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**From:** Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:40 AM  
**To:** 'chuck stevens'  
**Subject:** RE: FPL Rate Increase Testimony: Docket Number 160021-E1

Good morning Mr. Stevens,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160021-E1 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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**From:** chuck stevens [<mailto:chuckstevensjr@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:12 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** FPL Rate Increase Testimony: Docket Number 160021-E1

*Regarding Docket Number 160021-E1:*

*I'm retired and living on a fixed pension. FPLs proposed rate increase represents a frightening burden on my cost of living and fixed income. As there's no competition for this service, I have no opportunity to switch to another power company to reduce costs, nor do I have any insight or voice on how FPL conducts business.*

*Based on available information, FPLs rate increase is not required to maintain profitability and it's primary motivation is to make the company more attractive to investors outside of the state looking for maximum return. That profitability will come at the expense of people who can least afford it, people like me.*

*An alternative way to increase profitability is to reduce operating costs, and this is the method that would be principle in a competitive environment. For example, costs can be reduced by process efficiency, controlling pay, especially executive pay, by reducing political contributions, which only serve to influence political representatives to support rate increases, and economies of scale and scope, and so on. This places the burden for increased profitability where it rightfully should be, on the company and it's leadership and in real operating methods, not on the forced redistribution of income.*

*Please don't support the FPL rate increase.*

*Charles Stevens*  
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