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Florida Public Service Commission

**Re: Collier County, FL Resolution 2025-176**

Dear Florida Public Service Commission Members:

Please find attached **Resolution 2025-176**. This Resolution was passed unanimously by the Collier County Board of Commissioners on September 9, 2025.

**Resolution 2025-176** is a Collier County, FL Resolution urging the Florida Public Service Commission to protect all energy consumers by opposing the proposed Florida Power & Light (FP&L) rate increases for high-cost solar projects that financially burden the consumer.

Please add this into the record for **Docket 20250011**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Hall".

Commissioner Chris Hall  
Board of Collier County Commissioners, District 2  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 176**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO PROTECT ALL ENERGY CONSUMERS BY OPPOSING THE PROPOSED FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT (FP&L) RATE INCREASES FOR HIGH-COST SOLAR PROJECTS THAT FINANCIALLY BURDEN THE CONSUMER.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida (“Board”), is committed to safeguarding the economic well-being of its residents, including working families, senior citizens, small business owners, and other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy, in the form of electric power, is essential to public health, economic stability, and the overall quality of life in Collier County; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) is charged with ensuring that electric utility rates are fair, just, and reasonable for the people of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida Power & Light (FP&L) has reported record profits exceeding billions in recent years, yet continues to seek substantial rate hikes and a very high return on equity; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Public Council has provided expert testimony stating that a rate increase is not necessary and recommended that the rate should be decreased by six-hundred and twenty million dollars in 2026.

WHEREAS, FP&L has proposed rate increases to fund solar capital projects that may conflict with the 2025 federal policy directive of “Unleashing American Energy,” which prioritizes affordable, reliable, and domestically sourced energy production while avoiding unnecessary burdens on consumers; and

WHEREAS, the current presidential administration “Unleashing American Energy” policy does not mention solar energy, but declares that, “It is thus in the national interest to unleash America’s affordable and reliable energy and natural resources.” This policy encourages energy exploration and production, ensures an abundant supply of reliable energy, and promotes the use of domestic energy sources such as oil, natural gas, coal, hydropower, biofuels, critical mineral, and nuclear resources; and

WHEREAS, FP&L has proposed significant rate increases to the PSC to fund new projects, consisting almost exclusively of large-scale solar energy facilities and battery storage systems; and

WHEREAS, these proposed rate increases, if approved, could result in significant financial hardship for working families, seniors on fixed incomes, local small businesses, and residents already struggling with increased costs of living; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports a balanced approach to energy planning that maintains cost-effective, dependable electricity while fostering economic resilience and protecting ratepayers from

unnecessary cost escalation; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need for renewable energy, we encourage energy investment in sources that are proven and reliable such as oil, natural gas, coal, hydropower, biofuels, critical mineral, and nuclear resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been made aware of the FP&L recent spending proposal, initially requesting a \$9 billion rate increase over 4 years – the biggest rate increase in history -- with an above average shareholder profit, but now reduced by some 30%; and

WHEREAS, FP&L is focusing on 680-acre universal solar energy centers capable of generating only 23% of the daily required capacity during peak hours of the day, while an equivalent gas fired plant can accomplish the same in less than 1% of that acreage at approximately one quarter of the cost; and

WHEREAS, FP&L is taking advantage of a 1973 Power Plant Siting Act (PPSA) law, Sections 403.501-.518, Florida Statute (F.S.). This law says that they can develop solar farms 680 acres or less to be done without site permitting, environmental permits or a competitive process for energy development; and

WHEREAS, the PSC has allowed utility companies to take advantage of this PPSA law and to self-govern and make choices for themselves without accountability by the voters; and

WHEREAS, the PSC has a duty to ensure that utility rates are fair, just, and reasonable, and that major infrastructure investments do not place an undue burden on ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, if FP&L insists on this continued progression toward expensive energy options, Collier County, FL is resolved to look at other energy sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, that:

1. The Board strongly urges the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) to protect residential and business consumers by rejecting any proposed FP&L rate increases due to high-cost solar expansion projects that contradict the 2025 federal policy of “Unleashing American Energy.”

2. The Board opposes any rate adjustments that would impose disproportionate financial burdens on working families, senior residents, local businesses, and vulnerable populations in Collier County.

3. The Board encourages the PSC to require that any approved projects demonstrate clear and measurable benefits to consumers, including maintaining affordable rates and ensuring reliable energy supply.

4. The Board shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Public Service Commission, the Governor of the State of Florida, the Florida Senate President, the Florida

House Speaker, and Collier County's legislative delegation.

ATTEST  
Crystal K. Kinzel, Clerk of Courts

By: 

Deputy Clerk

Attest as to Chairman's  
signature only.

Approved as to form and legality:

  
for Jeffrey A. Klatzkow, County Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

Burt L. Saunders, Chairman