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**From:** Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 1:32 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: Reject FPL's harmful rate hikes and increase renewable energy

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From: pedro\_monteiro@everyactioncustom.com [mailto:pedro\_monteiro@everyactioncustom.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 3:56 PM  
To: Office of Commissioner Fay  
Subject: Reject FPL's harmful rate hikes and increase renewable energy

Dear Commissioner Andrew Giles Fay,

As an FPL customer, I urge you to reject FPL's proposed rate increases.

Florida families are still recovering from the economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, FPL disconnected more than 550,000 homes from power due to late payment since the fall, even as it increased its own profits by 10% last year.

It is not in my best interest to be paying for fossil fuel plants that FPL wants to run for the next fifty years - when FPL should be committing to a rapid transition to a 100% clean energy system.

Florida is already feeling increasing impacts of climate change, including stronger hurricanes, sea level rise, and flooding. FPL's burning of fossil fuels will only contribute to these problems.

It will not serve the public to charge us over \$10 billion for purported grid "investments" (over \$900 per customer!) that will only deliver a couple of minutes of improved reliability every year.

FPL's plan ignores the most cost effective resource - energy efficiency - at every step of its plan, instead choosing to expose us to even more risks due to rising energy costs.

FPL doesn't propose a single new program or protection for its most vulnerable customers, in contrast to other utilities that are implementing new disconnection safeguards, efficiency offerings and programs to help customers access clean energy to lower bills and become more energy resilient.

Please reject FPL's new proposed gas plants, require the Company to give real consideration to energy efficiency programs in all of its planning decisions, and move Florida toward a more equitable and resilient energy grid with much greater renewable energy production. Please reassign energy efficiency programs to a non-profit that has a track record of achieving greater energy savings.

When considering FLP's proposal, I urge you to prioritize the needs of Floridians — particularly our most vulnerable communities — and Florida's ecosystems, and reject these needless rate increases.

Sincerely,

Pedro Monteiro

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