BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida)	Docket No. 20250011-EI
Power & Light Company.)	Filed: July 29, 2025
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FUEL RETAILERS' UPDATED PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to the decisions of the Prehearing Officer and the directions of the Staff Counsel Intervenors Americans for Affordable Clean Energy, Inc. ("AACE"), Circle K Stores, Inc. ("Circle K"), RaceTrac Inc. ("RaceTrac"), and Wawa, Inc. ("Wawa") (hereinafter, collectively, "Fuel Retailers") hereby submit the following updates to its prehearing statement in this matter. The following only reflect changes from the originally filed prehearing statement of the Fuel Retailers; matters not changed or updated below are as set forth in the Fuel Retailers' July 18, 2025 filing. Matters presented below replace the corresponding sections previously filed.

Prehearing Order Requirements

(1) Name of witnesses

Fuel Retailers have prefiled the testimony of the following witness:

Witness	Subject Matter	Issues #
Mr. David Fialkov	Standing of Fuel Retailers;	1, 110, 111, and 112
	Electric Vehicle ("EV") issues	

(3) Statement of Basic Position

The Fuel Intervenors sought intervention in this matter for three purposes. First, the individual fuel retailer companies that are members of AACE are electric retail customers of FPL, and individually and collectively they seek to ensure that the retail rates and charges of FPL to them as large electric users are fairly and reasonable set. Fuel Retailers support the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and other parties who are better positioned to advocate positions that will

result in fair, just, and reasonable rates through the setting of an more appropriate debt/equity ratio below that requested by FPL, a reasonable return on equity as proposed by OPC, the removal of certain inappropriate and unnecessary assets from rate base, and the removal of certain expenses that are unnecessary for FPL's provisioning of safe and efficient electric service.

Second, the Fuel Retailers, as providers of electric vehicle ("EV") charging services to the public, have a special interest in the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Rider GSD-1EV (Sheet No. 8.106) and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Rider GSLD-1EV (Sheet No. 8.311), as these tariff services facilitate the deployment of EV charging stations by the Fuel Retailers and other businesses whose business purpose is to support the traveling public by providing different kinds fueling options and services. In this regard, the Fuel Retailers are uniquely positioned to address the EV charging issues in this proceeding. Specifically, the Fuel Retailers request that the GSD-IEV and GSLD-1EV pilot tariffs be made permanent with rates and charges set in a manner that facilitates the growth and deployment of EV charging stations for the public consistent with the directives of Florida law.

Third, the Fuel Retailers request that the Commission deny the request to make permanent the FPL public EV Charging Pilot Program, the Utility-owned Public Charging Electric Vehicles (Sheet No. 8.936), as continuation of this program, even at the proposed rate increase, violates the cross subsidization prohibition set forth in section 366.94, F.S. (Chapter 2024-186, Laws of Florida). And even if the program were over its lifetime to recover its costs, which is unproven as proposed, thus far to date and for the foreseeable future monopoly ratepayers will be subsidizing this service. Given that public EV charging is a competitive business, monopoly ratepayers should not be called upon to subsidize or otherwise support this service which has nothing to do with FPL's core business of delivering retail electric service to homes and business, especially when

the private sector is offering this service. The best way for FPL to support public EV charging services is for the GSD-IEV and GSLD-1EV rates to be set in a manner that permits the continued growth of this service, which is a much more appropriate public policy that does not adversely impact monopoly ratepayers. Consistent with this public policy, the Fuel Retailers support the proposal for FPL to establish a "make ready" program for third-party electric vehicle charging stations, which is also a much more appropriate public policy for the support the growth and deployment of public EV charging stations. This make ready program can be funded by the elimination of the Residential Electric Vehicle Charging Service pilot and rider programs, the Commercial Electric Vehicle Charging Services program, and the \$5 million EV slush fund proposed by FPL.

(4) Questions of Fact, Law, and Policy at Issue

ISSUE 110: Should the Commission approve, deny, or approve with modifications the proposed new Residential Electric Vehicle Charging Service Rider, RS-2EV (Sheet No. 8.215) and associated service agreement (Sheet Nos. 9.846-9.848) and close the existing Residential Electric Vehicle Charging Service pilot program, RS-1EV (Sheet No. 8.213) to new customers?

Fuel Retailers Position: The Commission should not approve the proposed new program and should close the existing program. The third party marketplace provides many options for acquiring EV home charging equipment. Like with stoves, water heaters, and other home electric appliances, FPL's regulated monopoly electric service does not need to be in a competitive business that is more than adequately being served by the marketplace. If FPL wants to be in this business, it should be done outside of its regulated utility without any subsidization by monopoly electric customers. The proposed funding for this should be utilized to establish a make ready program for third party electric vehicle charging stations that would be similar to that which the Commission approved last year for Duke Energy Florida.

ISSUE 111: Should the Commission approve, deny, or approve with modifications FPL's proposal to make the following riders or pilot programs permanent: Supplemental Power Services (Sheet No. 8.845), Solar Power Facilities (Sheet Nos. 8.939-8.940), Commercial Electric Vehicle Charging Services (Sheet Nos. 8.942-8.943), Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Rider to GSD-1EV (Sheet No. 8.106), Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Rider to GSLD-1EV (Sheet No. 8.311), and Utility-owned Public Charging Electric Vehicles (Sheet No. 8.936)?

No Position on Supplemental Power Services (Sheet No. 8.845) and **Fuel Retailers Position:** Solar Power Facilities (Sheet Nos. 8.939-8.940). With respect to Commercial Electric Vehicle Charging Services (Sheet Nos. 8.942-8.943), this program should be terminated and certainly not expanded as the private section is better positioned to meet the needs of this market; monopoly ratepayers should not subsidize this service. The proposed funding for this should be utilized to establish a make ready program for third party electric vehicle charging stations that would be similar to that which the Commission approved last year for Duke Energy Florida. For the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Rider to GSD-1EV (Sheet No. 8.106) and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Rider to GSLD-1EV (Sheet No. 8.311), these programs should be made permanent and at rates that support the continued deployment of private sector funding of public EV charging infrastructure. The Utility-owned Public Charging Electric Vehicles (Sheet No. 8.936) should not be made permanent and should be terminated since it violates section 366.094 and because the private sector is better equipped to meet the needs of the traveling public through the well-established vehicle fueling stations that exists across this state. If the FPL public charging is allowed to be continued, the requested kWh rate increase from \$0.30 to \$0.35 should be rejected an a true market rate should be set, at least at \$0.50 per kWh.

ISSUE 112: Should FPL's proposal regarding investing in EV technology and software be approved, approved with modifications, or rejected?

Fuel Retailers Position: No. FPL does not need to be wasting monopoly ratepayer money to educate itself on services and technology that the public sector is better positioned to serve and that it does not need to be in. If FPL wants to learn more about this industry, it can do so at stockholder expense, not ratepayers. To better help the deployment of EV charging, the proposed \$5 million here should be utilized to establish a make ready program for third party electric vehicle charging stations that would be similar to that which the Commission approved last year for Duke Energy Florida.

(5) Stipulated Issues

Fuel Retailers propose the following as stipulated matters:

Fuel Retailers request that Mr. Fialkov's prefiled testimony be stipulated and placed in the record without objection.

Fuel Retailers further request that the standing of Americans for Affordable Clean Energy, Inc. ("AACE"), Circle K Stores, Inc. ("Circle K"), RaceTrac Inc. ("RaceTrac"), and Wawa, Inc. ("Wawa") be stipulated to without objection or the entry of any further information.

Dated this 29th day of July 2025.

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