

Collin Roehner

From: Collin Roehner
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:52 AM
To: 'Beatrice Balboa'
Subject: RE: Public opinion on Florida Power & Light Co. (FPL) proposed electrical rate increase activities

Good morning Ms. Balboa,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160251-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Collin Roehner
Subject: FW: Public opinion on Florida Power & Light Co. (FPL) proposed electrical rate increase activities

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From: Collin Roehner
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 7:56 AM
To: Ruth McHargue
Cc: Angie Calhoun
Subject: FW: Public opinion on Florida Power & Light Co. (FPL) proposed electrical rate increase activities

Please see the e-mail below. Please let us know whether this needs to be entered in CMS as consumer correspondence, and what docket it should be placed in.

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From: Beatrice Balboa [<mailto:beatricebalboa@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 9:23 PM

To: Collin Roehner

Subject: Public opinion on Florida Power & Light Co. (FPL) proposed electrical rate increase activities

I was reading another news media article regarding the latest Florida Power & Light Co. (FPL) proposed electrical rate increase activities throughout the State of Florida with great interest. Please continue to solicit the public opinion that continues to underscore the ongoing significant rate increase requests by FPL throughout the State of Florida, despite an increasingly faltering economy impacting senior citizens living on fixed incomes disproportionately. Please coordinate, collaborate and cooperate on Federal, State and/or local jurisdictional levels in addressing these concerns potentially impacting adversely the public's safety, finances, policies, trust, confidence, and quality of life issues. Thank you for your time in this matter and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Balboa

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Letter: Others don't charge more after storms, why FPL?

Treasure Coast 4:02 a.m. ET Jan. 23, 2017



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NEWSPAPERS)

Got a notice the other day stating that FPL was going to have to raise our rates \$3 or more a month for the next year for damages sustained during the recent hurricane.

I owned my own business for some years and worked out of my home. When a hurricane knocked down all my trees, I didn't charge all my customers more for my loss. I accepted it, cleaned up the downed trees and repaired the structural damages myself.

I'll grant that I didn't have any stockholders, but why am I forced to pay extra for damages not caused by me, to structures not owned by me?

Can't the stockholders accept a slight downturn for the year? Must they always have sustained profits?

In a climate where hurricanes are a yearly probability, you'd think a company as large as FPL would have contingency plans without having to increase its rates.

This business of "only for one year" sounds a little fishy, too.

When was the last time you had your utility bill decreased? Utilities are the only companies that get to charge more when their business increases.

The leaning poles in my neighborhood were leaning well before the hurricane, and the utility company was replacing them then, too, so what happened? All this stuff should be underground, anyway, but how much of a raise in prices would that entail?

Charles Atmore, Stuart

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