

Lisa Smith

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 4:38 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20210015
Attachments: FW Florida Power & Light; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

See attached customer correspondence and FPSC reply for Docket No. 20210015.

Lisa Smith

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 3:43 PM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Florida Power & Light

Please find attached email received by the Governor's Office of Citizen Services. This email is forwarded to your office for review and any response or action appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

-----Original Message-----

From: Deborah Brousseau <dabrousseau@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:51 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Florida Power & Light

> FPL recently acquired Gulf Power, our electric provider. They are splat just beginning a 4 year rate increase. Our power bill increased drastically in Jan. It was higher than it was In August. In Florida. Electric is about to become unaffordable in Northwest Florida, one of the poorest areas in the country. Is it legal for them to do this? It seems they are pushing for solar which most can't afford. I would like information on what can be done. Thank you.

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> Deborah Brousseau

Please note that under Florida law correspondence sent to the Governor's Office, which is not confidential or exempt pursuant to chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, is a public record made available upon request.

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From: Shonna McCray
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 4:36 PM
To: 'dabrousseau@gmail.com'
Cc: Ellen Plendl
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Deborah Brousseau
dabrousseau@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1387806C

Dear Ms. Brousseau:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to assist you.

When a utility company files an application for a rate increase with the FPSC, it must explain the need for the requested increase. Its petition must be accompanied by minimum filing requirements (MFRs), which are schedules and reports containing the operation, financial, economic, and rate information needed by the FPSC staff to evaluate the company's revenue increase request, rate structure, and quality of service. The company's proposal and financial information are closely analyzed before a Commission decision is made.

The utility also forecasts how much money is needed to cover its expenses in the next year. This includes a proposed return on its investment in assets used to provide service to its customers (such as power plants, electric lines, or gas mains), which the utility uses to pay interest on money it borrows and to compensate investors. The utility must also propose the classes of customers that will pay for the increase, usually categorized as residential, commercial, and industrial.

The utility application, the technical hearing and service hearing testimony and exhibits become part of the case record that Commissioners use to make decisions about the case.

FPSC staff makes a detailed review and analysis of the entire record and files a recommendation with the FPSC's Clerk detailing the staff's adjustments to the company's petition.

The Commissioners review the information, based on the record, and make their decisions about the case in an open meeting through a written "order."

After the FPSC's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider its decision on the issues. After the reconsideration, the Public Counsel, the utility, or any other party involved in the proceeding may appeal the Commission's decision to the Florida Supreme Court.

On October 26, 2021 the FPSC approved a four-year rate settlement for FPL, reflecting an almost 40 percent reduction in its original rate revenue request for 2022. Parties to the settlement, filed on August 9, 2021, include 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 FPSC 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.

You may review all the information filed for Commission consideration in docket 20210015 by accessing the FPSC website at www.floridapsc.com. Under the Clerk's Office tab at the top of the page, click on Dockets. Type in the docket number 20210015. Click the Search button. Then select Document Filings Index for a list of all filings in the docket. This procedure allows you to view all of the information filed by the utility and other parties in the docket.

We will add your feedback to Docket No. 20210015, regarding FPL's petition.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ellen Plendl at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

Shonna McCray
Regulatory Program Administrator
Florida Public Service Commission