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From: Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 8:24 AM
To: 'Mark Marciano'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Florida PSC Rate Case Overview. Petition for rate increase by Florida Power & Light

Good Morning Dr. Marciano

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250011, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you,
Nick Holmes
Commission Deputy Clerk II
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Florida Public Service Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

I was hoping to provide live testimony at the FPL service hearing on Thursday May 29, 2025 in West Palm Beach, but I was unable to stay for the entire meeting. Please accept this email as my testimony.

I am writing to the commission to advocate for a fair rate increase as being proposed by Florida Power & Light. I am a doctor of optometry and, along with my wife, we own and operate two private practices in Palm Beach county. Running two small businesses always has its challenges and maintaining stable pricing for all overhead expenses is an important part of our budgeting process and planning. Although none of us want to see a significant rate increase, I understand the business climate and the importance of reliable energy and electricity to our home and our business. I am also keenly aware of the challenges that all businesses face, both big and small. The important service that FPL provides all customers is vital for the stability and success of our entire community and region. Maintaining a stable grid, preparing for the annual storm season, investing in newer energy sources and maintaining a top quality group of employees to live and prosper in our communities are crucial in proper planning and success. With the rising costs associated with all living expenses, I understand the need for constant analysis and adjustments to a business plan. And as a result, I am supportive of a rate increase in order for FPL to continue to run such a vital and growing responsibility.

Also, as a former city council member in the city of Palm Beach Gardens from 2017 to 2023, serving as its mayor in 2019-2020, I was able to witness first hand the value that FPL provided its municipalities and governing boards. Their commitment to advancing business interests, supporting local non-profits, remaining engaged in the community, both to the local governments, local businesses large and small, and their commitment to helping everyday residents by answering phone calls and responding quickly to power outages, was a real comfort to me and my colleagues on the city council. I was and remain comforted in knowing how well their planning and execution to storm preparation and response following a storm was and is. During my tenure on the city council, our region endured a number of storm events that affected our city, region and state. Their coordination and implementation for storm response in working with our city manager, staff and elected officials was impressive. To our local residents and business owners, the real commitment and cost regarding storm preparedness and hardening of the grid may not be seen on the surface, but the behind the scenes work is critical to the success of our entire region. Reliable energy during normal times is important but proper planning and execution during storm season is critical to our survival.

Because of these reasons and more, I want to express my support for FPL's rate adjustments and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Mark T. Marciano

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