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From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 8:34 AM
To: 'Cebie Dorsey'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket 160021-E1 Testimony of Cebie Dorsey 2505 Longpine Lane St. Cloud FL 34772

Good morning Ms. Dorsey,

Thank you for contacting the Florida Public Service Commission. Your comments will be placed in consumer correspondence for Docket No. 160021-EI.

For further information on FPL's request, please review the PSC's Special Report:
http://www.floridapsc.com/Files/PDF/Publications/SpecialReports/sr--2016-06-florida_power_light_company.pdf.

Sincerely,

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From: Cebie Dorsey [<mailto:cebiedorsey@live.com>]
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The proposed rate increase by FPL is yet another attack on senior citizens and struggling families. Social Security denies COLA increases while millions of people are struggling everyday to make ends meet. The income figures of senior citizens are greatly inflated, just as the 'unemployment' numbers are manipulated. While there are some who have the benefits of long, successful careers, there are many of us who don't have that advantage. Some people have had extenuating circumstances that have left us with little more than Social Security to count on. When those benefits don't keep up with the real costs of living, we are left vulnerable to homelessness.

My life is just such an example.

My husband's genetic heart disease surfaced when he was 37 years old. He became totally disabled by the age of 44, yet fought nearly 2 more years for his Social Security. He battled for his life for 27 years, including two open-heart surgeries, a stroke, defibrillators and multiple heart attacks, dying from congestive heart failure at 64.

Throughout our 42 year marriage, I worked outside of the home, building my own 'senior security'. My husband's health issues completely altered our life plans, including our financial agenda. We had purchased life insurance early on but with his health problems, it became unaffordable to make reasonable increases in that coverage.

I have been widowed nearly five years now. My husband's SSA Disability and the life insurance we had, have supported me since I lost my job in May, 2012. At that time, I proceeded to sell my home in a short-sale because I could not afford to keep it, nor to keep it up. I moved in with my son's family here in Florida that year. My husband, my job and my childhood home - gone in less than a year.

My plan was to find work comparable to my work experience (primarily clerical) and purchase an inexpensive place to live out my days. I submitted job applications for nearly three years, to no avail. I also learned that, because I sold my home as a short-sale, I was not permitted to buy a place to live for **3 years!** This despite the fact that my credit was above average and all of my creditors were paid promptly.

During this time, I also lost my health insurance. AHCA became a substitute for coverage that had always been provided by my work. Eventually, I gave up on finding gainful employment (as have many others). When I did take a part-time job, the premium increased more than double. So much for 'Affordable Healthcare', not to mention the other falsehoods promised.

I languished on subsidized housing lists, until this year when I purchased a used manufactured home before there is no insurance money left. Finally permitted to get a mortgage, I now have a home for as long as I can make the payments.

Electricity is **NOT** a Luxury. In Florida, it is an absolute **necessity**. Florida Power knows that. They even make it difficult for citizens who try to live on alternative energy. I understand that shareholders expect a return on their investments. I believe that electric suppliers are concerned about losing market share over the coming years. They got very comfortable with all of those years that they had a monopoly on their services.

None of these factors support the kind of price increase that FPL is proposing. It will put seniors and struggling families in major financial jeopardy. Those of us who have worked hard to save a little for our future fail to qualify for many assistance programs or, like subsidized housing, there is more demand than supply. I have no illusions about reaching 'retirement' age in 2018. I will be continuing to struggle to keep a roof over my head, without being a burden to my family.

DON'T LET FLORIDA POWER VIOLATE THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA!! DON'T MAKE US CHOOSE BETWEEN PAYING THE ELECTRIC BILL OR TURNING OFF THE AIR CONDITIONER, RISKING HEATSTROKE. This is about more than money...it's about hard choices for some of Florida's most vulnerable citizens.

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