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From: John Plescow
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 3:35 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence; Consina Griffin-Greaux
Subject: FW: Clerks Office FW: E-Form Other Complaints TRACKING NUMBER: 190720

Please, add to docket 20210015.

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From: consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us <consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:16 PM
To: Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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CUSTOMER INFORMATION

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BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Account Name: Brian Franz
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COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Complaint: Other Complaints against Florida Power & Light Company

Details:

I am writing to register my formal complaint to the imposition of a \$25 minimum charge to my electric utility bill. Several years ago I invested over \$30,000 to install rooftop solar on my primary residence in the "sunshine state" under a net-metering arrangement. At the time my monthly bill was usually just under \$10 which represented the cost to lease the meter. My monthly bill has now effectively tripled. Why, exactly? Is it because FPL felt threatened by the less than 1% of us with rooftop solar and our effect on their future profits? Does FPL not have enough profit protecting laws in the state of Florida? Florida law already discourages or outright prohibits individuals from installing solar. Was it necessary for FPL to commission a PR firm to write a "study" about the harm people like me are doing to the 99% of customers who don't have the resources or care to install solar? The study was so obviously biased one wonders how stupid FPL thinks their solar customers are. But armed with the "study" and high priced lobbyists who draw up a "suggested" bill, it must have been child's play to find a Florida legislator willing to sponsor the bill in exchange for a donation to their reelection campaign. This is exactly what happened. The facts are not in dispute. Were it simply a case of a money grubbing industry buying politicians to protect their monopoly, that would be bad enough. But this issue is much greater than that. There are some of us who are actually concerned about the future of our homes, neighborhoods, state and planet. If we continue to ignore the obvious and don't figure out a way to combat climate change, my neighborhood will be under water in 50 years or less. What is FPL planning to do then? They should be encouraging more people like me to install solar. I haven't cost them a dime. I feed the grid during the day when demand is highest and do so with zero emissions. Even if FPL ceased their efforts to discourage solar customers and Florida miraculously killed all their anti-solar laws on the books, the costs of a solar installation would prohibit all but a small percentage of people from doing so. FPL would still have protected profits and would reap a windfall in public opinion by actually doing the right thing. Can you imagine?