposed nearly \$10 billion rate increase — the largest in US history**. This is coming at a time when many of our communities are still recovering from the economic hardships related to inflation and the devastating storms that have pummeled our state. Our communities can't afford the burden of additional unfair utility rate increases.

Specifically, we ask the Governor and the Florida PSC to oppose:

- Long-term rate hikes that lack a fully transparent, cost-effective, and data-driven plan focused on safe and reliable energy at fair and reasonable prices;
- A return on equity well above the national average, pulling higher profits from Floridians to benefit shareholders. FP&L's current request would yield a return on equity of 11.9% — well above the national industry average of 9.6%; and,
- Continued investments in costly methane gas infrastructure, which locks customers into volatile fuel costs instead of transitioning to a diversified energy mix that would enhance energy security and long-term cost-savings.

[Our PSC Commissioners are charged with balancing the needs of the utility with the needs of consumers](#). FP&L's proposal, however, prioritizes widening profit margins without considering the millions of Florida families, seniors, and small businesses struggling with rising bills. The state Office of Public Counsel, in fact, [recently filed expert testimony that only \\$105.6 million of FPL's \\$9.8 billion request is justifiable](#). Floridians deserve better. The PSC is charged with ensuring **safe, reliable, and affordable utility service** — not supporting unchecked corporate profits for a monopoly utility (Ch. 366, F.S.). In order to protect our

communities and ensure long-term energy resilience, we urge you to act in the best interest of Floridians and reject FP&L's rate hike request.

Signed,

Senate Minority Leader Lori Berman - District 26
State Senator Carlos Guillermo Smith - District 17
State Representative Anna V. Eskamani - District 42
State Representative Rita Harris - District 44
State Representative Lindsay Cross - District 60
State Representative Daryl Campbell - District 99
State Representative Dotie Joseph - District 108
Broward County Commissioner Hazelle Rogers - District 9
Collier County Commissioner Chris Hall - District 2
Collier County Commissioner Burt Saunders - District 3
Escambia County Commissioner Lumon J. May - District 3
Orange County Commissioner Kelly Semrad - District 4
Mayor of Fort Lauderdale Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor of Punta Gorda Deborah Lux
Vice Mayor of Coral Springs Nancy Metayer Bowen
Vice Mayor of Fort Lauderdale John Herbst
Vice Mayor of Oakland Park Steven Arnst
Cinco Bayou City Council Laura Driver
Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner Steven Glassman - District 2
Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner Pamela S. Beasley-Pittman - District 3
Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner Ben Sorensen - District 4
Hollywood City Commissioner Idelma Quintana - District 6
Miami Beach City Commissioner Laura Dominguez
Miami Garden City Councilperson Dr. Michelle Powell
Milton City Council & Mayor Pro Tem Marilyn Farrow
Oakland Park City Commissioner Aisha Gordon
Oakland Park City Commissioner Fitz Budhoo
Punta Gorda City Councilperson Jeannine Polk - District 1
Punta Gorda City Councilperson Janis Denton - District 4

Tristan Davis

From: Solemi Hernandez <shernandez@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 5:29 PM
To: Brooke Ward
Subject: FW: TIME SENSITIVE: Sign-On Letter Opposing FPL's \$10B Rate

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Solemi Hernandez
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Fight like you live here.

From: Solemi Hernandez <shernandez@fwwatch.org>
Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 9:26 AM
To: Bill.Truex@CharlotteCountyFL.gov <Bill.Truex@CharlotteCountyFL.gov>
Subject: TIME SENSITIVE: Sign-On Letter Opposing FPL's \$10B Rate

Dear Bill Truex,

I hope this email finds you well.

This is one of multiple attempts to reach your office and learn your position on **opposing FPL's proposed \$10 billion rate hike**. The time window is closing before the **Public Service Commission** makes its decision. The **technical hearings will take place October 6–17**, which is why we are reaching out with such urgency.

Florida Power & Light has filed for the largest utility rate hike in U.S. history—nearly \$10 billion. This comes at a time when Floridians are still recovering from extreme weather events and already facing rising living costs. Another increase would place an even greater burden on households already struggling to make ends meet.

Food & Water Watch has been leading the charge in fighting these rate hikes. As the Public Service Commission moves toward a decision in the coming months, it is critical that elected officials **speak out against this increase** and advocate for **greater utility accountability and more affordable energy solutions**.

I am also including a recent [article highlighting a report from the Office of Public Counsel](#), which argues that **FPL should actually receive a rate decrease, not an increase**.

Here is a **sign-on letter** for elected officials opposing FPL's rate hike:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedZO61ScCKJ5eJpj-61BXfE8ROAIvv3-42N-U4764UcOZ3w/viewform>

Please get back to me as soon as possible with your position on this matter. I hope you will join a **bipartisan cohort of 27 other elected officials** at all levels of government who have already signed on. We also recently **passed a resolution unanimously in Collier County**, where I live.

People need affordable energy, and when our elected officials stand with their constituents, we have a better chance of being heard.

Gracias for your consideration.

With gratitude,

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Solemi Hernandez

FWW Florida Organizer

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