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**From:** Betty Leland  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 7:48 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** We Can't Afford Higher Rates  
**Attachments:** We Can't Afford Higher Rates; Reject FPL's harmful and shortsighted rate hikes

Good Morning:

Please place this email in Docket #20210015.

Thanks.

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**From:** dave@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Collins  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 11:40 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** We Can't Afford Higher Rates

Dear Art Graham,

I am writing as a concerned Florida resident and customer of Florida Power & Light (FPL). I received notification that FPL intends to increase rates for their customers across the state, hurting the most vulnerable in our communities the most. We urge you to rethink this decision and not increase our bills.

This past year has been challenging and unrelenting, and folks have spent it worrying; worrying about the health and safety of their families and friends; worrying about finding work or being safe at work; worrying about the future of the business they built from the ground up; and worrying about making sure that they could keep the lights and heat on at home. For many of us, the pandemic has changed all of our lives in ways we'll still likely be grappling with long after the pandemic comes to an end.

Nevertheless, for some reason, corporate greed seems to be more important than the sustainability of our communities and our livelihood. This was evident when FPL, among several other power companies resumed closing customer accounts due to non-payment during the second wave of the pandemic. Now, they want to increase rates for their most vulnerable customers. We can't allow companies to continue taking advantage of working-class families, and luckily, you have the power NOW to stop this.

Our families need relief, real solutions to the climate crisis and fair and affordable utility rates. By raising prices, FPL is treating energy as a commodity when it's a necessity. We are demanding that Florida Power & Light halt this unfair plan and that Florida's Public Service Commission require FPL to maintain fair rates for their consumers, and prioritize the communities they serve.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** jjesseny@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jesseny Jaipersad <jjesseny@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 9:21 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Reject FPL's harmful and shortsighted rate hikes

Dear Commissioner Art Graham,

As an FPL customer, I urge you to reject the company's proposed rate increases.

Florida families are still recovering from the economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, FPL disconnected more than 550,000 homes from power due to late payment since the fall, even as it increased its own profits by 10% last year.

It is not in my best interest to be paying for fossil fuel plants that FPL wants to run for the next fifty years - when FPL should be committing to a rapid transition to a 100% clean energy system.

It will not serve the public to charge us over \$10 billion for purported grid "investments" (over \$900 per customer!) that will only deliver a couple of minutes of improved reliability every year.

FPL's plan ignores the most cost effective resource - energy efficiency - at every step of its plan, instead choosing to expose us to even more risks due to rising energy costs.

FPL doesn't propose a single new program or protection for its most vulnerable customers, in contrast to other utilities that are implementing new disconnection safeguards, efficiency offerings and programs to help customers access clean energy to lower bills and become more energy resilient.

Please reject FPL's new proposed gas plants, require the Company to give real consideration to energy efficiency programs in all of its planning decisions, and move Florida toward a more equitable and resilient energy grid.

When considering FPL's proposal, I urge you to prioritize the needs of Floridians — particularly our most vulnerable communities — and reject these needless rate increases.

Sincerely,  
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