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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent:Tuesday, July 5, 2022 12:12 PMTo:Consumer CorrespondenceSubject:Docket No. 20210015

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

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

services commission; FW FPL rate increase - NOT HAPPY!; FW FPL ; FW FPL

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

From: Shonna McCray

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:08 AM

**To:** 'ddettore@gmail.com'

Cc: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. Dennis D'Ettore ddettore@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1398914C

Dear Mr. D'Ettore:

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.

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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:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:06 AM **To:** 'sirobin171@gmail.com'

Cc: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. Rob

sirobin171@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1398912C

Dear Rob:

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.

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Regulatory Program Administrator
Florida Public Service Commission

From: Ellen Plendl

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 9:02 AM **To:** 'katvran56@yahoo.com'

**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Kathy Vrana katvran56@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1398910C

Dear Ms. Vrana:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) 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.

When a utility company files an application for a rate increase with the FPSC, it must explain the need for the requested increase. Its petition must be accompanied by minimum filing requirements (MFRs), which are schedules and reports containing the operation, financial, economic, and rate information needed by the FPSC staff to evaluate the company's revenue increase request, rate structure, and quality of service. The company's proposal and financial information are closely analyzed before a Commission decision is made.

The utility also forecasts how much money is needed to cover its expenses in the next year. This includes a proposed return on its investment in assets used to provide service to its customers (such as power plants, electric lines, or gas mains), which the utility uses to pay interest on money it borrows and to compensate investors. The utility must also propose the classes of customers that will pay for the increase, usually categorized as residential, commercial, and industrial.

The utility application, the technical hearing and service hearing testimony and exhibits become part of the case record that Commissioners use to make decisions about the case.

The Commissioners review the information, based on the record, and make their decisions about the case in an open meeting through a written "order."

After the FPSC's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider its decision on the issues. After the reconsideration, the Public Counsel, the utility, or any other party involved in the proceeding may appeal the Commission's decision to the Florida Supreme Court.

On October 26, 2021 the FPSC approved a four-year rate settlement for FPL, reflecting an almost 40 percent reduction in its original rate revenue request for 2022. Parties to the settlement, filed on August 9, 2021, include the Office of Public Counsel, representing customers, the Florida Retail Federation; the Florida Industrial Power Users Group; and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

As part of the evaluation process for FPL's rate request, the FPSC conducted 12 virtual service hearings in June and July to allow feedback from FPL and Gulf customers about utility service and the rate-setting process.

The settlement agreement reduces FPL's original revenue petition from \$1.1 billion to \$692 million in 2022 and from \$605 million to \$560 million in 2023. The utility's proposed return on equity midpoint was reduced from 11.5 to 10.6 percent.

You may review all the information filed for Commission consideration in docket 20210015 by accessing the FPSC website at http://www.floridapsc.com. Under the Clerk's Office tab at the top of the page, click on Dockets. Type in the docket number 20210015. Click the Search button. Then select Document Filings Index for a list of all filings in the docket. This procedure allows you to view all of the information filed by the utility and other parties in the docket.

We will add your feedback to Docket No. 20210015, regarding FPL's petition.

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

Sincerely,

Ellen Plendl
Regulatory Consultant
Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach
1-800-342-3552 (phone)
1-800-511-0809 (fax)

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 8:57 AM

**To:** EOG-Referral

**Subject:** FW: public services commission

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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

----Original Message-----

From: Dennis D'Ettore <ddettore@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 11:51 AM

To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: public services commission

hello

is there a bill, or can one be started, about the up charges that the public! services commission has allowed Florida power co. to add...

Now ,those doing their share to fight global warming etc. are paying an extra minimum usage fee of \$16.01. for every solar energy homeowners not using at least 239 kwh of their electricity....

that added to base bill of \$8.99 becomes now \$25, my bill has tripled from \$10.xx to \$29.xx with tax and fees...

I'll be glad to add information and maybe you have a way I can take this complaint to the next level...

regards dennis s d'ettore registered voter in:

Daytona Beach FL. 32114

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 8:56 AM

**To:** EOG-Referral

**Subject:** FW: FPL rate increase - NOT HAPPY!

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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

**From:** Rob <sirobin171@gmail.com> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 3:40 PM **To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: FPL rate increase - NOT HAPPY!

Today I received my first FPL bill with the new PSC approved \$25 minimum charge. Us Florida (FPL) solar customers don't consume enough power from FPL for FPL to make any money on us, so FPL convinced your three rubber stamps on the Florida PSC - Mike LaRosa, Andrew Giles, and **Gabriella Passidomo** to approved this absurd minimum charge increase.

Trust me when I tell you I will not forget this. From now to November this will be what I am talking about on Facebook. You should step in here and fix this - NOW.

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 8:55 AM

To: EOG-Referral Subject: FW: FPL

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Thank you. FYI

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

----Original Message-----

From: kathy vrana <katvran56@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 6:13 PM To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: FPL

My electric bill went up from 98 to 130 and now 198.00. I am doing nothing extra. I keep my a/c on 79 degrees. What gives FPL the nerve to slap this on me when I am on Social security at 1300 per month

#### Sent from my iPhone

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 8:54 AM

To: EOG-Referral Subject: FW: FPL

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Thank you. FYI.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

----Original Message-----

From: kathy vrana <katvran56@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 6:18 PM To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: FPL

Out of control 100% increased in monthly bill. They must be stopped

#### Sent from my iPhone