

**Sandra Soto**

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**From:** Sandra Soto on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2016 8:25 AM  
**To:** 'S&R Melville'  
**Subject:** RE: FPL's request for an unnecessary \$1.34 billion increase in base rates.

Dear Mr. Melville,

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,

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**From:** S&R Melville [<mailto:ramman23@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2016 8:22 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** FPL's request for an unnecessary \$1.34 billion increase in base rates.

**RE: Florida Power & Light's request for a \$1.34 billion increase in base rates. I oppose the rate increase based on these two facts:**

1. \$960 million of FPL's rate increase will go into FPL investors' pockets. None of those funds will go to service enhancements, disaster preparedness, or energy innovation.
2. FPL is on target to make \$1.6B in profit in 2017 without the requested rate increase.

The consumer shouldn't be required to pay 23% monthly increases to the monopoly power provider in Florida when

FPL is already significantly profitable. The increase would provide an unprecedented shareholder profit of about 12% percent.

If FPL wants to reward investors it shouldn't be done at the expense of FPL customers. Perhaps FPL should buy-back some of their shares and use those proceeds and resulting increased per-share value to reward investors without punishing customers.

Richard Melville  
FPL residential customer  
Englewood, Florida

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