

Brandy Butler

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:40 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket 20170150
Attachments: FW Governor's Assignment Case Number 659,123 NRN EOG000433276; lewis-blomley-response.pdf

See attached correspondence and add to the correspondence side of Docket 20170150.

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September 21, 2017

Mr. Lewis Blomley
2928 Madison St
Marianna, FL 32446

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1255228C

Dear Mr. Blomley:

This is in response to the correspondence you sent to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) and the Governor's office regarding Florida Public Utilities (FPU)

You expressed a concern about FPU's petition for limited proceeding to include reliability and modernization projects in rate base. We will add your comments to the correspondence side of Docket No. 2017150-EI regarding the petition.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ellen Plendl at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Roland".

Randy Roland
Regulatory Program Administrator
Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach

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From: Randy Roland
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Governor's Assignment | Case Number: 659,123 | NRN | EOG:000433276
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From: CRM.CitizenServices [<mailto:CRM.CitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Randy Roland
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Case Number:	659,123
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EOG Source	Citizen Services
Created On	9/21/2017 11:42 AM
Letter Date	9/14/2017 12:00 AM
Priority	Default

Case Attribute(s)

Attribute	
Utilities	

Primary Contact Information

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Organization / Additional Information	

Description

Note
register my objection to the proposed 2.3% rate increase being requested by Florida Public Utilities
Letter to PSC

Case Assignment

Assigned To:	PSC - Public Service Commission	Case Stage:	Passed to External Agency

You have an assignment from the Executive Office of the Governor. Please have staff review and respond as appropriate.

It is not necessary to send follow up information to the Office of Citizen Services unless it is deemed appropriate by agency staff.

To send information on this case, please respond to this email or send an email to CRM.CitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com

If a unit or agency is incorrectly assigned a case, please respond to this email and note which agency should receive the assignment.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Orcel

Office of Citizen Services

Executive Office of the Governor

September 14, 2017
2928 Madison St
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Letter to PSC

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Commission Clerk
Ref. Docket No. 20170150-EI
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Gentlemen:

As a FPU customer in an area of the state that is known to have the highest electricity cost in Florida I want to register my objection to the proposed 2.3% rate increase being requested by Florida Public Utilities. I have a shop/office, billed separately, and am appalled monthly by the electricity bill I receive. I have less than 300 square feet of office space, which is the only space climate controlled, yet my average monthly bill is over \$100.00.

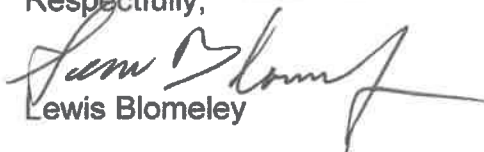
Looking at a typical FPU bill I see that in addition to paying for the electricity I use I am billed for a Customer Charge and a Base Energy charge. The Customer Charge is \$14.00 per month for "the cost of your service, meter and billing". Since the meter has long since been paid for and billing is by RF meter reading and computer I assume most of that, say \$10.00, goes for "service", which would have to be maintaining the distribution system in Marianna. With approximately 1,500 households here then FPU collects \$15,000 per month to maintain the existing distribution system to those households. Gentlemen, cleaning up after Irma here hardly cost that much, so where is the monthly excess going? It goes to profit and fat salaries!

The bill says we are paying .10055 cents per KWH for the electricity itself, which FPU claims not to make any money on, but they do tack on .02060 cents per KWH for "Distribution costs". Since the Customer Charge covers distribution within Marianna, I assume this is supposed to be the cost of getting the electricity here from wherever. I find it very hard to believe that it takes around \$15 a month from every electricity customer on the grid just to maintain the high tension lines, towers and substations that have been around forever.

Gentlemen, you are the Florida Public Service Commission but it seems you need to decide which definition of the term 'service' describes your job. Webster says service is "The occupation or function of serving" the citizens of Florida. If you allow this rate increase to go through it would seem that you confuse the term with what a farmer hires a bull for; ie to service his cows!

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Respectfully,

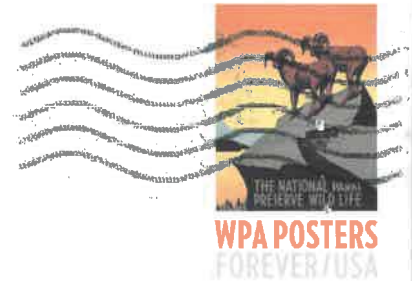

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Cc: Governor Rick Scott

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