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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:36 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Diane Hood
Subject: FW: To CLK Docket No. 160021 - EI

Customer correspondence

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From: Neil Spirtas [<mailto:neilspirtas@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: PSC Quality of Service Hearings - Docket No. 160021 - EI

Dear PSC Clerk,

It is my pleasure to correspond **in support** of a rate increase for FPL. I would attend the June 3rd public hearing in Sarasota except for a prior engagement.

Now why would I be recommending such a (on the surface) cost increase? Well ... five reasons come to mind, as follows;

- (1). This is not an increase in cost (as I understand) from what the rates were in 2006 when our economy was heading into the doldrums of the housing bubble and Wall Street decline/ Great Recession. The rate increase is expected to go through 2020 and remain lower than what rates were in 2006.
- (2). The current rates expire at the end of the year. After 10 years, what business hasn't increased some fees to consumers in order to continue providing a quality service or product? In this case, a \$16 billion investment into the future is planned in return.
- (3). The increase will be implemented in over four years (2017-2020): Saving consumers the impact of an all-at-once increase on the many in Florida whom live on fixed incomes like myself.
- (4). The EPA, according to data comprised in 2014, has deemed FPL - out of 13 Southeastern United States utilities - as being the cleanest based on CO 2 emissions.
- (5). Lastly, and perhaps most importantly for me, when my neighbor (a dental office) had a tall palm tree falling gradually on a sparking wire near my garage, FPL responded to the call immediately ... last year. They resolved a potentially very dangerous situation and destructive damage from ever occurring! It was at night on a busy Friday when the incident happened.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Neil

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