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My electric service is provided by FPL at the above address. My thoughts relate to docket number 202000092-E1.

The Storm Protection Plans are too expensive for consumers--retired and otherwise and don't do enough to significantly improve power restoration or service improvement. Perhaps the involved utilities should begin their own program of burying or strengthening or securing lines able to weather storms. But these efforts should be funded from internal cashflow-not substantial rate increases benefiting only a small number of customers.

Buried lines come with their own set of maintenance and repair problems. They are susceptible to conduit or piping failing, animals and people digging, flooding, insects. And these lines will require x-ray or radar equipment to determine where any problems are located. Additional new testing and locating equipment will be required. And there will be personnel and maintenance costs associated with the small percentage of new buried lines.

All in all, this is an overkill solution with a cost we can't afford. Please revisit these plans for a better, less taxpayer cost.

Sincerely,


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