

Brian Schultz

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 3:59 PM
To: 'Janet Castaneda'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Stop Rubber Stamping FPL Requests!

Good Afternoon,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20210015-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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From: jancastaneda=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io <jancastaneda=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io> **On Behalf Of** Janet Castaneda
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 2:58 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Stop Rubber Stamping FPL Requests!

Dear Commissioner

Florida Power & Light is asking for the largest single rate hike in Florida history at a time when consumers are facing an increased cost of goods and services as we recover from the economic downturn caused by COVID-19. Increasing the cost of electricity is something you, the Public Service Commission, have a fiduciary duty to the constituents of Florida to control.

Due to COVID-19 my husband and I lost our business, but because of our age (65 and 64), we have not found work (yes, age discrimination does exist but I digress), much less comparable work to our expertise. To add injury to insult, the Florida Insurance Commissioner permitted our property insurance company to cancel our insurance along with more than 13,000 other Florida policies right before the Hurricane season without any input from us or even a requirement that the canceling insurance company find a substitute insurance company to protect its constituents. (We have never filed a property claim and

have a roof in good shape but apparently that doesn't matter; (again, I digress).

As we scramble to find replacement property insurance at a significantly higher price, we now learn that FPL is urging you to approve an 11.5% ROI. Really? We, as well as others in the middle class, simply cannot sustain survivability with increases to food, gas, insurance and now, electricity and look to you to protect us from the greed being exhibiting by FPL's request.

It is simply unconscionable to think that we should have to pay more for our electric service at a time like this. Rubber stamping an all-time high return on equity of 11.5 percent goes against helping struggling Floridians. Putting people over profits should come first and we ask for your help.

Now is not the time to give FPL what it wants; let's keep the public in Public Service Commission!

Thank you,

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