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**Re: Docket No. 20210015-EI - Petition for rate increase by Florida Power Light & Company.**

Dear Mr. Teitzman,

On behalf of Intervenors Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, Inc., I have enclosed the testimony of Glenna Blomquist. Please file these documents in Docket No. 20210015-EI. Please contact me if there are any questions regarding this filing.

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DATED this 21st day of June 2021.

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**In re:   Petition for rate increase    )**  
          **by Florida Power & Light        )**     **DOCKET NO. 20210015-EI**  
          **Company                            )**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY**  
**OF GLENNA BLOMQUIST**  
**ON BEHALF OF**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL CONFEDERATION**  
**OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.**

June 21, 2021

1 **Q. Please state your name.**

2 A. Glenna Blomquist.

3 **Q. Where do you live?**

4 A. 8167 Palmer Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34240.

5 **Q. What organization are you a member of?**

6 A. I am a member and board member of the Environmental Confederation of Southwest  
7 Florida, Inc. (ECOSWF), and have been a member since 2015 and a board member since  
8 2019.

9 **Q. What is your source of income?**

10 A. I am retired and on a fixed income, not tied to inflation, and some social security.

11 **Q. Are you a customer of FPL? If so, for how long?**

12 A. Yes, I have been a customer since September or October of 2014 to now.

13 **Q. What do you think of FPL?**

14 A. In the big picture, they are not moving forward with sustainable energy like they should  
15 be. They are not on the cutting edge or proactive in helping resolve our climate crisis.

16 **Q. How is your current utility service?**

17 A. It supports my basic household needs.

18 **Q. How much does your FPL bill usually cost each month?**

19 A. \$124-130.

20 **Q. Based on information provided by FPL, the base rate for electricity is projected to  
21 increase by about 20%. How would this rate increase impact you?**

22 A. My budget is already tight and increased power bills would impact other necessities.  
23 Because our annuity is fixed and not responsive to inflation, I will get poorer each year. I am  
24 on a tight, limited budget and any increase in utilities will potentially be a hardship in the  
25 future.

1 **Q. As a Floridian, are you concerned about climate change?**

2 **A.** Very much, it is at the top of my list.

3 **Q: Based on information provided by FPL, part of this rate increase will pay for new or**  
4 **upgraded methane gas power plants. Do you believe this will have an impact on the**  
5 **climate?**

6 **A.** Why would we build new methane plants? The warming potential of methane is potent,  
7 there is no question that it affects global warming. Right from the source, through fracking,  
8 to its appearance in the atmosphere, methane is bad. It is bad when it comes out of the  
9 ground, there can be accidents when it was transported, and it is bad when it is burned. We  
10 get this methane gas from fracking and fracking is a contributor to global warming. My home  
11 state is North Dakota and I am aware of what has fracking done to North Dakota. My  
12 husband is a hobby astronomer and I have become educated about dark skies. It is sad that in  
13 North Dakota the skies were filled with flares from fires burning all night, meaning no dark  
14 skies to see the stars and confused animals reacting to changes of light hours. Certainly,  
15 anything related to fossil-fuels should be winding down. We do not want to be going in that  
16 direction, we should be going towards wind, solar, or some other framework.

17 **Q: In light of that, how do you feel about contributing your own money to those**  
18 **projects, through your FPL bill?**

19 **A.** I think the increased need in the area I live for energy, above and beyond what we are  
20 using now, is for future development. I am not willing to pay to expand service to the  
21 nameless, faceless residents of the future. That is not my responsibility, yet my money will  
22 be going to enhance whatever methods FPL wants to use to expand availability to the  
23 growing market. The growing market and growing population should be paying for that, not  
24 existing residents. Our older population cannot handle raised rates. In addition, if FPL were  
25 dedicated to sustainable renewable energy, I would be more likely to support a price increase.

1 It is also what they are doing with the money that matters.

2 **Q. What is the mission of your organization?**

3 **A.** We are a confederation of other environmental organizations and related interests.

4 Basically, we work on issues that are important to the environment to educate decision-  
5 makers regarding impacts on the environment and our members as we represent our member  
6 organizations and individual members.

7 **Q. How is the purpose of your organization being served by participating in this**  
8 **proceeding?**

9 **A.** We are defending the environment by participating. Anything that will reduce our carbon  
10 footprint and lead us down a different path is our work, task, and mission. We the people  
11 should have a say in where our electricity comes from because we do not have a choice.

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