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Public Service Commission

September 15, 2004

Bonnie E. Davis, Attorney Progress Energy Florida, Inc. 106 East College Avenue, Suite 800 Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Docket No. 041085-EI

Dear Ms. Davis:

This will acknowledge receipt of a petition for approval to establish regulatory asset for costs in excess of Storm Damage Reserve Fund, by Progress Energy Florida, Inc., which was filed in this office on September 10, 2004, and assigned the above-referenced docket number. Appropriate staff members will be advised.

Mediation may be available to resolve any dispute in this docket. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to an administrative hearing. For more information, contact the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6248 or FAX (850) 413-7180.

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PSC Website: http://www.floridapsc.com

Internet E-mail: contact@bsc.state.fl.us

From:

Consumer Contact

Sent:

Thursday, September 16, 2004 8:43 AM

To:

Consumer Contact

Subject: E-Form Other Complaints - 14568

TRACKING NUMBER - 0014568 September 16, 2004

SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number:

Business Account Name: Name: Laurie Hiemenz

Address: 10701 Gardenwood Rd.

City: Orlando Zip: 32837

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: Laurie Hiemenz

Address: 10701 Gardenwood Rd.

City: Orlando State: FL Zip: 32837

Primary Phone: 407/856-3898 E-mail: RLMEH4@yahoo.com Contact By: E-mail Address

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Utility Name: EI801 Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

Did customer previously contact the utility?: First, I want to thank all the power company workers for all their hard work throughout the multiple hurricanes in Orlando and the cleanup. They were great! I understand that Progress Energy is asking for an increase in the rates they will charge us. I acknowledge that repairs have been costly, and they have used up their emergency reserves. But.... so have we. We have used up our emergency reserves, too. It has been very costly to consumers- residents and businesses alike. We don't have any surplus with which to pay higher energy costs. I believe that there was recently an increase in our rates. Also, I was without power for 66 hours (not including on/off flashing power), but my power bill was no lower than previously. Progress Energy should replenish their reserves the way I'll be doing it- slowly and over time. They have not lost much, if any, income and our bills continue to come. Please, do not approve Progress Energy's request for rate increases. Let residents recoup their losses after these horrible weeks without power, without work (and income), and with all the stress we've had. Thank you! Laurie Hiemenz Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

Problem Type: Other Complaints

PROBLEM INFORMATION

9/20/2004

Complaint Detail: First, I want to thank all the power company workers for all their hard work throughout the multiple hurricanes in Orlando and the cleanup. They were great! I understand that Progress Energy is asking for an increase in the rates they will charge us. I acknowledge that repairs have been costly, and they have used up their emergency reserves. But.... so have we. We have used up our emergency reserves, too. It has been very costly to consumers- residents and businesses alike. We don't have any surplus with which to pay higher energy costs. I believe that there was recently an increase in our rates. Also, I was without power for 66 hours (not including on/off flashing power), but my power bill was no lower than previously. Progress Energy should replenish their reserves the way I'll be doing it- slowly and over time. They have not lost much, if any, income and our bills continue to come. Please, do not approve Progress Energy's request for rate increases. Let residents recoup their losses after these horrible weeks without power, without work (and income), and with all the stress we've had. Thank you! Laurie Hiemenz

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From:

Consumer Contact

Sent:

Thursday, September 16, 2004 10:11 AM

To:

Consumer Contact

Subject: E-Form Other Complaints - 14572

TRACKING NUMBER - 0014572 September 16, 2004

SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number:

Business Account Name: Name: Beth Vanderwerken Address: 2355 Bayhill Drive

City: Viera Zip: 32940

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: Beth Vanderwerken Address: 2355 Bayhill Drive

City: Viera State: FL Zip: 32940

E-mail: bvanken@cfl.rr.com Contact By: E-mail Address

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Utility Name: EI802 Florida Power & Light Company

Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

PROBLEM INFORMATION

Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: As a consumer, I want to voice my opinion with you to NOT allow FP&L to increase their rates to us! Hard times follow everyone - both consumers and the business. We are not able to bill someone for our hard times due to these storms, hence they should not be allowed either. Thank you for your time.

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From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2004 4:39 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: E-Form Other Complaints - 14618

TRACKING NUMBER - 0014618 September 17, 2004

SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number: Business Account Name: Name: Don Brashear Address: 19 Barton Ave

City: Rockledge Zip: 32955

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: Don Brashear Address: 19 Barton Ave

City: Rockledge

State: FL Zip: 32955

Primary Phone: 321-961-6133 Secondary Phone: 321-961-6133

Contact By: US Mail

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Utility Name: EI802 Florida Power & Light Company

Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

PROBLEM INFORMATION

Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: Florida Power and Light is seeking a rate increase stating they have depleted their emergency funds I oppose that increase for the following reasons. 1. FPL, in the past 5 years since Floyd, has done little or nothing to remove tree branches encroaching on their power lines. Had this been performed at least 50 % of the downed power lines would have never happened. 2. FPL is being reimbursed for all monies paid to out of area workers by FEMA. Thus this is a temporary fund shortage. 3. FPL has not considered burying existing power lines, as they do in new neighborhoods, Should they make this investment it will pay for itb self with in a reasonable period of time. 4. In the 5 years since Floyd FLP has not had any major damage but has not decreased our rates. 5. To my knowledge nowhere in the proposed rate increase does it state that once the emergency funds have been replaced the rates will return to the current rate. 6. FPL should not be allowed to dip into their customers pockets because of a hurricane. Any other business that has attempted this in Florida has been branded a price gouger and

been made to stop, is FLP above this law?

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From:

Consumer Contact

Sent:

Friday, September 17, 2004 10:23 AM

To:

Consumer Contact

Subject:

General Comment/Question

September 17, 2004

Contact Information:

Name: James Dobay

Company:

Primary Phone: (561) 964-3366

Secondary Phone: NA

E-mail: dobay@bellsouth.net

Comments:

I think that the PSC should not grant FPL a rate increase to cover Hurricane costs.

They have been making huge profits over several years. I think it would be unfair to the small business that are going to suffer greatly due to the storms and they can n ot raise their prices or they will go out of business.

To grant a rate increase would not be prudent at this time

No response is necessary

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From: (

Consumer Contact

Sent:

Saturday, September 18, 2004 2:58 PM

To:

Consumer Contact

Subject: E-Form Other Complaints - 14632

TRACKING NUMBER - 0014632 September 18, 2004

SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number:

Business Account Name:

Name: james ashley

Address: 3991 23rd. ave. no.

City: st. petersburg

Zip: 33713

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: james ashley

Address: 3991 23rd. ave. no.

City: st. petersburg

State: FL Zip: 33713

E-mail: jwa505@aol.com Contact By: E-mail Address

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Utility Name: EI801 Progress Energy Florida, Inc. Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

PROBLEM INFORMATION

Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: It does not seem right that the rate payer should be resposible for the overtime, travel, perdium costs to bring in out of state crews to trim the trees after the past hurricanes. Before Florida Power was sold, they did not trim trees for over 5 years to make the books look better --now its our problem?

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From:

Stormfield [helios@mw.cx]

Sent:

Saturday, September 18, 2004 7:56 AM

To:

Consumer Contact

Subject: Rate Increases? Please say no.

Dear PSC,

I have been watching the news reports where it is stated some companies may be raising their rates to cover costs.

I have a comment.

For many years now, FPC, now Progress Energy, and FPL have not maintained properly the tree growth under and next to the utility poles/wires.

Yes, they pay someone to periodically cut that growth back.

I live in Orange County, grew up in Seminole County and have watched this for years. The power companies used to keep the growth cut back...but that was many years ago after Donna.

When maintenance occurs, the growth, directly under the wires, is not cut back to the ground. Large trees are allowed to grow right next to the wires and poles so that when a strong storm comes along the trees break and fall on the wires. This has a tendency to cause problems.

It doesn't matter much as long as we do not have strong storms and they've gotten off light allll these years cutting that expense corner.

They should use the money they saved by improper maintenance to pay for the cost.

I have pointed this problem out to Progress Energy's engineering department and customer service (I was polite about it otherwise I would never have gotten through to engineering) the last three times there was maintenance in the area and was told that would be the problem of the company (Ferran's) they hired to do the growth maintenance since that company had the contract to do the work. I said, but if you pay them for shoddy work and do not insist they do it right, then you are encouraging them to do the job half-way and when you have to send the big green trucks out it *does* increase your overhead.

They should not be so complacent about something so fundamental to their business.

In the more rural areas, it would be to their advantage if the tree cuttings were mulched on the spot and that mulch placed on the ground directly under the wires in a width of several feet to inhibit future growth...that would cut cost in the long run. It would also be a step towards taking responsibility to prevent certain avoidable damage in a strong storm.

Best Regards,

Miriam Williams

From:

Consumer Contact

Sent:

Sunday, September 19, 2004 12:49 PM

To:

Consumer Contact

Subject: E-Form Other Complaints - 14639

TRACKING NUMBER - 0014639 September 19, 2004

SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number:

Business Account Name:

Name: david rose

Address: 5021 tangerine ave

City: winter park Zip: 32792

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: david rose

Address: 5021 tangerine ave

City: winter park

State: FL Zip: 32792

Contact By: US Mail

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Utility Name: EI801 Progress Energy Florida, Inc. Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

PROBLEM INFORMATION

Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: i wanted to let you know i am against letting the electric companies increase rates due to the storms. i understand everyone is lossing money from the storms but us homeowners are incurring enough costs already. letting the utilities increase rates is just putting more expenses on us and i believe if you let progress enegry increase tier rates they will maintain these rate inceases even after they have made up the loses they incured due to the storms.

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Dorothy R. Mills

600 66th Ave. South St. Petersburg, Fla. 33705.... ENED FASC

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September 20, 2004

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Public Service Commission 2540 Shunard Blvd. Tallahassea, Florida 32399

Re: Progress Energy's request for rate increase

Dear Public Service Commission:

How can Progress Energy have the nerve to ask for a rate increase? They are very derelict in maintaining their rights of way - dead trees on the right of way, overgrown trees, failure to prevent trouble before it happens.

My neighbor has a tree in her yard on the right of way, which came up voluntarily, and is constantly blowing the transformer above it. She has asked them to remove the tree, but they refuse. When they have to trim the tree to restore power, they trim just as little as they can and it is right back up there again in two month's time. Does this make sense?

CMP	Please, until Progress Energy will initiate a strong, active prevention program, do not grant a rate increase.
CTR	Also, it is decades past time to put the power lines under ground. Telephone lines were put under-
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GCLI	lost phone service. I did lose electricity for five and one-half days.
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SCR	Dorothy R. Mills
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To:

Tim Devlin; Dan Hoppe

Subject: RE: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

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I'll put them in the correspondence files for those dockets. I thought they might relate to the dockets, whether or not the dockets were actually for rate increases.

Thanks.

From: Tim Devlin

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 3:12 PM

To: Dan Hoppe Cc: Kay Flynn

Subject: RE: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

Probably. Kay, I think Dan is right. And John's answer should also be part somehow.

From: Dan Hoppe

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 2:50 PM

To: Tim Devlin

Subject: RE: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

Tim..these complaints are a result of those dockets! Shouldn't they go in those docket files? Isn't that what Kay is asking?

From: Tim Devlin

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 2:40 PM

To: Dan Hoppe

Subject: FW: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

Importance: High

FYI

From: John Slemkewicz

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2004 3:31 PM

To: Kay Flynn

Cc: Jennifer Brubaker; Tim Devlin; Marshall Willis

Subject: FW: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

Importance: High

At this point in time, neither FPL nor PEF has requested any type of rate increase related to the Hurricanes. The two dockets deal with the recording of the costs related to the damage from the hurricanes. There is no open docket regarding a rate increase for FPL or PEF that I am aware of. There may be some talk of FPL and PEF coming in to seek some sort of relief, but nothing has been filed. There is a lot of confusion out there regarding this.

From: Kay Flynn

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2004 3:17 PM

To: Jennifer Brubaker; John Slemkewicz

Subject: FW: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

Jennifer and John, please see the attached e-mails from consumers. Are the "rate increases" referred to in the e-mails a part of the Dockets 041057 and 041085, or some other dockets?

Kay

From: Ruth McHargue

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2004 3:08 PM

To: Kay Flynn

Subject: FW: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

Docket correspondence

From: Diana Falise

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2004 8:41 AM

To: Ruth McHargue

Subject: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

Dorothy R. Mills

600 66th Ave. South St. Petersburg, Fla. 33705



Phone: (727) 867-2957

Fax: (727) 867-2957

September 20, 2004



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Public Service Commission 2540 Shunard Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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SCR	Dorothy R. Mills
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From:

Ruth McHargue

Sent:

Friday, September 24, 2004 3:58 PM

To:

Kay Flynn

Subject:

FW: General Comment/Question

Please add to docket file 041085

----Original Message-----From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2004 2:54 AM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: General Comment/Question

September 21, 2004

Contact Information:

Name: Randy Cline

Company:

Primary Phone: 7275397906

Secondary Phone:

E-mail: rcline5@tampabay.rr.com

Comments:

Progress energy asking for another rate increase of 5.5% from \$89.00 per 1000kilowatts to \$99.00 per 1000 kilowatt is getting out of control, those who are left with no power or as result of Hurricanes and or limited fixed incomes should not have to bear the burden of the managements responsibility to compliance with highest standards for the sake of the shareholders. The cost of living is incomarable to these constant rate increases. We hope and urge you to oppose their agenda on this subject.

Yes, I wish to be contacted

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From: Sent:

Thursday, October 07, 2004 3:54 PM CCA - Orders / Notices To: Order / Notice Submitted Subject:

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Ruth McHargue

Matilda Sanders

Sent:

Monday, October 11, 2004 4:09 PM

To: Subject:

FW: Other

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----Original Message-----

From: Angie Calhoun

Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2004 11:41 AM

To: Ruth McHargue Subject: FW: Other

Ruth,

Protest of rate increase due to hurricanes.

Angie

----Original Message----

From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Friday, October 01, 2004 7:55 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Other

October 01, 2004

Contact Information:

Name: George Chakar

Company:

Primary Phone: 352-347-8852

Secondary Phone:

E-mail: georgejchakar@msn.com

Comments:

Florida Public Service Commission

Dear Sir:

I live in Spruce Creek Golf and Country Club, Summerfield, Marion County. Progress Energy provides my community with electricity. I understand they have, or are the process of, requesting a rate hike to cover their costs as a result of the four hurricanes that hit Florida this year.

Progress Energy should not be given a rate hike until they put together a comprehensive plan to improve service. Marion County was directly affected by hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. During both storms, half of my community was without power for 3.5 and 3 days, respectively. The other half of my community did not lose power.

The part of my community that did not lose power is on a new power grid that is operating well below capacity. The part of my community that lost power is on a grid that is at or above maximum capacity. I, and almost 2,000 other people, are served by the over stressed power grid. Besides losing power during the hurricanes, every time there is an electrical storm, the smallest power surge causes power outages while the other part of the community rarely has any power outages.

I spoke with a former Progress Energy employee who indicated that they are well aware of

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the problem, but have decided it is cheaper to continue repairing than fixing it. In other words, "to hell" with the public they are supposed to serve. Progress Energy saves money at the expense of their customers; some of whom are in their seventies and eighties and are in no position to cope with these unnecessary inconveniences. Also, it should be noted that it is impossible to reach a human being when you call Progress Energy. The best you can expect are canned messages via their telephone answering service or spokespersons. Any public utility has an obligation to keep their customers informed. Progress Energy has yet to get that message.

I respectfully request that Progress Energy be given no increase until they develop a realistic plan to improve their service and show us that they deserve our business. You are essentially our hired hands. It's time you started doing the job you were hired to do. We and other customers demand to have updated power sub stations and grids, a program to remove trees that hover over and around power lines and a commitment to make humans available to answer telephone calls.

Thank you for your time.

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