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From: Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk

Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 12:06 PM

To: 'Skye Bradley'
Cc: Consumer Contact

Subject: RE: Docket # 20250011-El Rate Increase Petition Response

Good afternoon

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

Thank you,
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To Whom It May Concern,

This email is in reference to docket # 20250011-EI Petition for Rate Increase by Florida Light and Power Company.

I strongly urge the FPSC to reject this petition. I attended the hearing in Escambia County on Thursday, June 5, 2025 and was able to hear the residents of our county speak to the increase in cost of living throughout our region. I also watched as those who spoke in favor of this rate increase refuse to acknowledge their inherent biases on the matter without our commissioners, namely Andrew Giles Fay and Gary F. Clark, prying the information out of them after their statement.

The news article posted by <u>WEAR TV</u> on this meeting did nothing to show that those who spoke in favor were not residents, but businesses who benefit from the price hike. This was incredibly evident sitting in the room and it disgusts me that our own news source on the matter would not disclose that in their article.

Any improvements they made to the power grid are par for the course of living in a high-risk zone. Many speakers were able to provide statistical data on the profit margin this petition would provide to FPL, which was higher than the national average by a <u>wide margin</u>. It amazes me that things not optional to partake in (power, water, housing) are subject to arguments about profit margins.

I urge the FPSC to reconsider the ethics of profiting off of a required utility that, without it, we would live in third world conditions; with the heat we're experiencing, living without power isn't a guarantee.

If the sponsored bodies that spoke during that hearing are able to handle the price increase, I propose that the price hike only applies to business accounts and not the residents of our area. That way, FPL can get the profits they're looking to drain from a struggling area without making those choosing food over air conditioning in their budget from tightening the belt to the bone.

Sincerely,

Skye Bradley