

Antonia Hover

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 11:05 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20230001
Attachments: FW FPL rate increases in NWF; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

See attached customer correspondence and reply for Docket No. 20230001.

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 10:38 AM
To: EOG-Referral
Subject: FW: FPL rate increases in NWF

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: Mike Morgan <mikemorgan314@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 9:01 AM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: FPL rate increases in NWF

Constituent message:

1. **Name**
Mike Morgan
2. **Email Address**
mikemorgan314@gmail.com
3. **Phone Number**
850-426-1039
4. **Subject**
FPL rate increases in NWF
5. **Message**
When FPL was allowed to purchase Gulf Power in NWF, we were told our rates would go down—They would convert from coal to NG to save money, etc., etc., etc. Now we are experiencing multiple rate hikes per year and the bills are increasing while use is decreasing. If PS, in PSC, actually stands for Public Service, it is time to represent us against these pirates. We cannot afford any more “savings” inflicted on us. As governor, please help us stop these power monopolies from ruining us financially while they have guaranteed profits regardless of whatever foolish decision they make. A good rule would be, if you do something to “save money” and you are wrong, suck it up buttercup and live with your decision. If it costs the management their jobs, perhaps their replacement will do a better job! The problem is the guarantee of profit regardless...there is no incentive to make sure the CBA actually makes sense.
6. **Attach file (optional)**

This message was sent from <https://www.flgov.com>.

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From: Shonna McCray
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 10:59 AM
To: 'mikemorgan314@gmail.com'
Cc: Ellen Plendl
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. Mike Morgan
mikemorgan314@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1414404C

Dear Mr. Morgan:

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.

You expressed a concern about recent rate increases, including the fuel charge. The fuel charge recovers the actual cost to secure and process the fuel necessary to generate electricity. Fuel rates mirror rising and falling fuel costs as reflected in the international marketplace. Any revenue generated by the fuel charge pays fuel suppliers and transporters; utilities are not allowed to earn a profit on fuel costs. On your bill, fuel appears as a separate cents per kilowatt-hour charge.

Each year, utilities file their projected fuel costs for the upcoming calendar year. The FPSC, along with the Office of Public Counsel and other consumer representatives, closely examine the utilities' requested fuel costs. Public hearings are held to set the annual fuel factors. 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. Any over or under recovery from the utility's actual costs will be reflected in next year's costs. The fuel cost adjustment is recognized by state commissions, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and is also used by most municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives.

On December 6, 2022, the FPSC set the 2023 fuel charge for the customers of FPL after carefully considering testimony and evidence on its projected costs at a public hearing.

Below is a breakdown of FPL-NW residential customer bills for 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity prior to January 2023, as well as bills effective January 2023.

TOTAL MONTHLY BILL - RESIDENTIAL SERVICE - 1,000 KILOWATT HOURS

January 2023

<u>Present</u>	Florida Power & Light Company (former Gulf Power)
<u>September - December 2022</u>	
Base Rate Charges	\$75.82
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause	\$34.87
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$1.34
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause	\$2.99

Capacity Cost Recovery Clause	\$2.39
Storm Damage Cost Surcharge	\$11.00
Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$2.14
Asset Securitization Charge	N/A
Transition Rider/Credit	\$21.06
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$4.00
Total	<u>\$155.61</u>

Revised	Florida Power & Light Company (former Gulf Power)
January 2023	
Base Rate Charges	\$80.11
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause	\$37.45
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$1.22
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause	\$3.12
Capacity Cost Recovery Clause	-\$1.97
Storm Damage Cost Surcharge	\$11.00
Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$3.82
Asset Securitization Charge	N/A
Transition Rider/Credit	\$16.85
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$4.00
Total	<u>\$155.60</u>

Increase / (Decrease)	Florida Power & Light Company (former Gulf Power)
Base Rate Charges	\$4.29
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause	\$2.58
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	-\$0.12
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause	\$0.13
Capacity Cost Recovery Clause	-\$4.36
Storm Damage Cost Surcharge	\$0.00
Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$1.68
Asset Securitization Charge	N/A
Transition Rider/Credit	-\$4.21
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$0.00
Total	<u>-\$0.01</u>

Natural gas prices and resulting costs experienced in 2022 exceeded the revenues collected from customers and resulted in a significant under recovery.

FPL has filed for a mid-course correction for fuel charges. Mid-course corrections are used by the Commission between annual fuel clause hearings whenever costs deviate from revenue by a significant margin. Cost recovery factors are usually effective for a period of 12 months. However, we require that if an investor-owned electric company's fuel or capacity cost recovery position is projected to exceed a specified range within the standard 12-month timeframe, then a filing and analysis into the continued reasonableness of the prevailing cost recovery factors must be performed. This requirement is codified by Rule 25- 6.0424, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and is commonly referred to as the "mid-course correction rule."

(Over or under collection is a credit or debit to the amount to be collected the next period (year). The total fuel factor may go up or down regardless of whether there was an over or under collection in the prior period.)

Thank you for your comments. They will be added to the correspondence filed in the Fuel Cost Recovery Clause Docket No. 20230001-EI. If you have any questions or concerns please contact 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