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From: John Plescow
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 7:53 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence; Consina Griffin-Greaux
Subject: FW: Hello, I'd like to voice a concern and place a request to see how this may be under consideration or not. While I appreciate the need to maintain a resilient power grid i'd like to know how the allocation of costs being incurred to fuel future use is

Please, add to docket 20250011.

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From: Consina Griffin-Greaux <CGriffin@psc.state.fl.us> On Behalf Of Consumer Contact
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 6:43 AM
To: John Plescow <JPlescow@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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John,
Please forward to clerk's office. 20250011 C'Griffin-Greaux

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From: Leonard Gangi <lmgangi@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2025 9:31 AM
To: Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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Data Center Boom, Fueled by AI, a Driving Force Behind FPL Rate Increases

Tallahassee, FL – Florida Power & Light's (FPL) recent push for significant rate increases is directly linked to the burgeoning growth of energy-intensive data centers, many of which are being developed to power artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. While FPL cites broader needs for grid modernization and serving a growing population, a closer look at regulatory filings, news reports, and industry statements reveals that the immense electricity consumption of these facilities is a major factor compelling the utility to seek more revenue from its customers.

The connection is so direct that a trade group representing data center developers, the Florida Energy for Innovation Association, has formally intervened in FPL's rate case before the Public Service Commission. Their filings acknowledge the "substantial computational demands of the artificial intelligence and related technology industries" and the need for a "constant, reliable, and cost-effective electric power source."

This surge in demand is not a distant projection. FPL's own documents forecast the need to serve a significant increase in load from large-scale customers, with projections reaching 732 megawatts by 2033. To put this in perspective, a single

megawatt can power hundreds of homes. This anticipated demand necessitates substantial investments in new power generation, transmission lines, and substations—the costs of which are ultimately passed on to ratepayers.

News reports have highlighted that FPL's multi-billion dollar rate hike proposal is, in part, to fund the infrastructure required to meet the needs of these high-consumption clients. This has raised concerns among consumer advocates about residential and small business customers effectively subsidizing the energy needs of large tech companies.

In an effort to address these concerns, FPL had initially proposed a new tariff specifically for data centers that would have required them to pay a higher rate. However, recent settlements may have altered this plan, potentially shifting more of the cost burden back to the general customer base.

The situation in Florida mirrors a national trend where the rapid expansion of data centers, driven by the AI arms race, is placing unprecedented strain on electrical grids. Utilities across the country are grappling with how to accommodate this new, concentrated demand without imposing exorbitant costs on their existing customers.

FPL is actively involved in attracting data center development to its service territory, touting Florida's business-friendly environment and reliable power grid. While this economic development is welcomed by some, it is becoming increasingly clear that the cost of powering this digital revolution will be a significant factor in the electricity bills of Floridians for the foreseeable future.

Regards,

Len Gangi

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