

Brandy Butler

From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:48 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Diane Hood
Subject: FW: To CLK Docket 20170007
Attachments: SPAM opposed to FPL billing customers to pay for leaking Turkey Point canals; Fwd deadline tomorrow Dec 12 - case docket # 20170007- FPL should not bill customers to pay for leaking Turkey Point canals; case docket # 20170007- FPL should not bill customers to pay for leaking Turkey Point canals; Turkey Point canals; Leak; Opposition to Consumers Paying for FPL's Negligence; Opposed to FPL billing customers to pay for leaking Turkey Point canals; E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER 125420; Approval for 3rd FPL rate hike

Customer correspondence

From: Diane Hood
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:05 AM
To: Ruth McHargue
Subject: To CLK Docket 20170007

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From: SRTroner <srtroner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 11:09 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: ****SPAM**** opposed to FPL billing customers to pay for leaking Turkey Point canals

Good evening -

I am opposed to any action that would have customers in Florida pay for leaking Turkey Point canals or any similar cost for that matter. For decades, FPL has reaped the financial rewards of being a monopoly power company in Miami-Dade County where the Turkey Point reactors and canals are located.

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Thank you,

Susannah Troner
resident, Miami-Dade County

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From: K <moondancekc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 8:23 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Fwd: deadline tomorrow Dec 12 - case docket # 20170007- FPL should not bill customers to pay for leaking Turkey Point canals

Good morning..

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Thank you,

Karen Cockcroft
St. John's county

To make a comment, email the Public Service Commission at contact@psc.state.fl.us or send a letter to 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL, 32399. The case docket number is 20170007.

Should customers pay \$200 million to clean up Turkey Point? Now's your chance to speak up
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The public has until Dec. 12 to weigh in on whether Florida Power & Light should pass the \$200 million clean-up tab for fixing leaking canals at Turkey Point on to customers.

The trouble-prone canals that help cool two aging reactors at the plant have been at the center of a years-long dispute over a growing saltwater plume threatening to contaminate drinking supplies and Biscayne Bay. FPL long denied being the source, but last year Miami-Dade County regulators found elevated levels of tritium, a radioactive tracer used to trace water, in the bay and nearby monitoring wells. Weeks later, the state ordered the utility to clean up the canals and stop the leaks.

Initially, the utility said flushing canal water into an injection well and pumping in fresher water would cost \$50 million the first year. But that cost ballooned as clean-up efforts expanded, according to Mike Sole, FPL's vice president.

The plan has also drawn criticism from solar advocates and environmentalists, who have sued the utility in federal court, saying it fails to prevent future damage.

"FPL knew or should have known as early as 1978 that the operation of the cooling canals at the Turkey Point plant south of Miami was creating a hyper-saline plume that was polluting the Biscayne Aquifer — the drinking water resource for South Florida," the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy said in a statement.

photo: foamy cooling canals
County environmental regulators confirmed last year that canals at Turkey Point that circulate water outside two aging reactors to help cool them have grown increasingly salty, spreading an underground plume of saltwater that threatens drinking water supplies and pollutes Biscayne Bay. MARICE COHN BAND MIAMI HERALD STAFF

The group, along with Tropical Audubon and Friends of the Everglades, sued the utility for violating the Clean Water Act and have asked a judge to order FPL to pay for violations dating back to 2010 that could amount to \$76 million. Last week, a judge denied FPL's attempt to dismiss the case.

Turkey Point's salt problem explained

Engineer Ed Swakon created this video model of an expanding saltwater plume near Turkey Point using data collected from groundwater sampling. Swakon, who was hired by Atlantic Civil, a rock mining company that has sued FPL, depicted what the underground salt front looked like over time and expanded as conditions in the canals grew saltier.

FPL has said problems in the canal were identified only after the utility and state expanded monitoring efforts in 2010 and said in its response to the Public Service Commission that state law allowed it to bill customers. If any mistake was made in monitoring the canals that allowed them to leak, it was essentially the state's fault, the utility argued.

However, the Office of Public Counsel, which represents citizens in the matter, has argued the utility's 1972 federal permit to operate the canals makes clear that FPL bears the responsibility for making sure the canals work properly.

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From: Susan Markley <smarism@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: case docket # 20170007- FPL should not bill customers to pay for leaking Turkey Point canals

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on issues related to FPL and the Turkey Point plant cooling canal system. I am strongly opposed to FPL's request to pass the cost of cleaning up the canals and complying with state and local health and environment regulations to rate payers.

Utility customers have no option to obtain electric service from another provider. FPL's shareholders do have an option to invest elsewhere should profits not meet their expectations. FPL has been aware of the problem at Turkey Point for a very long time, and expansion there likely has exacerbated it. Penalties or costs of remediation associated with violations are intended discourage poor planning or noncompliance, as well as protect public health and natural resources. This cost should come out of profits, not simply be passed to consumers.

Susan Markley
Palmetto Bay, FL 33158

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Brandy Butler

From: coonit@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Turkey Point canals

To whom it may concern,

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Passing along costs to customers is unconscionable - wrong. We will not stand for the abuse of the working people in order to protect FPL from their responsibilities.

Sincerely
Leigh Emerson Smith & family
S Miami
33143

Brandy Butler

From: EDWARD GELBER <eljefe2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Cc: Michael Troner; Laura Gelber
Subject: Leak

"If you break it, you own it." Simple but true. How does FPL feel special enough to pass their error along to the public? If the PSC allows this I hope it is accompanied by a detailed explanation. In my 30 years as a surgeon I knew that I owned my mistakes and the reality is that they will occur.

Sent from my iPhone
Ed Gelber, MD

Brandy Butler

From: beiderzee@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Opposition to Consumers Paying for FPL's Negligence

The consumers in Florida should not have to pay for FP&L's negligence. I wish to express my opposition to anyone other than FP&L paying for the canal leakage at Turkey Point. You are charged with regulating services provided in Florida in order to protect our residents from being gouged, particularly by monopolistic companies. Please do your job and hold FP&L exclusively responsible for their negligence and hold them liable for their own clean-up.

Sincerely,
Laura Jean Goss
Miami, Florida

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

Brandy Butler

From: Marina Barrientos <marinabarrientos26@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Opposed to FPL billing customers to pay for leaking Turkey Point canals

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Thank you,

Marina Barrientos
resident, Cutler Bay

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From: consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 9:20 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER: 125420

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: Kevin Mackey
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Email: Kevinmac@bellsouth.net
Address: 31 Cedar Circle Boynton Beach FL 33436

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Account Name: Kevin Mackey
Account Number:
Address: 31 Cedar Circle Boynton Beach FL 33436

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Complaint: Other Complaint against Florida Power & Light Company

Details:

Just learned FPLI customers are being subjected to charges to clean up the Turkey Point canal! Customers are now being hostage for a company error, of which FPL knew about.

The commission just set another precedence that a company will not be held accountable for their errors, instead customers are to be held accountable!

This is a total disregard for customers and clearly show the commission favors big company over customer who have no choice!

Your demonstration of this along with other rulings in the past demonstrates that this commission is not there to protect users but to favor companies even when they are responsible!

This is totally unacceptable!

Brandy Butler

From: Carol Jones <cjones04046@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Approval for 3rd FPL rate hike

I just heard on the news that a 3rd rate hike was approved this year for FPL. I have to say they did a wonderful job restoring power after hurricanes Matthew and Irma. I'm sure both storms cost the company money and necessitated rate hikes. They stated on the news that this latest rate hike was for environmental cleanup if I understood correctly. Is this only a temporary rate hike until the clean up is complete? Do they offer any assistance for low income people? Is the "Sunshine" state of Florida looking into alternative energy such as solar and wind? It was stated on the news that FPL rates are some of the lowest in the country. I'd like to point out that Central Florida has some of the lowest wages. I have lived in many areas in the country and I am able to compare.

Sincerely,
Carol Jones