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**Re: Docket No. 20210015-EI - Petition for rate increase by Florida Power Light & Company.**

Dear Mr. Teitzman,

On behalf of Intervenor Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, Inc., I have enclosed the testimony of Sara Lewis. Please file these documents in Docket No. 20210015-EI. Please contact me if there are any questions regarding this filing.

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DATED this 21st day of June, 2021.

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**In re:   Petition for rate increase    )  
          by Florida Power & Light    )    DOCKET NO. 20210015-EI  
          Company                        )**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY  
OF SARA LEWIS  
ON BEHALF OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONFEDERATION  
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.**

June 21, 2021

1 **Q. Please state your name.**

2 A. Sara Lewis.

3 **Q. Please state the name of the entity you are representing.**

4 A. Miakka Community Club.

5 **Q. What type of entity are you representing?**

6 A. We are a community club. We have one event a year for the community, a hootenanny.

7 **Q. Where is your club located?**

8 A. 16800 Wilson Rd, Sarasota, FL 34240.

9 **Q. What organization is your club a member of?**

10 A. Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ECOSWF). We have been a  
11 member for at least 10 years.

12 **Q. Is your club a customer of FPL? If so, for how long?**

13 A. Yes. Since electricity first came to this area, FPL has been the provider.

14 **Q. What is your club's view of FPL?**

15 A. Big picture, they charge a lot and they are not very present. For instance, they have not  
16 been through to trim the trees that could get entangled with the power lines. It is also hard to  
17 get a hold of them when you need them. When hurricanes come through, we are generally the  
18 last place to get the power back on. Besides paying for our bill, we don't see them.

19 **Q. How is your club's current utility service?**

20 A. For how little we are actually using the electricity for, it is too high. All we are running is  
21 a refrigerator and a street light.

22 **Q. How much does your club's FPL bill usually cost each month?**

23 A. \$33 a month, separated through two power bills.

24 **Q. How would you describe the current price your club pays for its utilities?**

25 A. It is expensive for the service that we are receiving.

1 **Q. Based on information provided by FPL, the base rate for electricity is projected to**  
2 **increase by about 20%. How would this rate increase impact your club?**

3 **A.** We have a very small membership and our money is pretty much used for paying for  
4 insurance and property taxes. We mainly rely on fundraising and a rate increase would mean  
5 that we would have to do even more fundraising. This past year, we were unable to do any  
6 fundraising. This is something we cannot afford.

7 **Q. As a community club in Florida, are you concerned about climate change?**

8 **A.** Yes

9 **Q: Based on information provided by FPL, part of this rate increase will pay for new or**  
10 **upgraded methane gas power plants. Does your club believe this will have an impact on**  
11 **the climate?**

12 **A.** Yes! Anything that puts out emissions like that has a negative impact on climate, leading  
13 to a harmful impact on the environment.

14 **Q: In light of that, how does your club feel about contributing its own money to those**  
15 **projects, through its FPL bill?**

16 **A.** It seems a little absurd. Building power plants that cause problems with the environment  
17 is not something many would support and we do not support it.

18 **Q. What is the mission of your club?**

19 **A.** The mission of our community club is to preserve and protect the rural lifestyle.

20 **Q. How is the purpose of your club being served by ECOSWF participating in this**  
21 **proceeding?**

22 **A.** This will not be an impact on just the club itself, but will have a negative impact on all of  
23 the members of the community club. If this rate increase goes through, this will raise rates for  
24 everyone involved and that is not good for our members. Our purpose cannot be served if we  
25 are unable to pay our bills or our members have difficulty paying their own bills.