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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent:Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:38 PMTo:Consumer CorrespondenceSubject:Docket No. 20210015

Attachments: FW PROTEST AGAINST FPL MINIMUM BASE BILL; FW PSC, FPL bills; Consumer Inquiry -

Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

See attached customer correspondence and replies for Docket No. 20210015.

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:14 PM

To: EOG-Referral

Subject: FW: PROTEST AGAINST FPL MINIMUM BASE BILL

Please find attached email received by the Governor's Office of Citizen Services. This email is forwarded to your office for review and any response or action appropriate. FYI

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

From: Yanko Estrada <yankoestrada@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 11:53 AM

To: contact@psc.state.fl.us; GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com; Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us; Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us; Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us; Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us; Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us

Subject: PROTEST AGAINST FPL MINIMUM BASE BILL

Hello PSC and commissioners:

I power my house with solar panels and I recently noticed that there is a new charge of \$25 that was approved by the FL PSC commissioners. I want to protest against it.

First, because that bill is **abusive**, it is punishing solar costumers for been green and saving energy.

Solar systems cost a lot of money and there is no real return until after 8-10 years, we do it to help the planet, to educate our kids on protecting earth and saving the planet one action at a time so there is no financial gain on being solar.

Second, those \$25 minimum base bill are not for every customer so it is **discriminatory**. If it is because they cannot afford solar systems, there are many loans for solar systems. This additional bill is unfair and shows a prejudicial distinction between solar and non-solar customers.

Third, it is **hypocrite** that the state of FL (and the whole world) is calling for natural resource conservation and PSC is passing a bill that is taking a step back on that. It is contradicting the sustainable initiatives program the state is promoting.

I PROTEST AGAINST THE FPL MINIMUM BASE BILL!

Yanko Estrada 10821 NE 10th Ave Biscayne Park, FL 33161

FPL ID-08430-25511

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:17 PM

To: EOG-Referral **Subject:** FW: PSC, FPL bills

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----Original Message-----

From: Barb Drndak <barb@drndak.com> Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 11:22 AM

To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: PSC, FPL bills

Dear Governor DeSantis -

I recently wrote to you regarding the step-down demise of net metering for solar electric customers, and was grateful that you vetoed it. But I just received my electric bill from FPL, and they are making up the difference by charging me a "base" electric rate of \$25 for NOT using electricity! WHAT?! I gave them back 90 Kwh this month - which they get to sell - and yet the PSC is letting them charge me for NOT using their electricity. How is that good governance? I am not a worshiper of the "green" movement, even though my husband has been in the solar business since 1979. We are practical people - but this is an affront to my ability to be self-sufficient. With my non-standard meter, plus the new base electric fee, we now pay over \$41/month for NOTHING! I don't mind supporting the grid - but to be producing "free" electricity for FPL to sell to my neighbor is immoral. Please put a stop to the end run around your decision to keep net metering. And get the PSC in check. They are a rogue group of unaccountable, unelected bureaucrats that are dictating harmful (and expensive) policies to the public - and they have no understanding of solar electric production in relationship to the electric grid.

Thank you! Sincerely, Barbara Drndak Vero Beach

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From: Shonna McCray

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:43 PM

To: 'barb@drndak.com'

Cc: Ellen Plendl

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Barbara Drndak barb@drndak.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1398389C

Dear Ms. Drndak:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email regarding Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL) minimum bill charge to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

The Florida Public Service Commission approved Florida Power & Light Company's general base rate settlement agreement in Order No. PSC-2021-0446-S-EI, issued on December 2, 2021, in Docket No. 20210015-EI. The settlement agreement was entered into by FPL and various parties representing consumers, including the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) who advocates on behalf of Florida consumers. The settlement agreement includes numerous provisions with regards to FPL's base rates through the end of 2025.

The agreement also contains a provision that will raise the minimum bill charge to \$25 for all residential and general service non-demand customers. The minimum bill provision went into effect in June 2022. FPL was to notify its customers of the new minimum bill in bill inserts 30 days prior to implementation.

The minimum monthly bill does not replace the existing customer charge; instead, FPL will only charge the minimum bill when a customer's total monthly bill does not exceed \$25, excluding any taxes or other additional charges.

FPL explained that the minimum bill provision was included in the settlement agreement to ensure that all residential and general service non-demand customers contribute towards fixed costs of maintaining the electric system, costs which exist as a result of serving even limited amounts of energy to customers. The Commission approved the settlement agreement as being in the public interest when taken as a whole, and providing a comprehensive and balanced resolution to FPL's original petition for a base rate increase that provides rate stability for FPL's customers.

We have added your concerns to our files as a protest to the FPL's Rate Case, docket 20210015.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ellen Plendl at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

Shonna McCray
Regulatory Program Administrator
Florida Public Service Commission

From: Shonna McCray

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:46 PM **To:** 'yankoestrada@hotmail.com'

Cc: Ellen Plendl

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. Yanko Estrada yankoestrada@hotmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1398390C

Dear Mr. Estrada:

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