

Brian Schultz

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 9:23 AM
To: 'Eric Schmitt'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Please say no to FPL's request for such a substantial rate increase

Good Morning,

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: ekschmitt@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io <ekschmitt@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io> **On Behalf Of** Eric Schmitt
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Please say no to FPL's request for such a substantial rate increase

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, can control.

It is 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.

This significant request for a rate increase is especially troubling in light of FPL's current advertising campaign bragging about how they keep the costs to their customers down. It is also bad timing when most Florida homeowners are paying skyrocketing premium costs for their homeowners insurance and are seeing so many other post-pandemic cost increases. I

would ask that at the very least you temper this latest rate increase request.

Thank you,

Eric Schmitt
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