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From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:09 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: FPL - Minimum Billing - A better way to implement

Good morning,

Please place the attached email in Docket No. 20210015.

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From: Jim Blankenship <jimblankenship26105@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 9:32 PM
To: Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: FPL - Minimum Billing - A better way to implement
Attachments: FPL_Bill.pdf

Commissioners:

I am sure you have received many complaints about FPL's minimum billing. This email suggests a different implementation method that helps EVERYONE.

A simple and excellent solution to the minimum bill is to implement "Net \$16.01" instead of "Net \$0". That is, FPL gets their minimum \$16.01 billing, home/panel owners have a predictable bill (before buying panels), FPL does not double dip into homeowners' reserves, and solar companies continue to sell solar panels. However, the solar companies will sell enough panels for net annual usage to \$16.01/month instead of net \$0.00/year. Moreover, the environment, Florida and FPL all win because less power plants will be needed to handle Florida's continued population growth. **Note:** I use the term "Net \$16.01" to simplify communication for the current situation. A more generic term might be "Net Minimum Usage Billing", which should stay constant even though the minimum billing amount can change over time.

What is wrong now? I have attached my most recent bill. FPL is double dipping on their billing. Per a FPL representative, the minimum billing of \$16.01 represents 239 kWh of electricity. I only used 56 kWh from 5/23 - 6/22. FPL double dipped by charging me \$16.01 while also removing 56 kWh from my reserve. By the end of 2022, I will use far less than 239 kWh/month and FPL will charge me more than \$16.01/month for every month that I use more than 239 kWh.

To summarize, FPL's current customer billing is not fair because FPL double dips their charges when considering reserves. My suggested "Net \$16.01" method removes all double dipping while providing numerous other benefits, which are listed above. Even further, FPL previous net-0 billing computer programs should work exactly the same as they did under Net-0; FPL would simply need to change the year-end balancing process to balance to \$16.01 instead of \$0.00. Everyone is a winner and it is super simple to implement!

Please consider my suggestion. I think it will be great for everyone and great every entity involved in the discussion.

Thank you,

Jeffery James Blankenship
6480 36th Pl. Vero Beach, FL 32966
Cell: 304-210-6830



Electric Bill Statement

For: May 23, 2022 to Jun 22, 2022 (30 days)

Statement Date: Jun 22, 2022

Account Number: 37844-19511

Service Address:

6480 36TH PL

VERO BEACH, FL 32966

Hello Jeffery J Blankenship,
Here's what you owe for this billing period.

CURRENT BILL

\$27.16

TOTAL AMOUNT YOU OWE

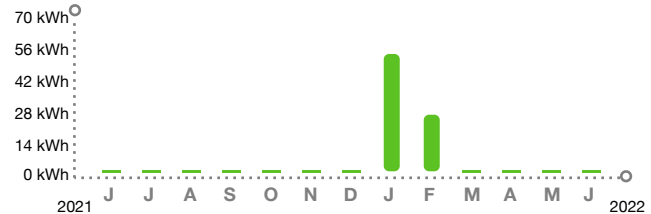
Jul 14, 2022

NEW CHARGES DUE BY

Have \$11.69 withdrawn instead of \$27.16. Enroll in FPL Budget Billing®.

[FPL.com/AutoBB](https://www.fpl.com/AutoBB)

ENERGY USAGE HISTORY



BILL SUMMARY

Amount of your last bill	9.77
Payments received	-9.77
Balance before new charges	0.00
Total new charges	27.16
Total amount you owe	\$27.16

FPL automatic bill pay - DO NOT PAY

(See page 2 for bill details.)

KEEP IN MIND

- Enroll in FPL Budget Billing and have Automatic Bill Pay debit \$11.69 instead of \$27.16 on your next withdrawal date. Your monthly bills will become predictable year-round. Enroll at [FPL.com/AutoBB](https://www.fpl.com/AutoBB)
- Payments received after July 14, 2022 are considered late; a late payment charge, the greater of \$5.00 or 1.5% of your past due balance will apply. Your account may also be billed a deposit adjustment.
- The amount due on your account will be drafted automatically on or after July 04, 2022. If a partial payment is received before this date, only the remaining balance due on your account will be drafted automatically.
- 595 kWh were sent to the grid this period. 651 kWh were applied to reduce your bill. Your kWh reserve decreased by 56. The kWh in your reserve is 1,047
- Your bill is subject to a minimum base bill charge. Please visit [FPL.com/rates](https://www.fpl.com/rates) for details.

A new minimum base bill of \$25, which was approved by the Florida Public Service Commission, is now in effect for metered residential customers whose monthly base electric service costs fall below \$25.

Customer Service: (772) 403-0021
Outside Florida: 1-800-226-3545

Report Power Outages: 1-800-4OUTAGE (468-8243)
Hearing/Speech Impaired: 711 (Relay Service)



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The amount enclosed includes the following donation:

FPL Care To Share: _____

Make check payable to FPL in U.S. funds and mail along with this coupon to:

JEFFERY J BLANKENSHIP
6480 36TH PL
VERO BEACH FL 32966-7813

FPL
GENERAL MAIL FACILITY
MIAMI FL 33188-0001

Visit [FPL.com/PayBill](https://www.fpl.com/PayBill) for ways to pay.

37844-19511

ACCOUNT NUMBER

\$27.16

TOTAL AMOUNT YOU OWE

Jul 14, 2022

NEW CHARGES DUE BY

\$ Auto pay - DO NOT PAY

AMOUNT ENCLOSED



Customer Name:
Jeffery J Blankenship

Account Number:
37844-19511

BILL DETAILS

Amount of your last bill	9.77
Payment received - Thank you	-9.77
Balance before new charges	\$0.00

New Charges

Rate: RS-1 RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Base charge: \$8.99

Minimum base bill: \$16.01

Non-fuel energy charge:

First 1000 Kwh \$0.073710 per kWh

Over 1000 kWh \$0.083710 per kWh

Fuel charge:

First 1000 kWh \$0.034870 per kWh

Over 1000 kWh \$0.044870 per kWh

Electric service amount 25.00

Gross rec. tax/Regulatory fee 0.66

Franchise charge 1.50

Taxes and charges 2.16

Total new charges \$27.16

Total amount you owe \$27.16

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METER SUMMARY

Meter reading - Meter KCD517N. Next meter reading Jul 22, 2022.

Usage Type	Current	-	Previous	=	Usage
kWh used	15421		14770		0

ENERGY USAGE COMPARISON

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
Service to	Jun 22, 2022	May 23, 2022	Jun 22, 2021
kWh Used	0	0	0
Service days	30	31	31
kWh/day	0	0	0
Amount	\$27.16	\$9.77	\$9.08

Stay ready and connected

The FPL Mobile App is an easy, secure way to report outages and stay informed during a storm.

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Pad your ceiling and wallet

Schedule a Home Energy Analysis to see if adding insulation may start saving money on your energy bills.

[Start saving >](#)

We are here to help

If you are experiencing hardship as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and need help with your bill, there are resources available.

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