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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 2:30 PM
To: 'Melanie Gilbertson'
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 them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you!

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From: Melanie Gilbertson <Melanie.Gilbertson@messages.fwwatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 1:38 PM
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).

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.

One cannot, in all good conscience, force new charges upon people who Are Already u see siege by the tax bill that results in lower coverage through Medicaid- cut of SNAP benefits - as well as increased costs for Health coverage which will Force people to drop off their healthcare.

It's is up To YOU to stand up for these people.

Do that now!

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,
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