

**Antonia Hover**

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**From:** Hannah Barker  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 1:54 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FPL Rate Case Docket  
**Attachments:** RE Please Don't Allow Profiteering by FPL at My Expense!; RE Florida Power & Light is crushing us; RE Florida Power and Light unanimous approval of rate hike

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20210015.

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 1:52 PM  
**To:** 'corear62@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Please Don't Allow Profiteering by FPL at My Expense!

Dear Mr. O'Rear:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns and frustrations about your recent Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) bill. I live in Washington County and have experienced the FPL rate increase on my own electric bills, my family's small business electric bills, and the bills of others in our communities.

Several factors have contributed to increased electric costs this year. As you know, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) approved a rate settlement for FPL last year, one factor for some of the increases. The settlement was negotiated and filed with the PSC by several parties, including FPL, the Office of Public Counsel—the attorney representing ratepayers before the PSC—and other consumer groups. One important piece is that it includes a declining charge for Panhandle customers, who will see a \$5 decrease on the average monthly household bill each year for the next four years.

Another significant factor affecting your bill is an increase in fuel costs. Natural gas and coal have both gotten more expensive this winter. While FPL does not profit from fuel costs, the utility has to pass these costs on to customers. If you're like me, I hardly ran my heater in December, but January was much colder and I, therefore, used more energy. This combined with higher fuel costs and many of us had a much higher electric bill as a result.

The third factor on your electric bill is taxes. Electric bill taxes include a local franchise fee to the municipality or county, a local utility tax to the municipality or county, a gross receipts tax, and—for business customers—sales tax, too. Around 20 percent of the electric bill for many small Panhandle businesses is taxes! These costs are not under the PSC's jurisdiction.

So, what can we, as customers, do? If you feel you have an error on your bill or a meter that is not functioning correctly, contact FPL or you can contact the PSC's consumer assistance line, 800-342-3552. You can also request an energy audit or find ways to conserve energy on FPL's website or the PSC's website. To participate in future rate case proceedings before the PSC, contact the Office of Public Counsel at 800-342-0222.

Thank you, again, for contacting me. I know how challenging increased energy costs can be for Florida families. My role is to ensure safe, reliable utility services at fair prices, and I will not support rates that are not fair to you, the customer.

Sincerely,

Gary F. Clark

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

From: Craig O'Rear <corear62@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:11 AM

To: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>

Subject: Please Don't Allow Profiteering by FPL at My Expense!

Craig O'Rear  
5343 Longhorn Trail  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

February 28, 2022

Dear Chairman Clark,

I understand that Florida Power & Light is asking the commission to accept the settlement and rate increases. Given the massive profits these companies rake in, I do not believe these rate increases are justified.

Not only is FPL profiteering on the backs of their Florida customers, they all have an energy mix that runs counter to current energy market trends. Today, the natural gas and/or coal generation heavily relied on by FPL is more expensive than solar paired with storage. Worse yet, as these plants age they become more costly to operate and are at great risk of becoming stranded assets.

By contrast, in parts of the U.S. solar generated electricity paired with storage is selling for between \$22 and \$26 per MWh, and that price is guaranteed for the next 20 years!!! Yet, in our "Sunshine State" we still get less than 3 percent of our electricity from solar. Why should I be forced to pay for the poor decisions of these monopoly utilities?

The only thing that will force them to diversify with lower cost sources of electricity like solar, is if the commission does not allow them to prop up increasingly uneconomical power plants by raising our electricity rates.

There is nothing conservative about catering to monopoly utilities and the expense of ratepayers and basic free market principles. I am not alone, 74 percent of Floridians oppose these proposed electricity hikes.

Please reject the settlement and rate increases. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Craig O'Rear

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 1:51 PM  
**To:** 'bordert@earthlink.net'  
**Subject:** RE: Florida Power & Light is crushing us

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**From:** bordert@earthlink.net <bordert@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2022 1:33 PM

**To:** alex.andrade@myfloridahouse.gov

**Subject:** Florida Power & Light is crushing us

Do something!!!! Florida Power & Light is crushing us.

Our bills have more than doubled and tripled the only change is FPL taking over. I called and asked for an explanation all they could say is it's cold outside. This is all bull crap. If you are responsible you better figure out how to fix this. The people of NW Florida cannot survive this. After all that been done to put us down buy the democrats and Biden. Now this. How much more and we take. If you want to keep your job **Do Something!!!!** This needs to be fixed now!!!

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 1:49 PM  
**To:** 'B Crews'  
**Subject:** RE: Florida Power and Light unanimous approval of rate hike

Dear B Crews:

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

From: B Crews <crews32539@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 10:05 AM

To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Graham <Commissioner.Graham@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Chairman Fay <Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
Subject: Florida Power and Light unanimous approval of rate hike

Dear Commissioners of Florida Public Service Commission,

What were you thinking to approve such a huge increase in the northwest Florida region?

Did any of you receive kickbacks or gifts for your vote or did you just think that no one would notice your unanimous approval to deliberately raise the rates, doubling, and doing so with the intent that our area would pay while businesses and corporations receive tax breaks?

Disabled, military veterans, elderly, and low income are all negatively affected by this dangerous approval. Families living paycheck to paycheck are negatively affected by the dangerous actions.

And, for what? What exactly do you gain from the unanimous approval?

Sincerely,

A frustrated former Gulf Power customer now unfortunately tied to Florida Power and Light outrageous charges due to your unanimous approval...