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# **Antonia Hover**

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 1:31 PM

**To:** Consumer Correspondence

**Subject:** Docket Nos. 20230001 & 20230017

Attachments: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; FW: COST OF ELECTRICITY

See attached customer correspondence and reply for Docket Nos. 20230001 & 20230017.

## **Antonia Hover**

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 2:11 PM

**To:** 'joyce.volant@gmail.com'

**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Joyce Volant

joyce.volant@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1432699C

Dear Ms. Volant:

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. On March 7, 2023, the FPSC approved a mid-course correction to the fuel factors and granted preliminary interim storm restoration charge for FPL.

Utilities do not earn a profit on fuel charges. The fuel and capacity cost component of customers' bills is set for each calendar year, but mid-course corrections are used when a utility's costs increase or decrease significantly in the interim. Under Commission rules, a utility must notify the PSC when it expects an under- or over-recovery greater than 10 percent.

The adjusted fuel factors reflect unrecovered fuel costs incurred in 2022. The interim storm restoration recovery charges are costs associated with named storms and will replenish each utility's storm reserve fund. Interim storm restoration charges are approved for a 12-month recovery period and are subject to refund, with interest, pending further review once the total actual costs are known for each utility.

FPL's approved charges include the new fuel factor and the preliminary approval for recovery of \$1.5 billion in interim storm restoration costs for Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, as well as the remaining costs from Hurricanes Michael, Sally, and Zeta.

The next fuel cost hearing will be held on November 1st, 2nd and 3rd. During the hearing, FPL and the other three electric companies regulated by the Florida Public Service Commission will present their projected 2024 fuel and purchased power costs, true-up previous estimates for 2023 incurred costs, and true-up 2022 costs to actual costs. Recovery of capacity, conservation, and environmental costs will also be considered. The Office of Public Counsel will represent the interest of consumers. You may watch the hearings live or afterwards by using the following link:

https://www.floridapsc.com/watch-archive-psc-events

We appreciate you sharing your views and will add your correspondence to both Dockets 20230001 and 20230017 regarding the mid-course correction and the storm restoration recovery, respectively.

Customers who are experiencing difficulty in providing payment on their account can contact the following resources for financial assistance:

- \* Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program --- https://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/community-services/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program/find-your-local-low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-provider-for-help
- \* Elderly Electric Assistance (EHEAP), which provides assistance for home-energy emergencies to qualified, low-income households with at least one person 60 years of age or older. To find out about qualifications, you may contact your county's local EHEAP agency, or by calling 1-800-963-5337.

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
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Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach
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#### **Antonia Hover**

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

Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 2:07 PM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: COST OF ELECTRICITY

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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: Joyce Volant <joyce.volant@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 7:01 PM **To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: COST OF ELECTRICITY

Constituent message:

1. Name

Joyce Volant

2. Email Address

joyce.volant@gmail.com

- 3. Phone Number
- 4. Subject

**COST OF ELECTRICITY** 

5. Message

Hi. I live in Pensacola, NW Florida.

I'm writing to ask you to PLEASE DO SOMETHING about the cost of electricity in our state!!

I live in an apt. that's 1300 square feet. My electric bill went from around \$100 a month to \$150 a month. It seems like it went way up after Florida Power & Light took over up here. It's only me that lives here, & I find that cost to be ridiculous! On top of Biden's horrible economy, it's very hard, especially when you're an old, disabled lady like me!

Please investigate why it went up & do something about it.

Also, AMERICANS ARE SUFFERING. THE OPEN BORDER IS TREASON, CLOSE IT NOW!! And I'd also like to say IT'S DISGUSTING THAT Y'ALL KEEP GIVING BILLIONS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHILE WE SUFFER HERE & ARE UNDER THREAT OF ILLEGAL ALIEN TERRORISTS AS WELL AS THREAT OF BEING NUKED BY OUR ENEMIES.

Thank you for reading. Please help with these things. I think you've been a great governor.

## 6. Attach file (optional)

7. **User IP Address** 98.162.139.30

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9. **Date Submitted** 27/10/2023

## 10. Time Submitted

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