

Collin Roehner

From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 11:30 AM
To: 'michaelalombardo@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: RE: FPL Rate Increase - Docket No. 160021-EI

Dear Ms. Lombardo:

Thank you for contacting the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) about Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL) rate petition. To give Commissioners and staff an opportunity to review your comments, your correspondence is included in the file for Docket No.160021-EI.

As you know, the PSC customer service hearings were held in June in FPL's service territory for Commissioners to hear directly from customers about the utility's rate request and service. All customer comments during the hearings and all correspondence will be reviewed and considered when PSC staff prepares its recommendation to the Commissioners on FPL's proposed rates.

The PSC's evidentiary hearing on FPL's rate case will be in August in Tallahassee. Witnesses from the utility, intervenors, Commission staff, and the Public Counsel, who represents customers, will present testimony and exhibits and be cross-examined by the Commissioners and other parties. Commissioners will examine FPL's need for a rate increase, its existing and proposed rate structure, and its ability to provide safe and reliable service.

Commissioners are charged with making sure that Florida's utility companies fulfill their service obligation. The PSC will ensure that final customer rates reflect only those costs that are prudent and necessary for FPL to deliver quality electric service to your home or business. Any proposed rate adjustment is requested to begin in January 2017.

If you have additional questions or need further assistance, please call 1-800-342-3552. If you want updated case information, visit the PSC's website, www.floridapsc.com and click on the Clerk's Office tab, then hit Dockets and type in case number 160021.

Sincerely,

Bev DeMello
Assistant Director
Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach
Phone: 850-413-6107

From: Collin Roehner **On Behalf Of** Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 10:15 AM
To: 'Michaela Lombardo'
Subject: RE: FPL proposed rate increase

Good morning Ms. Lombardo,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160021-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Collin D. Roehner
Commission Deputy Clerk I
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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From: Michaela Lombardo [<mailto:michaelalombardo@gmail.com>]

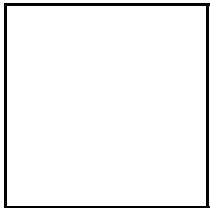
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 9:55 AM

To: Records Clerk

Subject: FPL proposed rate increase

Ms. Carlotta Stauffer
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Docket # 160021-E1



Dear Ms. Stauffer:

We just recently retired to Florida for the weather and cost. We are on a fixed income and have lived on a strict budget for quite some time now. We would love to have some extra cash but it just seem to be in the cards.

We were recently informed about a proposed rate increase that FPL is trying to initiate and quite honestly, we were flabbergasted at the amount of the proposed increase. A 23% increase to their captive customer base just to ensure their investors of 11.5% - 12.5% returns is absolutely ludicrous. While banks are paying less than 1%, investors that can afford to take on risk are looking at 12% from this utility stock. It seems that we, as captive consumers, are just being forced to fund the larger returns for the FPL investor pool. These rate increases will also serve to further enhance executive compensation. My research shows that NextEra Energy, FPL's parent company had a CEO that ranked the highest paid man in Palm Beach County at a staggering 33 million dollar package back in 2012.

Just imagine if all of our utilities, goods and services were to take a 23% hike. Better yet, imagine that happening across the entire country. Can you even fathom the resulting turmoil? There would be no coming

back from something like that and it is up to individual states and representatives to ensure against this type of manipulation by corporations to reward the affluent at the expense of the common man. I can only imagine that this type of a utility increase would not even be noticed by the corporate executives and stock owners but it would definitely be detrimental to the masses.

I urge you to please consider the consumers in this situation as we have no choice, in this state, but to continue service with this monopolistic utility provider.

Sincerely,

Philip and Michaela Lombardo
4968 Bella Terra Drive