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**From:** Janet Brunson  
**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2016 11:32 AM  
**To:** 'paul33436@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Correspondence; Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** FPL Rate Increase - Docket Number 160021-EI

Dear Mr. Horne:

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 comments, your correspondence is included in the file for Docket No.160021-EI.

As you know, the PSC customer service hearings were held in June 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 August 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](http://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:** Collin Roehner **On Behalf Of** Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2016 10:58 AM  
**To:** 'Paul Horne'  
**Subject:** RE: FPL Rate Increase Proposal - RE: docket number 160021-E1

Good morning Mr. Horne,

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:** Paul Horne [<mailto:paul33436@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2016 10:21 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** FPL Rate Increase Proposal - RE: docket number 160021-E1

Re: **docket number 160021-E1**

Florida Power & Light's (FPL) request for a \$1.34 billion increase in base rates is outrageously inflated. I do not believe a rate increase of this magnitude is warranted to serve electric power consumers in Florida better. It appears to me that this rate increase request is all about FPL corporate profits and not about service to FPL customers.

Know these two facts about FPL's request:

1. Almost 72% (\$960 million) of FPL's \$1.34 billion rate increase will go into FPL investors' pockets. **None of those funds will go to service enhancements, disaster preparedness, or energy innovation.**
2. According to FPL's own filing with the PSC, FPL is on target to make \$1.6 billion in profit in 2017 **without** the requested rate increase.

This is a complex request that would require the consumer to pay monthly increases to the only power provider available to us. **FPL's request equals a 23 percent base rate increase** for all residential ratepayers (this is a charge increase even before they flip on a switch or use even one kilowatt of power,) and would allow an unprecedented return on equity (shareholder profit) of 11.5% to 12.5% at a time when consumers can

earn only 0.1% on their savings accounts while the WSJ Prime rate is 3.50% and the Federal Funds rate is 0.50% (as of 8/3/2016.)

Please note that consumers have no say in how many millions of dollars FPL pays their C-Suite executives, and we have no accurate accounting for the full scale of political contributions they make each year to influence those in a position to keep FPL in its unchallenged, powerful role in Florida. Please remember that the ratepayer pays all of FPL's bills and that all income for FPL comes from ratepayers. So approving FPL's outrageous rate increase request is tantamount to economically punishing all ratepayers at the same time for no improvement in service or security.

This FPL rate increase request is highly inflated, not economically justified, creates nothing for the ratepayer consumer and does not improve service or preparedness and should, therefore, be disallowed in its entirety.

Thank you for reading and considering my comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

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