

Ashley Quick

From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 3:03 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: FW: PSC docket # 160021 (FPL's Rate Hike)

Please add Bev's response to the docket file.

From: Bev DeMello
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 2:57 PM
To: 'Marcia_booth@yahoo.com'
Cc: Janet Brunson
Subject: FW: PSC docket # 160021 (FPL's Rate Hike)

Thank you for contacting the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) about Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL) rate petition. To give Commissioners and staff an opportunity to review your concerns, your correspondence is included in the file for Docket No.160021-EI.

PSC customer service hearings in June are scheduled in FPL's service territory for Commissioners to hear directly from customers about the utility's rate request and service. All customer comments during the hearings and all correspondence will be reviewed and considered when PSC staff prepares its recommendation to the Commissioners on FPL's proposed rates.

The PSC's evidentiary hearing on FPL's rate case will be in Tallahassee. Witnesses from the utility, intervenors, Commission staff, and the Public Counsel, who represents customers, will present testimony and exhibits and be cross-examined by the Commissioners and other parties. Commissioners will examine FPL's need for a rate increase, its existing and proposed rate structure, and its ability to provide safe and reliable service.

Commissioners are charged with making sure that Florida's utility companies fulfill their service obligation. The PSC will ensure that final customer rates reflect only those costs that are prudent and necessary for FPL to deliver quality electric service to your home or business. Any proposed rate adjustment is requested to begin in January 2017.

If you have additional questions or need further assistance, please call 1-800-342-3552. If you want updated case information, visit the PSC's website, www.floridapsc.com and click on the Clerk's Office tab, then hit Dockets and type in case number 160021.

Sincerely,

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From: Marcia Booth [mailto:marcia_booth@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 2:56 AM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: PSC docket # 160021 (FPL's Rate Hike)

To The Members of the Florida Public Service Commission:

I write to you today to express my opposition to the proposed rate hike requested by Florida Power & Light (FPL).

FPL requested an increase to cover, among other things, \$1.3 billion needed for a natural gas-fired power plant.

According to The Natural Gas Gambler report published in March 2015 by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), Florida already had 68 percent of its total electricity generation coming from natural gas in 2012 and, as the authors point out, "natural gas price volatility can have a negative effect on the economy, consumers, and the environment."

Conservatives for Energy Freedom (CFEF) Director Debbie Dooley agrees that "too much reliance on natural gas is risky for utility customers because the price is so volatile."

I do not want to pay more to invest in dirty energy.

Mike Eckhart, Citigroup Managing Director, explains that resource-oriented products, like natural gas, are a bad investment since the more we use of it, the less we have left, and the higher their cost. Manufacturing-oriented products, like solar panels, are the opposite – the more we produce, the less they cost. Not surprisingly, in the last five years, the cost of solar electricity dropped 80% and the cost of wind dropped 50%.

I'm writing today to state my position in regards to a requested price increase while the price of clean energy is dropping, while around the world energy prices are dropping.

It's time FPL catches up with the rest of the world and stop passing high costs of bad investments down to paying customers.

I do not want any more electricity coming from natural gas or any type of fossil fuel.

We are the Sunshine State. According to the Solar Energy Industries Association, we rank third in the nation for rooftop solar potential but all the way down at 14th for cumulative solar capacity installed. That's where we need to invest.

Tampa Bay Times reports that utility companies like FPL favor what is known as *baseload* generators, such as natural gas and nuclear, because they generate greater returns for their shareholders.

As Debbie Dooley, I, too, "find it deplorable that Florida utilities are not taking advantage of Florida's biggest natural resource, the sun. This shows they are not looking out for ratepayers, but [only] for their stockholders."

I do not accept this rate hike FPL proposes and I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this.

Thank you,

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