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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my deepest disappointment and disgust that FPL and the FPL Corporation were permitted by the State of Florida Public Service Commission members to increase **hardworking taxpayers working class** residential rates to outrageous levels while subsidizing **special interest groups electrical rates of the wealthy and powerful members of the State of Florida society**, further underscoring a complete abrogation of the social contract between the governed and government.

"Throwing good money after bad money" to an energy industrial sector that only seeks immediate private financial largess at the expense of the public common good (reliable and robust electrical delivery infrastructure at reasonable rates) speaks volume of the ongoing dialogue between corporate behemoths like FPL and the small people (salt of the earth) of this social contract.

Thank you for your time in these matters and hope to hear from you soon.

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Rate hike coming for TECO, FP&L utility customers

By Catherine Hawley | Published October 26, 2021 11:13PM | Updated October 27, 2021 5:45AM | Tampa | FOX 13 News

FB&L and TECO both increasing rates

Catherine Hawley reports

TAMPA, Fla. - Customers of both TECO and Florida Power & Light will soon be paying more for electricity.

The state's Public Service Commission unanimously approved the new multi-year rate plans, as both utility companies shift towards solar power.

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"The fact that it establishes for us a predictability of the rates going forward for the next five years is certainly a plus," said Gary Clark, Public Service Commission chairman.

FP&L's rate plan spans the next four years and supports long-term investments in infrastructure, clean energy and technology. This includes about 16-million new solar panels across more than 50 new sites, enough to power roughly 1 million homes.

TECO customers will pay more over the next three years. Its rate plan will help boost solar energy and continue moving away from using coal to fuel power plants. Including adding solar facilities that will generate 600 megawatts of electricity, and upgrading the Big Bend Power Station in Hillsborough County.

"I think all utilities are looking at it very seriously. And many utilities are actually doing it," said Dr. Yogi Goswami, director of the USF Clean Energy Research Center.

Goswami says there is a move in the utility industry overall toward the use of solar power and other renewable energy, so a higher monthly bill isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"It's in all of our interests that we do everything we can to reduce the adverse climate effect," Goswami said.

Extreme climate events and sea level rise are likely in Florida's future, and reducing our carbon footprint now will help slow that climate change.

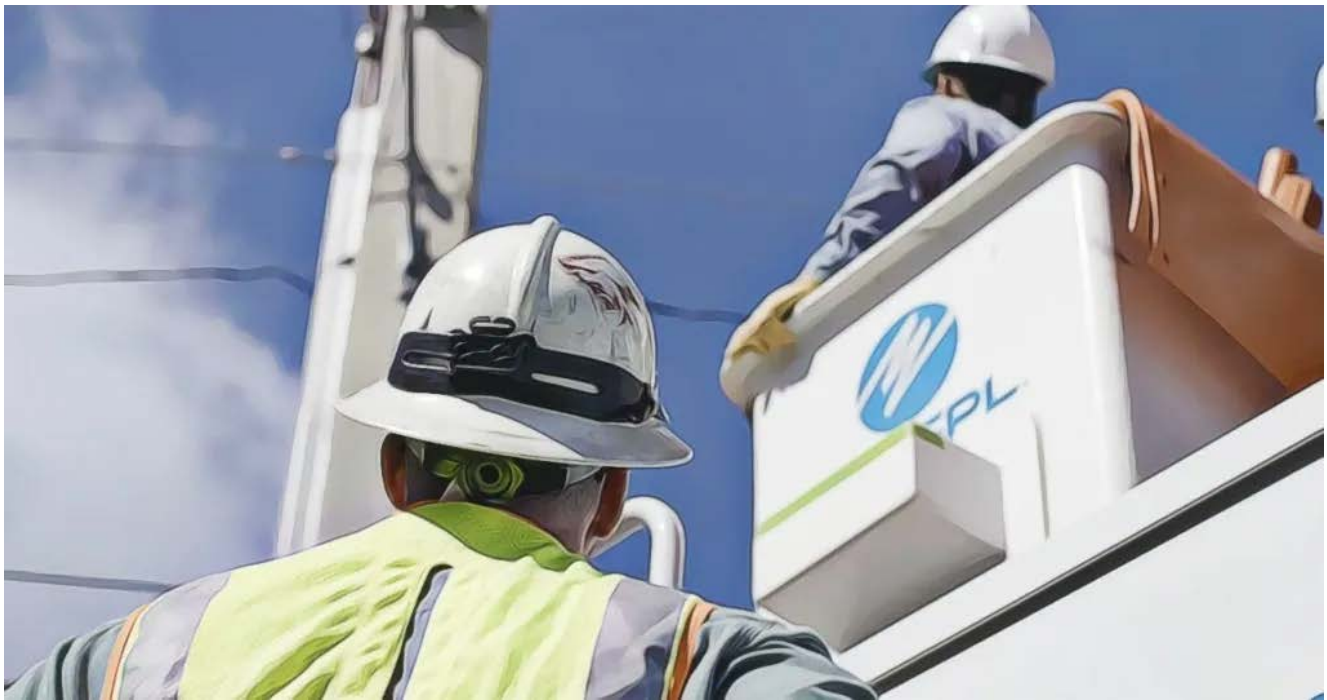
Goswami says solar power is a great direction for TECO and FP&L, and there are things you can do at home to help as well.

"I think as citizens, we have some responsibilities also, and that is to become more energy efficient," said Goswami.

The new rates go into effect starting in January.

Public Service Commission unanimously approves 4-year rate agreement for Florida Power and Light

by Jordan Kirkland | Oct 26, 2021



The [Florida Public Service Commission](#), which regulates Florida's utilities, unanimously approved [Florida Power & Light's \(FPL\)](#) four-year rate settlement agreement on Tuesday, a deal that FPL says

will mean lower bills in 2025 for the typical 1,000-kWh Gulf Power residential customer in Northwest Florida than the same customer is paying today. Gulf Power was recently acquired by FPL.

The settlement agreement, which was joined by Vote Solar, The CLEO Institute and Federal Executive Agencies, will phase in new rates starting in 2022. Developed jointly with the Florida Office of Public Counsel – the state’s consumer advocate – as well as the Florida Retail Federation, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, FPL noted the four-year rate agreement will keep residential customer bills well below the national average while also supporting the nation’s largest solar buildout — part of the electric company’s longterm investment in infrastructure, clean energy and innovative technology.

“Backed by multiple consumer and environmental groups, this comprehensive agreement benefits all 5.6 million FPL customers and our state by keeping bills low and accelerating investments in clean energy,” said FPL President and CEO **Eric Silagy**. “Florida is a rapidly growing state on the front lines of climate change and our customers deserve bold, decisive, long-term actions as we continue building a more resilient and sustainable energy future all of us can depend on, including future generations. This agreement paves the way for FPL to continue delivering America’s best energy value – electricity that’s not just clean and reliable, but also affordable.”

FPL says the new four-year plan will also provide support to the company’s “30-by-30” plan, which launched back in 2019. The new base rate will enable the electric company to continue to cost-effectively install 30 million solar panels in Florida by 2030 — with the end result being the largest installation of solar panels by a regulated utility in the world and a 67 percent fleet-wide reduction in carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions rate. To date, FPL has **installed more than 12 million solar panels** in Florida, the largest solar expansion in the United States, putting the company on-track to achieve its goal.

In addition to solar energy, the approved agreement supports several projects in the works for FPL, including their **green hydrogen pilot project** in Okeechobee County, **expansion of electric vehicle infrastructure**, **investment in smart grid technology**, and rapid-response efforts to hurricanes and other natural disasters.

The unanimous PSC decision is the culmination of the customary, nearly year-long process of reviewing and setting new electric base rates. This included 12 public hearings in June and July, as well as FPL’s production and filing of nearly 100,000 pages of documents, including direct and rebuttal testimony, depositions under oath, and responses to thousands of discovery requests from PSC staff and intervening parties.

FPL has been operating under a base-rate settlement that took effect in January 2017 and will end in December.

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Oct 26 (Reuters) - NextEra Energy's **(NEE.N)** Florida Power & Light Co said on Tuesday the state's Public Service Commission approved its four-year rate settlement agreement that should benefit customers by keeping their bills low while the company boosts its clean energy investments.

The agreement will phase in new rates starting next year, directly supporting the largest solar build-out in the United States, including 16 million solar panels across over 50 new sites, enough to power about 1 million homes, FPL said.

"FPL's typical 1,000-kWh residential customer bill is expected to grow from 2021-2025 at an average annual rate of 2.8% and remain well below the national average," the company said.

It added that typical FPL business customer bills are expected to remain below the national average and grow at an average annual rate of 1.6% to 3.4%, from 2021-2025 depending on rate class.

FPL said the deal is a step towards the company's plan to install 30 million solar panels in Florida by 2030.

The agreement also supports the company's green hydrogen pilot project in Okeechobee County and FPL Manatee Energy Storage Center, an integrated solar-powered battery system that's projected to begin serving customers later this year.

The agreement was also signed by Vote Solar, The CLEO Institute and Federal Executive Agencies, as per the statement.

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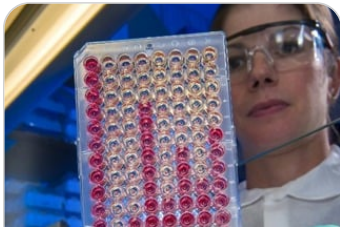


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Ms. Beatrice Balboa
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Dear Ms. Balboa:

This is in response to your October 27 email to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL). You expressed concern regarding FPL's petition for a rate increase.

On October 26, 2021, the FPSC approved a four-year rate settlement for FPL, reflecting an almost 40 percent reduction in the company's original rate revenue request for 2022. Parties to the settlement—filed on August 9, 2021—included the Office of Public Counsel, representing customers, the Florida Retail Federation; the Florida Industrial Power Users Group; and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

As part of the evaluation process for FPL's rate request, the Commission conducted 12 virtual service hearings in June and July to allow feedback from FPL and Gulf customers about utility service and the rate-setting process.

The settlement agreement reduces FPL's original revenue petition from \$1.1 billion to \$692 million in 2022 and from \$605 million to \$560 million in 2023. The utility's proposed return on equity midpoint was reduced from 11.5 to 10.6 percent.

We will add your feedback and the articles you shared to Docket No. 20210015.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

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