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Thank you for your attention and cooperation to this request.



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News for Immediate Release:

Saporito Responds to FPL's Letter to FPSC Chairman Carter

In a letter addressed to the Florida Public Service Commission, Chairman Matthew M. Carter, Thomas Saporito responded to assertions made by Florida Power and Light Company's (FPL's) Chief Executive Officer Armando J. Olivera regarding the release pay record information for FPL employees earning \$165,000 or more.

According to Saporito, "The Commission should require FPL to disclose this information and require FPL to lower its base-rate for electric power."

In his letter to the Chairman, Saporito suggested many ways in which FPL customers could lower or completely eliminate their electric bills through installation of solar and wind electric systems tied to FPL's electric grid through net-metering.

"The Commission should require FPL to educate its customers about these renewable electric systems." Saporito said.

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The Hon. Matthew M. Carter, Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

In re: August 13, 2009, Letter From Armando J. Olivera, Related to the FPL Rate Case in Docket No. 080677-EI

Dear Chairman Carter:

This letter serves to respond to Florida Power and Light Company's (FPL's) Chief Executive Officer, Armando J. Olivera's letter dated August 13, 2009, addressed to the Florida Public Service Commission's (FPSC's) Chairman related to FPL's rate case in Docket No. 080677-EI. Mr. Olivera stated in relevant part that:

" . . . public disclosure of the names, titles and specific compensations for all employees earning more than \$165,000 annually is a violation of the privacy rights of these employees. . . .in addition to violating the employee's privacy and potentially creating safety or security issues, public disclosure would drive up compensation costs, force the loss of highly trained, specialized utility personnel to competitors, and accordingly, increase rates for FPL customers. . . We pay our employees competitive market rates, and they, in return, are delivering industry-leading performance for our millions of customers. . . ."

Id. at 1-2. However, to the contrary, as Commissioner Nancy Argenziano recently communicated to you by letter, Florida law requires FPL to disclose this information to the public insofar as FPL is a publicly regulated utility and the FPSC Staff, the party's to the FPL rate case, and the public have a legal right to this information. Moreover, the State of Florida's Sunshine law appears to support the public release of this information to provide transparency about the operation of Florida's government and its decision making processes. To the extend that Florida law requires FPL to disclose this information, the undersigned urges you to act with the Commission in compelling FPL to produce the requested information as a matter of law.

With respect to FPL's request to increase its base rate for electric power by \$1.3 billion dollars, the FPSC should DENY FPL's request and further ORDER FPL to

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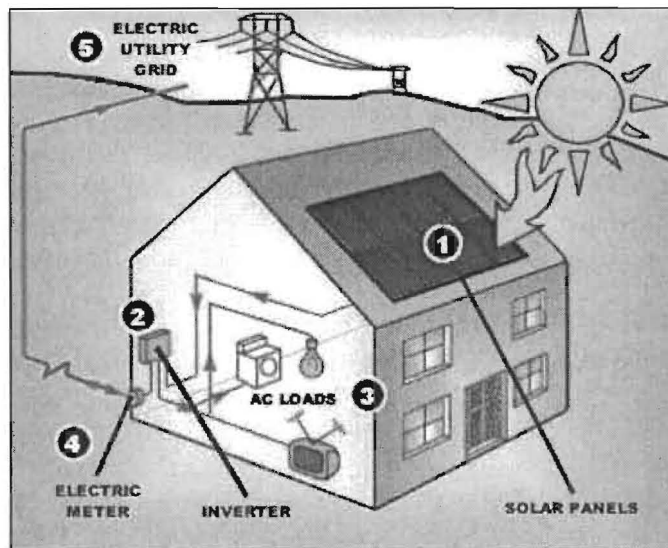
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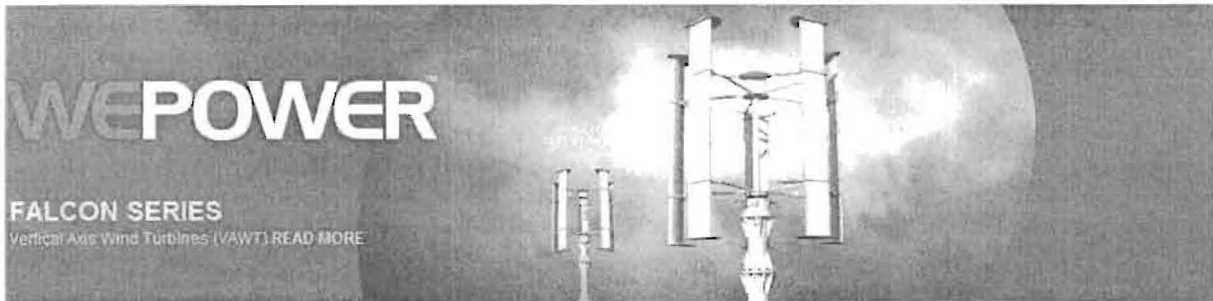
decrease its base rate for electric power by the amount suggested by Public Counsel. To the extent that Florida law requires FPL to encourage its customers to lessen the demand on FPL's electric grid, the FPSC should require FPL to provide its 4.5 million customers with lease-to-own renewable electric systems as more fully described below.

1. The FPSC should require FPL to provide its 4.5 million customers with lease-to-own solar energy systems. These systems would significantly decrease FPL's base-load demand on its electric grid. These solar power systems are readily available in the State of Florida through numerous vendors and can be directly tied to FPL's electric grid through net-metering.



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2. The FPSC should require FPL to provide its 4.5 million customers with lease-to-own wind energy systems. These systems would significantly decrease FPL's base-load demand on its electric grid. These wind power systems are readily available in the State of Florida through numerous vendors and can be directly tied to FPL's electric grid through net-metering.



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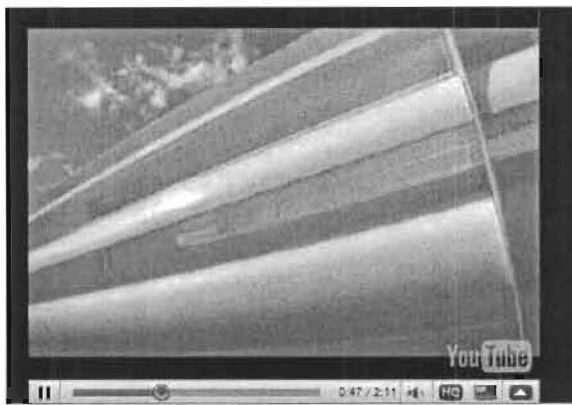
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3. The FPSC should require FPL to install wind turbines on all of its existing telephone poles where inter-connection to FPL's electric grid is readily available. These systems would significantly decrease FPL's base-load demand on its electric grid. These wind power systems are readily available in the State of Florida through numerous vendors and can off-set FPL's need to construct two more nuclear power plants in our state.



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4. The FPSC should require FPL to provide its commercial customers with lease-to-own solar energy systems and wind energy systems. These systems would significantly decrease FPL's base-load demand on its electric grid. These solar and wind power systems are readily available in the State of Florida through numerous vendors and can be directly tied to FPL's electric grid through net-metering.



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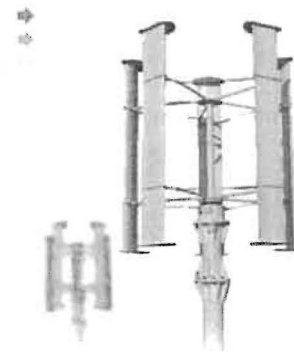
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5. The FPSC should require FPL to educate its customers about solar and wind electric systems which can be grid-tied to FPL's electric grid and provide revenue to FPL's customers who install such renewable electric systems. FPL should also be required to educate its 4.5 million customers about Florida's rebate program offering \$4 for every watt of renewable energy installed on residential and commercial buildings; and about the 30% rebate offered by the federal government for such renewable electric systems.

In closing, the undersigned calls on the Commission to stand-tall and act responsibly in the best interest of Florida's residents in DENYING FPL's base-rate increase and ORDERING FPL to reduce its base-rate and to take affirmative action in the implementation of the programs discussed above.

Respectfully,

Thomas Saporito
Executive Director