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**From:** Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2025 8:26 AM  
**To:** 'mario werth'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: FPL Base Rate Increase Docket 20250011

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.

Thank you,  
Nick Holmes  
Commission Deputy Clerk II  
Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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**From:** mario werth <mariowerth@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 17, 2025 9:12 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** FPL Base Rate Increase Docket 20250011

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Dear Commission Clerk,

Regarding Docket 20250011-EI (FPL Rate Increase).

I oppose Florida Power & Light's proposed base rate increase and any settlement that raises customer bills.

Why:

- Monopoly and accountability. FPL is a state-sanctioned monopoly with an exclusive service territory. Because customers cannot choose another provider, the Commission should apply the highest prudence standards and deny recovery of imprudent costs or outsized returns.
- Business choices vs. necessities. Much of the current multi-year plan reflects FPL's own investment strategy and profit targets. Ratepayers should not be compelled to guarantee higher earnings or prepay projects that do not measurably improve reliability or customer service.
- Solar and battery costs and reliability. FPL plans to pass along costs for large solar and battery projects in later years. Today's batteries are short duration and cannot meet overnight or multi-hour peak demand. Please require evidence of firm, dispatchable capacity and proven reliability benefits before allowing cost recovery.
- Solar farm incident cost allocation. After the recent Kayak Solar Energy Center breach in Holt, described publicly as a "catastrophic failure" that discharged sediment into wetlands and onto residential properties, any remediation or legal costs should be borne by shareholders, not customers.
- Customer care and participation. Affordability and service remain top concerns. Please require measurable customer-service performance improvements, including response times and complaint resolution, and prioritize bill impacts for households on fixed incomes.

#### Requested actions:

1. Reject or substantially reduce the base rate increase.
2. Lower the allowed ROE and disallow recovery of costs tied to imprudent projects or incidents.
3. Condition any approval on verifiable reliability improvements, including adequate firm capacity and storm hardening.
4. Adopt clear customer-service metrics before any increase takes effect.

Respectfully,

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