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Please, add to docket 20230001.

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Subject: Proposed Rate increase by FPL

Dear Commissioner's,

As you are aware, FPL has requested a 10% rate increase in the State of Florida. Hurricane Ian and Nicole along with Joe Biden gave them their golden ticket.

Please do not be deceived by any of their trickery – they are not losing money. As a matter of fact they are recording record profits. This is facilitated by the Public Service laws that we as a state allow.

Ask yourself this – how come Next Era is supplying their own Natural Gas – obviously this amounts to price control – certainly the cost has risen.

How come Next Era Energy occupies space that is in the rate base of the utility? I know how the numbers are manipulated to make it look like they are paying fair rent.

How come they are building a new campus in Palm Beach Gardens – many people that cannot afford a home would like new ones – but Next Era keeps adding to theirs and you can be sure the commercial side will occupy that new campus as well and the rate payers will maintain it.

What happen to all the "Hurricane Strong" infrastructure that was replaced by the rate payers over the last several years? Apparently it was not that strong – but the rate payers paid 13% interest on those moneys.

There is nothing illegal going on at Next Era – the system that the PSC put into place is just being utilized to maximize the return to the investor by the utility. It would be nice in place of a rate increase for FPL to say thank you to the people that have made them rich and return some of those profits to the rate payers.

It would also be nice for the PSC to get smart and change the rules – they currently do not protect the state or the rate payers – they are geared towards the utility and just as sure as the Governor is changing the rules with Disney and Reedy Creek – it needs to be changed with the electric utilities within the state of Florida.

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