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From: Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 8:10 AM
To: 'Erica Biron'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket 20250011 - EI Comments

Good morning

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

Thank you,
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Dear Florida Public Service Commission members,

I offer the following comments on Docket 20250011 - EI which is the proposed Florida Power and Light base rate increase filed in February 2025.

My first comment is in reference to the FPSC Rate Case Overview provided. This overview lumps together both the Base Charge and the Base Energy Charge and lacks details regarding which expenses are forecasted to increase. I do not appreciate the lack of transparency. Please provide granular costs going forward.

At this time, FPL pays a residential customer who has a home solar system less than 2 cents per kWh for excess power via net metering, a rate which is allegedly based on the cost to generate electricity. If that allegation is true, FPL is overcharging all residential customers at this time and no rate increase is justified. I say that because the current base rate of \$81.25 per 1000 kWh would then mean that over \$61 of the base rate is spent on overhead costs, and that doesn't include the fuel cost which is listed separately. Quite frankly, the Rate Case Overview and the FPL bill explanation do not justify any type of rate increase if the cost to generate electricity is less than 2 cents per kWh. More attention needs to be paid to reducing overhead costs.

On that note, FPL has been increasing their own solar power generation capacity which should be driving their operating costs down. Salaries, particularly executive compensation, needs to be reviewed and rebaselined.

Another area that needs to be explained is the charitable contributions made by FPL to communities. In Northwest Florida, FPL gave \$500,000 to Baptist Hospital, for a cafeteria in a brand new hospital built by Baptist. Why? I understand Baptist is not-for-profit but they are not losing money. FPL also gave \$20,000 to a sea turtle conservation group and sponsors portions of the local news broadcast. Did the donations come from FPL profits? If so, residential customers may prefer to pay lower bills to FPL and decide independently which charities they would like to support. Paying higher electric bills so that FPL can distribute funds to charities is basically a back door tax that needs to stop.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Erica Biron