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Florida Public Service Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Board and members of the Space Coast Progressive Alliance, I ask that you deny the rate increase that Florida Power and Light has proposed in docket number 160021-EI. I am personally an FPL customer, as are most of our organization's members. For the record, my home address is: 2183 Woodfield Circle West Melbourne, FL 32904

We concur with the opinion of the Office of Public Council that the rate increase is not justified. The proposed 22.58% rate increase, primarily to increase ROE and capital structure, is wildly excessive.

We also strongly object to FPL's practice of donating money to community organizations, and then "inviting" them to speak on behalf of FPL rate hike requests at your public hearings. This is unethical, if not fraudulent. They are effectively using customers' money to blackmail our civic organizations. We witnessed this blatant practice at your June 16th Service Hearing, but you must see it every day.

We also object to FPL's support of the "Consumers for Smart Solar" (Amendment 1) campaign. To quote the dissenting opinion of the Florida Supreme Court on this matter: *"Masquerading as a pro-solar energy initiative, this proposed constitutional amendment, supported by some of Florida's major investor-owned electric utility companies, actually seeks to constitutionalize the status quo. The ballot title is...misleading by its focus on 'Solar Energy Choice,' when no real choice exists for those who favor expansion of solar energy."* FPL management is squandering the goodwill that its hard-working employees have built over many years of dependable, quality service.

Please do not approve this rate hike request.

Sincerely,


Candy Green
Vice President, Space Coast Progressive Alliance

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