

**Collin Roehner**

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**From:** Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016 10:03 AM  
**To:** 'Karen McMichael'  
**Subject:** RE: docket number 160021-E1 FPL Rate Increase Request

Good morning Ms. McMichael,

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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Florida Public Service Commission  
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**From:** Karen McMichael [<mailto:karenontheisland@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:46 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** [flaarp@aarp.org](mailto:flaarp@aarp.org)  
**Subject:** docket number 160021-E1 FPL Rate Increase Request

**Ms. Carlotta Stauffer**  
**Commission Clerk**  
**Florida Public Service Commission**  
**2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.**  
**Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850.**  
**RE: docket number 160021-E1**

**Dear Ms Stauffer -**

**I am pleading with you to 'just say no' to the upcoming request for the FPL rate increase. My electric bill was at an all time high of \$318.99 last month. I don't live in a grand home, but a modest Key West style home in Palmetto Point. Now it becomes about choices. The electric bill shouldn't be higher than my monthly groceries, but it is. I have to decide between being comfortable in my small home or looking at cutting out cable, buy fewer groceries, or cut back on social functions. Choosing quality of life should not be impacted by the electric bill, but it is.**

**I'm 63 years old and live alone.**

**My Mom is 90 years old and owns the house across the street and I'm writing on her behalf a**

well (I do have Power Of Attorney for her). Her bill last month was \$257.57. She also owns a modest home, 1,408 sf. Bills like this make us ask questions like, 'Do we really need a land line?'. At 90, I think we do! But it is sad to have these questions even come to mind when looking at an electric bill.

Please consider all the people out there who are struggling to get by and living paycheck to paycheck. Our taxes in Florida are high. Our insurance in Florida is high. And our utilities in Florida are already high. As a Realtor, I spoke to many who were selling their homes in Florida to move somewhere else where these costs were more affordable. I know it would be too much to hope for to actually get a price DECREASE on the electrical rate. I think if there was a candidate running who could decrease our utility costs, we'd all vote for him/her. But please consider this just two small voices in a sea of many who won't write to you to ask you to please consider 'us'....the hard workers who are already slicing up that paycheck in too many pieces, the families doling out their pennies to get by, the single Moms & Dads who already can't afford the dreams they had for their kids, the seniors and all those who live alone trying to make it on a single income...all of us who struggle. Please hear us and listen with your heart when considering the rate hike request by FPL. I know there are 'investors' and 'profits' to consider. But please hear those who don't have enough left over at the end of the month to invest in anything...those who consider it a 'profit' when those days come they can save 10 to 40 cents per gallon on gas from their Winn Dixie Rewards card. Consider us too and please vote 'no'.

Respectfully,

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