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**From:** Joann Parsons  
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**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FPL Rate Case  
**Attachments:** 2016-05-09, Ltr frm Silagy re FPL rate increase.pdf

Please place the attached in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 160021-EI.

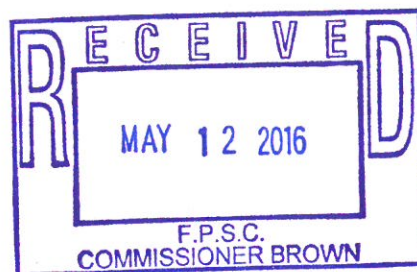
Thank you.

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Eric Silagy  
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Dear Mr. Silagy:

I note that FPL is seeking a rate increase, among other reasons so you can build a new gas-fired plant and a couple of solar plants. Evidently it doesn't matter to you that the oil and gas industry is collapsing and that the methane released by fracking is much more of a threat to global warming than carbon dioxide. But you profit from building new plants and from selling us solar-generated energy rather than encouraging conservation and residential solar, don't you?

You have the system rigged very efficiently: you buy off the legislature with campaign contributions, and they appoint people to the PSC who rubber-stamp whatever you want. You must be very proud of how well it works . . . so far. But I suppose you've noticed the rise of Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump? Their campaigns are propelled by fury on the part of the masses (your customers) at this kind of business as usual.

Enjoy it while you can—you may get your raise this time, but your ability to do so in the future is coming to an end—and it may have a disastrous impact on your business.

Please don't have one of your "executive customer service" people reply with soothing platitudes about how much good you do, how your rates are among the lowest in the known universe, and how you're always looking out for the welfare of your customers. I know you have a very efficient p.r. machine—it's obligatory for corporations like yours—but the time is rapidly approaching when p.r. and payoffs are not going to save you any longer.

Yours truly,

Mark Lipsman

cc: James Robo