

Hiep Nguyen

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 12:56 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20220001
Attachments: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; FW Fpl proposed increase; FW FPL; FW FPL increases; FW FPL Rate hike

See attached customer correspondence and replies for Docket No. 20220001.

Hiệp Nguyễn

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 12:52 PM
To: 'rasta_doc@yahoo.com'
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. Jeff Wurst
jeff.wurst@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1408881C

Dear Mr. Wurst:

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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 12:48 PM
To: 'rasta_doc@yahoo.com'
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. Ira Weiner
rasta_doc@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1408879C

Dear Mr. Weiner:

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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 12:41 PM
To: 'toesinthesandmk@gmail.com'
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Linda
toesinthesandmk@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1408876C

Dear Linda:

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Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 12:38 PM
To: 'christinebarnes.barnes@gmail.com'
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Christine Barnes
christinebarnes.barnes@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1408874C

Dear Ms. Barnes:

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Hiep Nguyen

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 12:03 PM
To: EOG-Referral
Subject: FW: Fpl proposed increase

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: jgourmet45 <jeff.wurst@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2022 12:26 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Fpl proposed increase

Enough is enough!! We are getting killed by FPLs rates. My wife and I are on balanced billing and just had a rate increase from 340mo to 502mo. How can the average citizen absorb these increases. It's not possible to budget for. My wife is on hospice care so we lost her income. Why are we in the panhandle having to deal with the highest rate increases? And before you say it, you do not feel or share our pain. So glad it's an election year!! This is ridiculous!!!

Jeff Wurst
850-319-7305

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 12:02 PM
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From: Ira Weiner <rasta_doc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2022 12:46 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: FPL

No increase in electric bills. Already had an increase of \$100 a month since FPL took over gulf power.
Ira Weiner

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Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 11:38 AM
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From: Linda <toesinthesandmk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 11:00 AM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: FPL increases

These price increases have to stop Governor PLEASE...

They took bought the Co. in Panama City Beach and raised rates and now there is another price increase coming? My rate up \$57 per month and I am on a fixed income and will not be able to afford more. I already open windows every day I can and not use Electric. Please don't allow them to go higher.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 11:37 AM
To: EOG-Referral
Subject: FW: FPL Rate hike

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 7:46 AM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: FPL Rate hike

Dear Governor Desantis,

I live in Panama City. When FPL took over Gulf Power a year or so ago, our rates went up dramatically. (30-40%). As a rental property owner, I saw the increase across the board in all of my properties, and I cannot pass this along to my renters. They are proposing another rate hike and we simply cannot afford it.

I love this state and all the work you are doing. Please look into the out of control price increases.

Sincerely,
Christine Barnes

Sent from my iPhone

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