CORRESPONDENCE 10/1/2025 DOCUMENT NO. 14119-2025

Antonia Hover

From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 8:30 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence

Subject: Docket No. 20250011

Attachments: Reject Florida Power & Light's Rate Hike; Reject FPL's Unprecedented \$10 Billion Rate

Hike – Protect Florida Families; FPL doesn't represent me – Docket #20250011

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20250011.

Thank you!

Antonia Hover

From: manettefreas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Manette Freas

<manettefreas@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:Tuesday, September 30, 2025 11:14 PMTo:Office of Commissioner Passidomo SmithSubject:Reject Florida Power & Light's Rate Hike

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Dear Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo,

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,

Ms. Manette Freas

820 SW 17th St Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315-1611 manettefreas@aol.com

Antonia Hover

From: laura.flspn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Munoz

<laura.flspn@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 8:56 PM **To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith

Subject: Reject FPL's Unprecedented \$10 Billion Rate Hike – Protect Florida Families

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Dear Florida Public Service Commission Gabriella Smith,

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject Florida Power and Light's (FPL) proposed \$10 billion rate hike—the largest in U.S. history. Approving this increase would be a devastating blow to Florida families, many of whom are already struggling with rising living costs. This past year, this Commission has already failed residents by allowing TECO's rate hikes, and we cannot afford another reckless decision that prioritizes corporate profits over public well-being. Electricity is not a luxury—it is a life-saving necessity in Florida. With extreme heat, hurricanes, and severe weather events, access to affordable power is essential for survival. A rate increase of this magnitude would force seniors, low-income families, and working-class residents to choose between paying their electric bills and affording food, rent, or medical care. No one should have to make such impossible choices just to keep the lights on.

Beyond the financial hardship, this increase also carries serious environmental consequences. Instead of investing in clean, affordable renewable energy, FPL continues to expand its reliance on fossil fuels, worsening extreme weather patterns and increasing pollution. These impacts disproportionately harm low-income communities and communities of color, who already experience higher energy burdens and environmental health risks. If FPL truly needed more funding, it should focus on sustainable energy solutions, not passing costs onto struggling residents.

The Florida Public Service Commission has a responsibility to serve the public, not corporate monopolies. FPL is a monopoly, meaning Floridians have no choice but to pay whatever rates are approved. If this rate hike is allowed, it will set a dangerous precedent, opening the door for further unchecked increases that will push even more families into a financial crisis.

I urge you to reject this historic \$10 billion rate hike and stand with the people of Florida. The residents of this state deserve fair and affordable electricity—not price gouging from utility giants.

Sincerely,
Miss Laura Munoz
10800 Biscayne Blvd Miami, FL 33161-7482 laura.flspn@floridarising.org

Antonia Hover

From: advocate@mail.actionbutton.org on behalf of Lizzie Pearl

<advocate@mail.actionbutton.org>

Sent:Saturday, September 27, 2025 7:22 PMTo:Office of Commissioner Passidomo SmithSubject:FPL doesn't represent me – Docket #20250011

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

As a Florida resident and consumer, I know the value of my hard-earned money. I also know that the power and light I pay for every month is a lifesaver, especially during these extreme heat waves that are becoming all too common.

Florida Power & Light (FPL) wants to raise my rates by hundreds a year and make working residents like me foot the bill for their profits and executive bonuses. Reporting has shown that 50 cents of every dollar is going to profit, not keeping the power on.

Additionally, from March 2024 to February 2025, FPL shut off 1.216 M residential customers for non-payment — about a fifth of all their residential customers.

Florida families and small business owners make up the overwhelming majority of FPL's customers—we keep their business running. Now FPL has the audacity to say they "represent us" while excluding us from their backdoor negotiations with corporate buddies like Walmart and Publix.

The Office of Public Counsel—the watchdog for consumers—submitted expert testimony showing FPL is inflating the numbers and should cut rates by \$620 million, not raise them.

I urge you to reject FPL's request for a higher return on equity and increase to the monthly base rate. The PSC must prioritize customers over corporate greed and ensure utility rates remain fair and affordable.

Please stand up for Floridians and say NO to this massive rate hike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

This message was sent by Lizzie Pearl via <u>ActionButton</u>, on behalf of Catalyst Miami. Please reply to Lizzie Pearl at <u>lizziepearl42@icloud.com</u>.