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The Florida Public Service Commission should be ashamed.

Global warming is no longer a theory - it's a fact, and it is clearly made worse by burning of fossil fuels, as most power generating plants do. The need for environmentally neutral ways to generate power is critical, if earth is to avoid catastrophic warming. To date, the most feasible of those are wind and solar. I have installed solar panels on my roof, which has significantly reduced my power consumption from Florida Power & Light. Although I am pretty healthy, at my age (80) I am unlikely to ever fully recover the cost of installation. I did it because I believed it was the right thing to do, for the people, for the country, and for the planet.

What the Florida Public Service Commission (Andrew Giles Fay, Art Graham, Gary F Clark, Mike La Rosa, & Gabrielle Passidomo) felt was the right thing to do was to financially punish those whose power bills do not exceed \$25 / month by letting FPL and other power utilities to arbitrarily add a base charge of \$25 / month to their bills. So as of my June bill, for the four or five months of the year that my solar panels are most effective, I am forced to make an involuntary donation of \$100 or more to FPL.

The following notice was slipped into my June bill, in very small print.

"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."

Lawyers can hash out whether this is legal; it is certainly morally wrong. The Public Service Commission should be encouraging, rather than punishing, homeowner investment in solar power.

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