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Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 8:22 AM
To: 'shellmarket87@gmail.com'

**Cc:** Consumer Contact

**Subject:** RE: Reject FPL's Rate Hike – Hold In-District Hearings for Public Input

Good Morning, Shelia Mercado.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250011, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

Toni Hover Commission Deputy Clerk I Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Dear Clerk Adam Teitzman,

Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk
Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No.20250011 -EI

Petition by Florida Power & Light Company for Base Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to formally request that the Commission hold in-district hearings regarding Docket No. 20250011 (Petition for Rate Increase by Florida Power & Light Company) to ensure that the public has a fair opportunity to weigh in on this critical decision.

Now more than ever, Floridians and our fragile ecosystems need protection—not additional financial burdens. In recent years, our state has faced intensifying hurricanes, record-breaking heat, and rising living costs. Meanwhile, some FPL customers have already seen their bills increase by 60% in just five years. Now, FPL is asking for an additional \$9 billion in rate hikes over the next five years—all while many Floridians struggle to afford housing, groceries, and essential utilities.

At the same time, FPL ranks 52nd out of 53 utilities nationwide in helping customers lower their power bills through efficiency and conservation programs, according to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy. Why should hard-working Floridians pay even more while FPL neglects energy-saving solutions and prioritizes corporate profits?

I urge you to reject this rate hike and prioritize Florida's consumers over corporate greed. Holding in-district hearings is the least that can be done to ensure that those most affected—everyday Floridians—have a voice in this process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Miss Shella Mercado
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