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From: Beatrice Balboa [<mailto:beatricebalboa@gmail.com>]
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To: Randy Roland
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I am writing regarding the latest news media reports underscoring the woeful and disastrous state of the electrical grid throughout the State of Florida, despite strong documentation indicating such problems exist, with fatalities directly related to this issue and "...left as many as 15 million people in the state without electricity...". In addition, FPL is now requesting a slew of additional fees such as \$1.3 billion to prop up their complete lack of thorough operational, technical and logistical maintenance and preparation that should have been part of the FPL mission and business plan to operate in the State of Florida across the board. To compound FPL deep contempt and disrespect of the hardworking taxpayers residents of the State of Florida, documented allegations of overbilling, overcharging and overwhelming electrical rates, surcharges, and fees are contributing to a pervasive climate of complete distrust between customers of FPL and the FPL Corporation. Please coordinate, collaborate and cooperate on Federal, State and/or local jurisdictional levels in addressing these egregious concerns potentially impacting adversely the public's safety, health, finances, policies, trust, confidence, and quality of life issues. Thank you for your time in these matters and hope to hear from you soon.

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FPL ordered to pay \$24M after San Carlos Park boy electrocuted

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Florida Power and Light must pay nearly \$24 million to the mother of a 15-year-old San Carlos Park boy who was electrocuted in 2011, a jury ruled Wednesday.

The boy, Justin Dominguez, received a shock when he climbed bamboo that was close to power lines, sustaining injuries that proved fatal. FPL inspectors had warned the company in 2008 to cut the bamboo because of its proximity to the lines.

The bamboo tree is still standing, said attorney Ty Roland, who represented Tricia Dominguez, the boy's mother.





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FPL rates

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Like most customers of FPL, I do not have — nor could I afford — stock in FPL. Thus, I do not benefit from its profits through dividends paid to shareholders.

When is the Public Service Commission — and I'm using the moniker loosely — going to consider rejecting FPL's rate hikes to cover their costs of doing business, including unforeseen expenses such as the needed Turkey Point remediation, that FPL itself created?

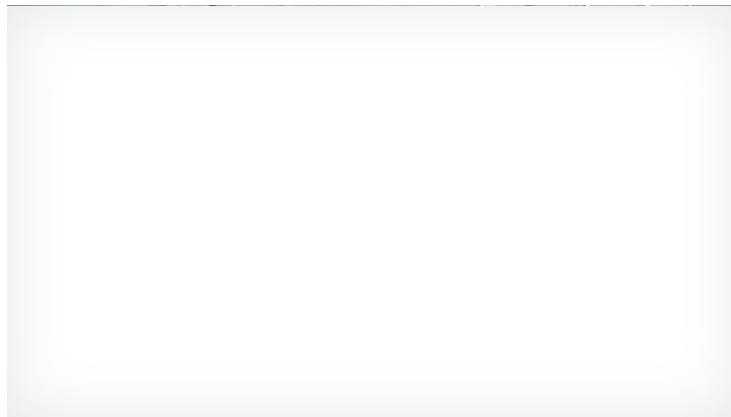
Consumers should read the itemization provided with their bill. Most companies absorb the cost of doing business. FPL does not, and it is allowed to pass on these expenses to customers who have few other options.

For the most part, FPL does a good job in servicing its customers (excellent job after Irma) and its rates appear reasonable. Even though the rate increases are small and most won't even notice, every consumer should be aware and informed.

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We won twice before. We can do it again. Taking away our right to free internet not only takes away our way of communication around the world, but also kids' futures. Taking this away potentially puts Americans' future at risk.

FPL, we need to see results of storm preparation | Letter

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FPL President, CEO Eric Silagy answers key questions about FPL's response to Hurricane Irma.

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In regard to the article "[FPL: 'We're going to do better' after hurricanes](#)," I had to laugh. FPL has had a multitude of "test runs" with storms and hurricanes, since [Hurricane Andrew](#) in 1992. "We're ready to weather the storm" and "Changing the current" are catch phrases that mean nothing, mostly, because it seems FPL is always behind the 8 ball and not truly ready, sometimes for the most basic, heavy rain storm. Yet, they pocket billions, and still have no problem passing on the costs to us, the customer.

So please, FPL, instead of telling us that you're going to do better, step up to the plate, at your expense, and prove it. I am tired of paying more for less, because the company has what seems to be storm preparation issues. Do your job.

Stuart Slotnick, Plantation

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FPL ordered to pay nearly \$24 million in Fort Myers teen's death



Jane Musgrave - Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

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A Lee County jury on Wednesday ordered [Florida Power & Light](#) to pay nearly \$24 million in connection with the 2011 electrocution death of a Fort Myers 15-year-old.

The jury ordered the Juno Beach-based utility to pay the mother of Justin Dominguez \$8.75 million in compensatory damages and \$15 million in punitive damages, said West Palm Beach attorney Julie Littky-Rubin, who represented Tricia Dominguez with Fort Myers lawyer Ty Roland.

The utility had been warned by its own inspectors in 2008 that bamboo near the family's home was too close to power lines and should be removed, Littky-Rubin said. Three years later, Justin was climbing the bamboo when it hit the electrical wires. He sustained catastrophic injuries and died two weeks later in a hospital after he was declared brain dead and removed from a ventilator, she said.

During the five-day trial, a company official testified that the company still hadn't removed the fast-growing, spindly trees, which are known for being good conductors of electricity, she said.

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"I know FPL does great things but this was bad," Littky-Rubin said.

In a statement, FPL officials said: "We extend our thoughts and prayers to the Dominguez family during this difficult time. We disagree with the jury's decision and are evaluating further legal options."

Littky-Rubin said she expects the company will appeal.

The verdict brought a measure of relief to Tricia Dominguez, who has moved with her two remaining children to Iowa, Littky-Rubin said. "She was so upset that they didn't care about her son," Littky-Rubin said. "She felt vindicated."

The mother and son were unusually close, the attorney said. When Tricia Dominguez got a job at McDonald's that required her to get up at 4 a.m., her son would walk the mile with her to work from a house they shared with relatives.

Still, the jury agreed the youth was partially responsible for his own death because he decided to climb the bamboo.

While finding FPL was 70 percent to blame, they ruled the teen was 30 percent at fault. That meant the \$12 million that jurors awarded in compensatory damages was reduced by 30 percent to \$8.75 million. The assignment of fault had no impact on the \$15 million awarded in punitive damages.

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