



Florida Public Service Commission **SPECIAL REPORT**

AUGUST 2014

Petition for rate increase by
Florida Public Utilities Company

DOCKET NO. 140025-EI

On April 28, 2014 Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) filed a petition with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for a rate increase. FPUC provides electric service to approximately 31,000 customers in two distinct service areas serving all or portions of four counties.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1 Is there an opportunity for public input on this rate case?

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for FPUC's rate request, the Commission will conduct two customer service hearings to allow customer feedback about FPUC and the rate-setting process. Customer comments, written and oral, will be taken into consideration before the Commission reaches a decision. Commissioners will attend and participate during the customer service hearings.

2 Why is FPUC requesting a rate increase?

FPUC states that it is requesting a rate increase to cover increasing operating costs and for an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its investment.

3 When was FPUC's last approved base rate increase?

FPUC's last approved base rate increase

was in May 2008.

SERVICE HEARINGS

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

5:00 p.m. CDT

Jackson County Agriculture
Conference Center
2740 Pennsylvania Avenue
Marianna, FL

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

5:00 p.m. EDT

Atlantic Recreation Center Auditorium
2500 Atlantic Avenue
Fernandina Beach, FL

4 How much is the current monthly electric bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kwh)?

Currently, the monthly electric bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kwh is \$133.31 in the Northwest Division (Marianna) and \$125.47 in the Northeast Division (Fernandina Beach.)

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5 Using FPUC's proposed rates, how much would the monthly electric bill be for a residential customer using 1,000 kwh?

Under FPUC's proposal, the monthly electric bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kwh would be \$139.59 in the Northwest Division and \$131.74 in the Northeast Division.

6 What if I cannot attend the customer service hearings or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any person who wants to comment or provide information to the Commission regarding this matter may do so orally at the hearings or in writing.* Written comments should be mailed to:

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

The PSC will also accept faxes and e-mails.

Fax number: 1-800-511-0809

Internet e-mail address:

contact@psc.state.fl.us

Please be sure to include the
Docket Number, **140025-EI**.

Customer comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file and are taken into consideration by the Commissioners in reaching their decision. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider FPUC's quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, contact the Florida Public Service Commission's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552.

7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Bill McNulty
(850) 413-6848

Paul Vickery
(850) 413-6592

Clarence Prestwood
(850) 413-6946

For legal questions, contact:

Suzanne Brownless
(850) 413-6218

8 Where on the Internet can I obtain more detailed information?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at www.floridapsc.com. Click on **Clerk's Office/Dockets** and then type in the Docket Number, **140025**.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission regarding revenue requirements on November 13, 2014. The Commissioners are expected to vote on revenue requirements at the November 25, 2014 Commission Conference.

The PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission regarding rates on December 4, 2014. The Commissioners are expected to vote on rates at the December 16, 2014 Commission Conference.

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Florida Public Utilities Company Monthly Residential Bills Northwest Division - Marianna

	Present	Interim August 2014	Proposed January 2015
1,000 kwh			
Base Rate Charge	\$31.58	\$35.87	\$37.70
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery	\$97.40	\$97.40	\$97.40
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Gross Receipts Tax	\$3.33	\$3.44	\$3.49
Total	\$133.31	\$137.71	\$139.59
1,500 kwh			
Base Rate Charge	\$41.37	\$46.99	\$54.80
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery	\$152.35	\$152.35	\$152.35
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
Gross Receipts Tax	\$5.01	\$5.15	\$5.35
Total	\$200.23	\$205.99	\$214.00
2,000 kwh			
Base Rate Charge	\$51.16	\$58.11	\$71.90
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery	\$207.30	\$207.30	\$207.30
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Gross Receipts Tax	\$6.68	\$6.86	\$7.21
Total	\$267.14	\$274.27	\$288.41

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Florida Public Utilities Company Monthly Residential Bills Northeast Division - Fernandina Beach

	Present	Interim August 2014	Proposed January 2015
1,000 kwh			
Base Rate Charge	\$31.58	\$35.87	\$37.70
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery	\$89.75	\$89.75	\$89.75
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Gross Receipts Tax	\$3.14	\$3.25	\$3.29
Total	\$125.47	\$129.87	\$131.74
1,500 kwh			
Base Rate Charge	\$41.37	\$46.99	\$54.80
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery	\$140.88	\$140.88	\$140.88
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
Gross Receipts Tax	\$4.71	\$4.86	\$5.06
Total	\$188.46	\$194.23	\$202.24
2,000 kwh			
Base Rate Charge	\$51.16	\$58.11	\$71.90
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery	\$192.00	\$192.00	\$192.00
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Gross Receipts Tax	\$6.29	\$6.46	\$6.82
Total	\$251.45	\$258.57	\$272.72

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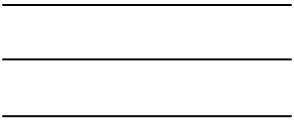
Please submit your comments about this docket to the Florida Public Service Commission by completing this comment form and returning it by mail, or send a fax to 1-800-511-0809.

Correspondence will be placed in the file of this docket.

CONSUMER COMMENTS

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