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**From:** Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 10:22 AM  
**To:** 'William Replane'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: FPL'S PROPOSED RATE HIKE

Good Morning, Mr. Replane.

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

Thank you!

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From: William Replane <williamreplane@yahoo.com>  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I moved to Florida 25 1/2 years ago from Maryland. I am a retired High school science teacher. I am 87 years old, relying on Social Security and Retirement checks, and my wife's Social Security checks. Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is really a BIG JOKE because the most we get are 3% increases annually in COLA. And in the last 25 years there were 2 times when the COLA equaled 0%!!

Gasoline is now \$3.00, or more per gallon, prices in Publix and other supermarkets have risen for the last few years, but not as much as the Social Security checks.

What our Congressmen have done to the amount of funds in the SS cash box has put Social Security in dire peril. Also, my retirement funds have been following the SS COLA, so that has been less than the actual Cost of Living increases for the last 25+ years.

Bottom line here is that my income has not been following the rise in the Cost of Living, and I really do not know if, and how, I will be able to afford a 20% increase in my electric bill IF FPL is successful in getting that 20% increase for us living in the south of Florida.

I am absolutely positive that I am NOT the only one with these fears. Why should residents of Southern Florida be assessed for 20% increase in electric fees that will be used in the Panhandle ??

The 2nd BIG problem I am angry about is FPL proposing to use Fossil fuels to generate the "new" electricity. As much as they have switched to solar farms here in South FL, WHY GO BACK TO FOSSIL FUELS, in the face of climate change that is so close to causing damage to the coastal areas of the state south of Interstate Route 4 to Key West ??

Governor De Santis absolutely NEEDS to get involved in the absurdity of what FPL is proposing to do about raising electric fees here in the South for what is being improved for the Panhandle. If I cannot afford to pay the future electric bills, will I be forced to go back to Maryland and cold winters ? My goodness, I hope not !!

We need some legislative help to STOP this proposed 20% increase in electric fees that FPL is probably proposing for South Florida.

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