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From: Office of Chairman La Rosa

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To:Commissioner CorrespondenceSubject:Docket Correspondence 20250011

Attachments: FPL doesn't represent me – Docket #20250011; FPL doesn't represent me – Docket #

20250011; FPL Rate Hike; FPL doesn't represent me - Docket #20250011; FPL doesn't

represent me - Docket #20250011; Reject Florida Power & Light's Rate Hike

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in CORRESPONDENCE – Consumers & Representatives in docket 20250011.

Thank you.

From:

advocate@mail.actionbutton.org on behalf of Latoiya Edwards

<advocate@mail.actionbutton.org>

Sent:

Sunday, September 21, 2025 10:01 PM

To:

Office of Chairman La Rosa

Subject:

FPL doesn't represent me - Docket #20250011

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

This message was sent by Latoiya Edwards via <u>ActionButton</u>, on behalf of Catalyst Miami. Please reply to Latoiya Edwards at <u>latoiya2@icloud.com</u>.

From:

advocate@mail.actionbutton.org on behalf of Megan Gannon

<advocate@mail.actionbutton.org>

Sent:

Saturday, September 20, 2025 6:57 PM

To:

Office of Chairman La Rosa

Subject:

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The bottom line for me is this: I was shocked over the last year and a half to see my charge for power for ONE month going past \$100. If I am charged \$100+ EVERY month, I'm going to have to resort to a washboard, campfire and rainwater collection to meet my basic needs. Between FPL, Miami-Dade Water and Sewer, Trash Collection, Auto Insurance, Flood Insurance, Medicare, and Property Taxes ALL INCREASING THIS YEAR, all I have left to say to you AND all of those entities is this: ARE YOU F'ING KIDDING ME?!? How much GREED and WASTE do we the customers have to pay for before you all realize you are DESTROYING us! How many of we retirees have to keep working just to afford the pathetic little rinky-dinky little yardless townhouses we are forced to live in because people in your and these other organizations want MORE! You seem to want EVERYTHING WE HAVE!!!

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This message was sent by Megan Gannon via <u>ActionButton</u>, on behalf of Catalyst Miami. Please reply to Megan Gannon at MsGanPWA@gmail.com.

From: dsmith321@verizon.net

Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 4:32 PM

To: Office of Chairman La Rosa

Subject: FPL Rate Hike

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Hello Commissioner LaRosa,

I am a residential customer of Florida Power & Light (FPL) and I oppose FPL's attempts to raise its rates even higher than they already are. I opposed the increases FPL proposed in February, and I oppose the nearly identical increases FPL has now put forward with its corporate partners in a so-called "Settlement" negotiated in secret. These rates remain excessive and unfair to residential customers.

Please reject the FPL settlement request to increase our utility costs across the state. It will adversely impact us all, especially in combination with new increases we are experiencing in our everyday spending and what is on the horizon from current legislation, further creating unnecessary hardship for so many Floridians. Please read the following from "The State of ALICE in Florida: Update on Financial Hardship".

In 2023, based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), 13% of Florida households were defined as being in poverty. Yet this measure failed to account for an additional 34% of the state's households — nearly three times as many — that were also experiencing financial hardship. These households are ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed — earning above the FPL, but not enough to afford basic expenses in the counties where they live. Between ALICE households and households living in poverty, an estimated 47% of households in Florida were below the ALICE Threshold in 2023. This rate placed Florida 48th among all states and the District of Columbia (with 1st representing the lowest rate of hardship). Households below the Threshold are forced to make impossible choices — like deciding whether to pay for utilities or a car repair, whether to buy food or fill a prescription. Households below the ALICE Threshold are in every state and county across the U.S. and represent all demographic groups. Workers below the ALICE Threshold often perform the jobs that keep our economy functioning smoothly — they are child care providers, food service workers, cashiers, personal care aides, delivery drivers, and more. Their stories capture the systemic and structural barriers to financial stability, and the struggles and resilience of families experiencing financial hardship.

My family and I call on the Public Service Commission to reject these secret deals cut with large industrial and commercial interests and to hold FPL accountable. Enough is enough — protect residential customers from corporate greed and unjustified rate hikes.

Thank you for your conscientious attention to minimizing this deeply troubling maneuver being attempted by FPL and related interest groups.

Sincerely, Dehea Smith

From: advocate@mail.actionbutton.org on behalf of Sandra Fulcher

<advocate@mail.actionbutton.org>

Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 4:15 PM

To: Office of Chairman La Rosa

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From: advocate@mail.actionbutton.org on behalf of Craig Larry

<advocate@mail.actionbutton.org>

Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 3:39 PM

To: Office of Chairman La Rosa

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This message was sent by Craig Larry via <u>ActionButton</u>, on behalf of Catalyst Miami. Please reply to Craig Larry at <u>craig-larry@att.net</u>.

From: rfgislr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Geisler

<rfgislr@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 3:32 PM

To: Office of Chairman La Rosa

Subject: Reject Florida Power & Light's Rate Hike

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Dear Commissioner Mike La Rosa,

I'm a Floridian and I am requesting that you vote NO on FPL's settlement agreement that would raise rates far above the national average.

If the Commission approves FPL's settlement, FPL will have the second highest return on equity in the country. That's a huge burden for Florida families who can barely afford our energy bills as it is.

Please reject FPL's settlement agreement and cap its return on equity to the national average of 9.6%.

I'm counting on you to protect Florida ratepayers.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Dr. Robert Geisler
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