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From: Betty Leland

Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 7:22 AM **To:** Commissioner Correspondence

Subject: FPL

Attachments: FPL; We Can't Afford Higher Rates

Good Morning:

Please place this email in Docket #20210015.

Thanks.

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From: katherine lindley <sablesept9455@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 3:04 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

Subject: FPL

Why does **the Public Service Commission**, think its ok to raise our FPL rates so high that we just can not afford to pay them. With the economy so bad and gas prices and grocery prices and electric prices so high, ordinary citizens are struggling to just pay their bills. I am living on peanut butter and ramen noddles and tomato sandwiches every week as that's about all I can buy now. My thermostat is set at 80 degrees and I still have problems having enough money to pay that bill. When it gets cold I will have to rely on my gas stove to heat the living room and kitchen and the rest of my home will be blocked off. I can not pay the same electric bills I did last winter. So, you have citizens that are burning up in the summer and will freeze in the winter; all so FPL can become even richer than they are. And for some reason YOU think this is ok???

It makes NO sense at all to put this burden on citizens. When FPL makes millions every year in profits, why would YOU allow them to rape the citizens of Northwest Florida right now????? Going on a payment plan when EVERY month the bill is too high to pay and get groceries, that's a joke.

I don't qualify for food stamps as I own my home. I have a car that needs repair that I can't afford to fix.

EVERY problem I am dealing with right now is because YOU decided to let FPL double and triple our rates.

Under FPL's new rate structure, which was approved unanimously by **the Public Service Commission**, I must pay for the equivalent of 239 kilowatts of electricity each month, whether I use it or not. The new rate structure is thus a disincentive to conservation.

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From: rdsxsxsx@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of George Rhydon

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Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:56 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham **Subject:** We Can't Afford Higher Rates

Dear Art Graham,

I am writing as a concerned Florida resident and customer of Florida Power & Light (FPL). I received notification that FPL intends to increase rates for their customers across the state, hurting the most vulnerable in our communities the most. We urge you to rethink this decision and not increase our bills.

This past year has been challenging and unrelenting, and folks have spent it worrying; worrying about the health and safety of their families and friends; worrying about finding work or being safe at work; worrying about the future of the business they built from the ground up; and worrying about making sure that they could keep the lights and heat on at home. For many of us, the pandemic has changed all of our lives in ways we'll still likely be grappling with long after the pandemic comes to an end.

Nevertheless, for some reason, corporate greed seems to be more important than the sustainability of our communities and our livelihood. This was evident when FPL, among several other power companies resumed closing customer accounts due to non-payment during the second wave of the pandemic. Now, they want to increase rates for their most vulnerable customers. We can't allow companies to continue taking advantage of working-class families, and luckily, you have the power NOW to stop this.

Our families need relief, real solutions to the climate crisis and fair and affordable utility rates. By raising prices, FPL is treating energy as a commodity when it's a necessity. We are demanding that Florida Power & Light halt this unfair plan and that Florida's Public Service Commission require FPL to maintain fair rates for their consumers, and prioritize the communities they serve.

Sincerely, Mr. George Rhydon 3833 Parapet Dr Cocoa, FL 32926-6430 rdsxsxsx@aol.com