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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 3:34 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Stop minimum bills by Florida's Monopoly Utilities

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached email in Docket No. 20210015.

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Subject: Stop minimum bills by Florida's Monopoly Utilities

Dear Commissioner Clark,

My name is Christopher Vandeventer and I am reaching out to you from Palm Beach County in Jupiter, FL. Thankfully the governor vetoed HB 741 earlier this year protecting Florida families from utility overreach, additional charges and our right to energy freedom. Unfortunately, this wasn't the only recent rate hike. I am being unfairly charged a minimum bill (\$25) because I am a Solar Homeowner.

I believe this is unfair because I have made investments to reduce my usage on my own dime and now I'm being penalized for that by increasing the current minimum bill (\$9.97) by 250% of what it has been for years to (\$25). The crazy part is that these utility companies were able to do this without a vote by the taxpayers. These utility companies are so greedy that they are trying to do away with net metering laws in order to make residential solar less attractive to homeowners while at the same time trying to install 1000's of megawatts of solar farms (panels built directly in China) while also

receiving the generous tax rebates themselves and putting the rest of the cost onto their customers.

As a solar homeowner, I went solar and chose an American made solar panel company(SunPower) because it made financial sense to me. Instead of paying my average monthly electric bill of \$300/month, my monthly payment for the installed PV system including my minimum monthly bill with FPL is around \$255/month and will not increase as utility rates continue to rise. Now with the minimum bill increase that will make my bill closer to \$270/month which means less savings and more profits for FPL.

Using my own earned credits to reduce my bill and then hitting me with a minimum bill is double-dipping and stealing from my investment.

Please advocate for these new fees to be reconsidered by you and the rest of the Public Service Commission. Thank you for your leadership for Floridians like me.

Sincerely,

Chris from Jupiter, FL