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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent:Friday, October 28, 2022 8:21 AMTo:Consumer CorrespondenceSubject:Docket No. 20220001

Attachments: Fuel Cost Adjustment - Docket 20220001; Fuel Cost Adjustment - Docket 20220001;

Fuel Cost Adjustment - Docket 20220001; FW The Public Service Commission needs to stop approving increases to our electric bills; FW The Public Service Commission needs to stop approving increases to our electric bills; FW The Public Service Commission

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See attached customer correspondence and replies for Docket No. 20220001.

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 8:18 AM

To: 'msull_54@hotmail.com'

Subject: Fuel Cost Adjustment - Docket 20220001

Ms. Margaret Sullivan msull_54@hotmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 140865C

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email regarding the fuel cost adjustment 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 respond directly to you.

The fuel adjustment charge recovers the actual expenses associated with securing and processing fuel necessary to run the power plants used to generate electricity. Fuel rates mirror rising and falling fuel costs as reflected in the international marketplace. The revenue generated by the fuel adjustment charge does not add to the profit of the utility companies, but goes to pay fuel suppliers and transporters. The cost of fuel is shown as a separate cents per kilowatthour charge, and fuel costs are not contained in any other charge on a customer's bill.

Each year, utilities file their projected fuel expenses for the upcoming calendar year. The FPSC, along with the Office of Public Counsel and other consumer representatives closely examine the fuel costs requested by the utilities. Public hearings are held annually to set the fuel factors for the next year. Since rates are set on projected costs, at the end of the year, the costs are "trued-up" or compared to the audited actual expenses incurred by the utility. If the utility recovered more than its actual costs, the amount of over-recovery is used to reduce the next year's costs. If the utility under-recovered (costs were higher than expected) that deficit is likewise rolled into the next year. The fuel cost adjustment is recognized by virtually all state commissions, by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and is also used by most municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives.

Fuel costs for the investor-owned electric companies were set by the FPSC during the November 2021 cost recovery clause hearing. By Florida Statute and established Commission policy, electric utilities may recover certain expenses from customers through cost recovery charges adjusted annually by the FPSC. Cost recovery is allowed on fuel and purchased power, capacity, conservation, and environmental requirements. Utilities may not, however, earn a profit on fuel charges.

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http://www.floridapsc.com/agendas/audiovideo/index.aspx

Thank you for sharing your views. We will add your comments to the correspondence side of Docket No. 20220001-EI regarding the fuel cost adjustment.

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

Sincerely,

Ellen Plendl
Regulatory Consultant
Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach
1-800-342-3552 (phone)
1-800-511-0809 (fax)

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 8:17 AM **To:** 'yinayrodriguez@yahoo.com'

Subject: Fuel Cost Adjustment - Docket 20220001

Mr. Yinay Rodriguez yinayrodriguez@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1408664C

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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 8:16 AM

To: 'ghudoff3@gmail.com'

Subject: Fuel Cost Adjustment - Docket 20220001

Mr. Gary Hudoff ghudoff3@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1408663C

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 4:34 PM

To: EOG-Referral

Subject: FW: The Public Service Commission needs to stop approving increases to our electric

bills

Please find attached email received to 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

From: Margaret Sullivan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 5:52 PM **To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: The Public Service Commission needs to stop approving increases to our electric bills

Governor of Florida Ron DeSantis,

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Margaret Sullivan

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From: Yinay Rodriguez <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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Yinay Rodriguez

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