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**From:** Ruth McHargue  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:00 PM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Cc:** Diane Hood  
**Subject:** FW: To CLK Docket 160021

Customer correspondence

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From: Consumer Contact  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 3:56 PM  
To: Ruth McHargue  
Subject: To CLK Docket 160021

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From: [consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us) [<mailto:consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us>]  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 3:42 PM  
To: Consumer Contact  
Subject: E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER: 120159

**CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

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**BUSINESS INFORMATION**

Business Account Name: M.E. DEPALMA  
Account Number:  
Address: 2117 NE 17TH TERRACE WILTON MANORS FL 33305

**COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Complaint: Other Complaint against Florida Power & Light Company

Details:

The Florida Office of Public Counsel

in re: Docket # 160021-EI This purpose of this email is to lodge a strong protest against in advance of the proposed petition by Florida Power & Light for a \$1.32 billion rate increase later this year. This petition seems a bit excessive, considering that FPL is a monopoly with a captive customer base that keeps growing. The utility's profit has nearly doubled over the last decade.

This rate increase is heavily front-loaded, with nearly half coming into force in the first year. This will also bring their profits to the maximum allowable under state guidelines. FPL's parent, Next Era Energy is poised to report robust financial results very soon.

The threat to FPL's bottom line has been blunted due to solar power being held in check by the failure of a ballot initiative to amend the state constitution to muster sufficient support.

FPL has been trumpeting how it has been offering lower utility bills, without mentioning that a big reason for this benefit to the consuming public is the lower fuel cost the utility has been paying.

This petition for a rate increase of this magnitude is outrageous. It must be pared back significantly, or rejected altogether.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, M.E. DePalma