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

Dear Mr. Teitzman,

On behalf of Intervenor Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, Inc., I have enclosed the testimony of Bobbie Lee Davenport. 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)
Company DOCKET NO. 20210015-EI

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF BOBBIE LEE DAVENPORT

ON BEHALF OF

ENVIRONMENTAL CONFEDERATION

OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

- 1 Q. Please state your name.
- 2 A. Bobbie Lee Davenport.
- 3 **Q. Where do you live?**
- 4 A. 2481 Golden Gate Boulevard East, Naples, FL 34120.
- 5 **Q.** What organization are you a member of?
- 6 A. The Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida.
- 7 Q. How long have you been a member of this organization?
- 8 A. Over 20 years.
- 9 **Q.** What is your source of income?
- 10 A. I work as a physical trainer and insurance agent.
- 11 Q. Are you a customer of FPL? If so, for how long?
- 12 A. Yes. I have been a customer for about 39 years.
- 13 Q. What do you think of FPL?
- 14 A. FPL is a monopoly that doesn't work with its customers, whom it charges exorbitant
- prices for electricity. FPL should be using its millions in profits to implement a solar
- program, in which it could install solar panels on customer residences to provide electricity
- from a renewable source and to lower customers' electric bills. It doesn't make sense why
- my electricity bills keep increasing when FPL is already making millions in profit. FPL
- should not be investing its profits in carbon-emitting power plants but instead should use its
- 20 profits to develop clean energy solutions that will reduce its customers' bills.
- 21 Q. How much does your FPL bill usually cost each month?
- A. My monthly bill is \$325-350 in the winter and over \$400 in the summer. My highest bill
- 23 was \$425.
- Q. How do you feel about the current price you are paying for your utilities?
- A. My FPL bills have gone up and up over the years, and I can barely afford to pay them.

- 1 FPL's rates are extremely expensive.
- 2 Q. Based on information provided by FPL, the base rate for electricity is projected to
- 3 increase by about 20%. How would this rate increase impact you?
- 4 A. I would not be able to afford my electric bill, as I can barely afford to pay it now.
- 5 Q. As a Floridian, are you concerned about climate change?
- 6 A. Yes. It's getting hotter and hotter, and the sea levels are rising. The warming waters are
- 7 killing the corals reefs. The manatees are starving to death. Storms are getting bigger and
- 8 becoming more frequent. As temperatures increase, people will have to spend even more on
- 9 already-expensive electricity in order to cool their homes. Florida is the canary in the coal
- mine for climate change in the United States because extreme, negative impacts have been
- 11 manifesting quickly here.
- 12 Q: Based on information provided by FPL, part of this rate increase will pay for new or
- 13 upgraded methane gas power plants. Do you believe this will have an impact on the
- 14 climate?
- 15 A. Yes. Such gas plants will emit greenhouse gases and therefore will contribute to climate
- 16 change, which is already negatively impacting Florida's environment and residents. FPL
- should instead invest in creating a solar energy program for its customers. Because Florida is
- one of the sunniest places in the U.S., FPL has the potential to harness an astronomical
- amount of renewable energy from solar infrastructure.
- 20 Q: In light of that, how do you feel about contributing your own money to those
- 21 projects, through your FPL bill?
- A. I do not want to pay FPL any amount of money that it will invest in gas power plants,
- 23 which will contribute to climate change, causing Florida to become even hotter. This effect
- 24 would force Florida residents to spend even more on electricity to cool their homes. I cannot
- afford to pay more for electricity than I already do.

Direct Testimony of Bobbie Lee Davenport ECOSWF Florida PSC, Docket No. 20210015-EI

1	Q. What is the mission of your organization?
2	A. ECOSWF's mission is to monitor and protect Florida's environment. It aims to stop
3	rampant pollution and functions as an environmental watchdog group.
4	Q. How is the purpose of your organization being served by participating in this
5	proceeding?
6	A. By participating in this proceeding, ECOSWF can encourage FPL to fully transition to
7	renewable energy generation. Natural gas is a nonrenewable energy source that contributes to
8	climate change, which is already devasting important aspects of Florida's environment.
9	ECOSWF is protecting the vitality of Florida's environment by participating in this
10	proceeding.
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