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From: Pedro Guilarte <pedrog52@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 11:39 AM
To: Jeff Johnson, AARP Florida
Cc: Records Clerk
Subject: Re: Florida Power & Light Customers: Make Your Voice Heard

August 18, 2016

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am disappointed and appalled that AARP is deviating so far from its mission of dealing with senior citizen issues. No one wants prices of what we buy to increase, but getting involved in matters pertaining to the proposed price increase of one specific company is getting too far from promoting the open debate of issues pertaining to those like me who are in retirement.

You are diluting the credibility of AARP by supporting any populist issue which is of no particular specific concern to the organization charter. AARP would serve me better if it continued to promote policies to hold down health costs and accessibility to quality care. Finding ways to balance the Social Security unbalances. Improve our quality of life.

Stay away from vendettas against specific organizations or endorsing political candidates or organizations.

I have no connection to Florida Power & Light other than being their customer. Yes, I would like to pay less rather than more; but unlike other bills including the AARP membership fee; I am paying about the same thing I paid them 15 years ago. Their service is just fine. I don't know if they can justify the proposed increase in prices, but AARP is not the organization I want reviewing their accounting or facilities they claim to have installed and presumably need to earn a return on. I don't want my AARP dues going to this effort. I already pay taxes to hire a public advocate to do this.

Please reconsider this effort and leave it to others better equipped to challenge this company in its request to increase what it charges its customers.

Thank you,

Pedro M. Guilarte

AARP member

CC: Commission Clerk

From: [Jeff Johnson, AARP Florida](#)
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2016 7:00 AM
To: [Pedro Guilarte](#)
Subject: Florida Power & Light Customers: Make Your Voice Heard



Dear Pedro,

FPL Rate Hike Not Needed to Serve You, It's About Corporate Profit

All Public Comments Due By August 19,

You Still Have Time to Take Action!

Throughout June, AARP Florida attended nine statewide Public Service Commission (PSC) hearings to refute Florida Power & Light's (FPL) request for a \$1.34 billion increase in base rates. Know these two facts about FPL's request:

1. \$960 million of FPL's 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 their own filing with the PSC, FPL is on target to make \$1.6B in profit in 2017 without the requested rate increase.

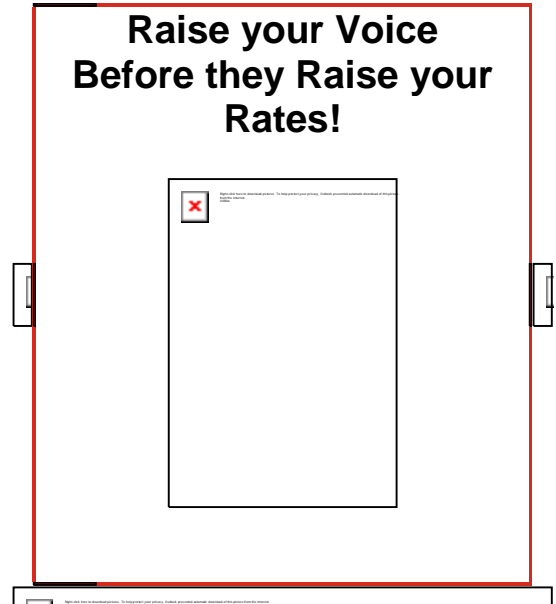
This is a complex request that would require you – the consumer – to pay monthly increases to the only power provider available to you. FPL's request equals a 23 percent base rate increase for all residential ratepayers (this is a charge increase even before you flip on a switch,) and would allow an unprecedented return on equity (shareholder profit) of 11.5 to 12.5 percent.

Walmart ,the Sierra Club and the Florida Retail Federation also oppose the rate hike.

You still have time to have your voice heard and make a difference before the final hearing in Tallahassee starting on Aug. 22. FPL residential customers who were unable to attend one of the public hearings in person can submit their testimony either one of two ways:

- 1) email your testimony to the Public Service Commission Clerk at clerk@psc.state.fl.us
- 2) mail a paper copy of your testimony to:

Ms. Carlotta Stauffer
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission



2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850.

Be sure to include: a) your first and last name; b) address where you receive FPL service; and c) the docket number 160021-E1 on your testimony so that it can be included for consideration.

All correspondence must be submitted by Aug. 19, 2016.

Here's what your fellow FPL ratepayers told the PSC:

“We have no option of investing in any other power company, we have no say in how many millions of dollars they pay 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 powers to keep FPL in its unchallenged, powerful position in this state.” – Susan Hicks, Sarasota FPL Customer

“They're asking for money to resolve – to get more profit for people that are out – for their shareholders that are out of state. Now we have seniors that cannot afford to buy their medication, and now with this rate increase and everything else, as everyone has spoken about, that will – it's not only a 23 percent, everything that comes with it that they're going to have to pay for, they may have to – they may have to serve – they may have to not eat to be able to pay for their bills.” – Miguel Soliman, Miami FPL Customer.

“When you're considering this rate increase in order to generate higher profits for FP&L, please keep in mind that those profits come at our expense, and that includes the senior community, many of whom are having a very hard time of it.” – Steve Zarzecki, Miami FPL Customer

Sincerely,

Jeff Johnson, State Director
AARP Florida

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