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Hiep Nguyen

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 4:01 PM

To: Consumer Correspondence **Subject:** Docket No. 20220001

Attachments: FW PLEASE! No More Price Increases for Electricity; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power

& Light Company

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

Hiep Nguyen

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

Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 3:09 PM

To: EOG-Referral

Subject: FW: PLEASE! No More Price Increases for Electricity

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

From: John Burke <johnnyno@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 11:31 AM

To: contact@psc.state.fl.us; GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: PLEASE! No More Price Increases for Electricity

Good morning,

I am begging you, on behalf of all Florida residents, please do NOT approve any additional price increases for the electric utilities. In this time of economic uncertainty, the last set of approved increases has already caused a burden for my household. In January 2021, my FPL budget bill was about \$260. This month, it was \$315 and my usage went down year over year. This is with an average daytime temperature setting of 78 degrees. If FPL is allowed to continue to arbitrarily raise rates, I fear I will be forced to choose between my electric bill and other household necessities and I'm in a much better position financially than many of my Florida friends and family. It might be a different story if FPL wasn't posting large profit increases over this same time period, but that isn't the case. In fact, their parent company raised expectations for their full year 2022 profits earlier this year.

Ladies and gentlemen, approving additional increases to the electric bills for all Floridians would be irresponsible at best at a time when many families are struggling.

I pray wisdom and guidance for you all.

Sincerely, John Burke 3621 Watergrass St West Melbourne, FL 32904

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.

Hiep Nguyen

From: Shonna McCray

Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 3:19 PM

To: 'johnnyno@gmail.com'

Cc: Ellen Plendl

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. John Burke johnnyno@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1411261C

Dear Mr. Burke:

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 respond directly to you.

FPL is in the process of their proposed annual fuel cost adjustment. 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 kilowatt-hour 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 Florida Public Service Commission (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 FPL 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.

On November 17, and November 18, 2022, held the first set of hearings to determine the 2023 fuel adjustment charges. On December 6, 2022, the FPSC will conduct the next hearing to determine the 2023 fuel adjustment charges. You may watch the hearings live or afterwards by using the following link:

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

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

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