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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 20210015-EI - Petition for rate increase by Florida Power Light & Company.

Dear Mr. Teitzman,

On behalf of Intervenor Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, Inc., I have enclosed the testimony of Linda J. Wilson. Please file these documents in Docket No. 20210015-EI. Please contact me if there are any questions regarding this filing.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase)
by Florida Power & Light) **DOCKET NO. 20210015-EI**
Company)

DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF LINDA J. WILSON
ON BEHALF OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONFEDERATION
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

June 21, 2021

1 **Q. Please state your name.**

2 A. Linda J. Wilson.

3 **Q. Where do you live?**

4 A. I live at 6205 Marcum Street, Englewood, FL 34224.

5 **Q. What organization are you a member of?**

6 A. The Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida.

7 **Q. How long have you been a member?**

8 A. I have been a member for about 25 years.

9 **Q. What is your source of income?**

10 A. I receive Social Security retirement benefits.

11 **Q. Are you a customer of FPL? If so, for how long?**

12 A. Yes. I have been a customer for 36 years.

13 **Q. What do you think of FPL?**

14 A. I understand that FPL is a business trying to make money, but it also provides a necessary
15 service. Therefore, FPL should not be charging its customers more for fossil-fuel generation
16 that is not necessary because this type of energy production significantly contributes to
17 climate change. FPL should be using cleaner forms of energy generation. It should be
18 installing solar on houses instead of building new gas plants.

19 **Q. How much does your FPL bill usually cost each month?**

20 A. My bill is about \$20 in the winter and \$50 in the summer.

21 **Q. Based on information provided by FPL, the base rate for electricity is projected to
22 increase by about 20%. How would this rate increase impact you?**

23 A. Because I receive a fixed and limited income, the rate increase would seriously impact my
24 financial situation by decreasing my disposable income, which I use to purchase other
25 necessities, such as groceries. Additionally, I just received notice that soon my water bill will

1 increase and my house insurance premium will double, meaning that I will have even less
2 disposable income in the near future than I do now. To keep my energy use and electricity
3 bill low, I do not turn on the air conditioning unless it is necessary. I also do not have a pool
4 or a clothes dryer. It would be a financial burden to pay 20% more for a good (electricity)
5 that I minimally consume.

6 **Q. As a Floridian, are you concerned about climate change?**

7 A. Yes. Climate change is negatively affecting things I care about. For example, the rising
8 sea level and warming of Gulf waters are impacting sea turtles, which I often monitor as a
9 member of an organization that protects such animals. Sea level rise is likely to wash away
10 the beaches where these turtles have laid eggs for thousands of years, further impacting their
11 ability to survive. Climate change also poses a threat to my own safety because I live in an
12 area at risk of wildfires, and hotter temperatures and increased droughts from climate change
13 will cause worse fires, more often.

14 **Q: Based on information provided by FPL, part of this rate increase will pay for new or**
15 **upgraded methane gas power plants. Do you believe this will have an impact on the**
16 **climate?**

17 A. Yes. FPL should no longer invest in fossil-fuel generation. It should focus
18 on using cleaner, renewable forms of energy to provide electricity.

19 **Q: In light of that, how do you feel about contributing your own money to those**
20 **projects, through your FPL bill?**

21 A. I don't want one cent of my money to go toward the construction of more gas plants that
22 will emit greenhouse gases and further contribute to climate change.

23 **Q. What is the mission of your organization?**

24 A. ECOSWF aims to protect Southwest Florida's natural resources, such as water and air,
25 and the quality of life of Floridians.

1 **Q. How is the purpose of your organization being served by participating in this**
2 **proceeding?**

3 A. ECOSWF is participating in this proceeding so that FPL does not invest in more
4 unnecessary fossil-fuel generation and increase our bills to make such investments.

5 Greenhouse gases produced from burning fossil fuels contribute to climate change, which is
6 already negatively affecting the environment of Southwest Florida.

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