

Antonia Hover

From: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 1:51 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence - 20250011
Attachments: City of DeFuniak Springs - Letter of Opposition to Proposed FPL Rate Increase; Reject FPL's Unprecedented \$10 Billion Rate Hike – Protect Florida Families; Reject FPL's Unprecedented \$10 Billion Rate Hike – Protect Florida Families; Reject FPL's Unprecedented \$10 Billion Rate Hike – Protect Florida Families

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in CORRESPONDENCE – Consumers & Representatives in docket 20250011.

Thank you.

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From: Koby Townsend <citymanager@defuniaksprings.net>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 10:28 AM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa; ATEITSMAN@psc.state.fl.us
Cc: Bob Campbell; Clay Adkinson; Rafael Ali; Office
Subject: City of DeFuniak Springs - Letter of Opposition to Proposed FPL Rate Increase
Attachments: 03122025 Letter of opposition to the proposed FPL rate increase Final.pdf

Importance: High

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Good Morning,

Please see the attached letter of opposition from the City of DeFuniak Springs to the proposed FPL rate increase as approved unanimously by the DeFuniak Springs City Council.

Thank you,

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City Clerk

Rafael Ali

March 12, 2025

Dear Chairman of the Florida Public Service Commission Mike LaRosa,

The City of DeFuniak Springs is writing to express our formal opposition to the proposed rate increase currently under consideration by the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). This proposed increase, which could become the largest rate increase in United States history, raises serious concerns for the well-being of our residents and local businesses.

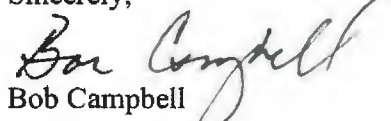
After the approval of the largest rate increase in Florida's history in 2021, we find it troubling that FPL is now proposing a new rate increase that includes a return on equity rate of 11.9%, well above the national industry average. We question why the residents and businesses of DeFuniak Springs are being asked to guarantee such high levels of private profits when so many are already struggling to make ends meet.

In this time of economic uncertainty, rising inflation, and high costs of living, it is unfair to place an additional financial burden on our community. The impact of such a rate increase would be felt deeply by both individuals and businesses in DeFuniak Springs, especially as many are already facing heightened economic pressures.

We strongly urge the Florida Public Service Commission to deny this proposed rate increase in order to protect our residents and businesses. We believe that the priorities of FPL should be aligned with the needs of our community, and that ensuring reasonable utility costs is a key component of that.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Bob Campbell
Mayor

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From: tyson_brittney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brittney Tyson
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Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2025 12:21 PM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: Reject FPL's Unprecedented \$10 Billion Rate Hike – Protect Florida Families

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Dear Florida Public Service Chair Mike La Rosa,

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject Florida Power and Light's (FPL) proposed \$10 billion rate hike—the largest in U.S. history. Approving this increase would be a devastating blow to Florida families, many of whom are already struggling with rising living costs. This past year, this Commission has already failed residents by allowing TECO's rate hikes, and we cannot afford another reckless decision that prioritizes corporate profits over public well-being. Electricity is not a luxury—it is a life-saving necessity in Florida. With extreme heat, hurricanes, and severe weather events, access to affordable power is essential for survival. A rate increase of this magnitude would force seniors, low-income families, and working-class residents to choose between paying their electric bills and affording food, rent, or medical care. No one should have to make such impossible choices just to keep the lights on.

Beyond the financial hardship, this increase also carries serious environmental consequences. Instead of investing in clean, affordable renewable energy, FPL continues to expand its reliance on fossil fuels, worsening extreme weather patterns and increasing pollution. These impacts disproportionately harm low-income communities and communities of color, who already experience higher energy burdens and environmental health risks. If FPL truly needed more funding, it should focus on sustainable energy solutions, not passing costs onto struggling residents.

The Florida Public Service Commission has a responsibility to serve the public, not corporate monopolies. FPL is a monopoly, meaning Floridians have no choice but to pay whatever rates are approved. If this rate hike is allowed, it will set a dangerous precedent, opening the door for further unchecked increases that will push even more families into a financial crisis.

I urge you to reject this historic \$10 billion rate hike and stand with the people of Florida. The residents of this state deserve fair and affordable electricity—not price gouging from utility giants.

Sincerely,

Mrs Brittney Tyson
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From: finley44@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Finley <finley44@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Karen Finley
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From: berdiddly@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amber Brown
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Amber Brown
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