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From: Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 12:14 PM
To: 'Ruth Hubing'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20250011 - Reject FPL's Rate Hike

Good afternoon

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

Thank you,
Nick Holmes
Commission Deputy Clerk II
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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From: Ruth Hubing <Ruth.Hubing@messages.fwwatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket No. 20250011 - Reject FPL's Rate Hike

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Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Florida Power & Light Company's proposed rate increase (Docket No. 20250011).

As a 73 year old widow who just lost my part-time employment through a decision of the Trump administration, I am facing a significant loss of income at a time when grocery prices are high and tariffs are going to cause other prices to escalate. I am also looking at a cancer diagnosis and cannot fathom how I can afford to live without working during a time of sickness. Sorry if I couldn't save up enough while employed as a social services worker. I was living paycheck to paycheck then and nothing has changed except now I don't know how to stretch my SS any further. My thermostat is set at 75, my hurricane shutters are kept half closed and I use thermal curtains to keep out the sun's rays. I guess I could switch to fans instead of a/c.

FPL is requesting nearly \$10 billion in new charges over the next four years — costs that will fall on the backs of the very people who rely on FPL to keep the lights on. Half of every dollar in this proposal would go straight to shareholder profits, not essential services. That's unacceptable.

In the last five years alone, FPL customers have seen their bills jump by more than \$400 a year. This latest plan would add another \$360 in just two years – all while Floridians are still recovering from devastating storms and battling the rising cost of living.

FPL claims the hike is needed to meet demand, but the Office of Public Counsel has made it clear that this is misleading. According to OPC, FPL's numbers are inflated — and rather than raise rates, the company should actually cut them by \$620.5 million in 2026.

Please think of the consumers- not just the shareholders- when decisions are made for rate hikes.

Thank you.

The Public Service Commission is charged with protecting the public — not maximizing utility profits. I strongly urge you to reject this rate hike and send a clear message that Floridians come first.

Sincerely,
Ruth Hubing
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