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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida
Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 20210015-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2021-0446-S-EI
ISSUED: December 2, 2021

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

GARY F. CLARK, Chairman
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FINAL ORDER APPROVING 2021 STIPULATION AND
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

BACKGROUND

On March 12, 2021, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed its petition, minimum filing requirements, and testimony for a base rate increase effective January 2022. As part of its request, FPL is seeking to consolidate its rates with those of Gulf Power Company (Gulf), recently acquired by FPL's parent company. Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2021-0116-PCO-EI, issued March 24, 2021, the hearing for the FPL rate case was scheduled for August 16 through August 27, 2021.

OPC's intervention was acknowledged.¹ Florida Executive Agencies (FEA), Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG), Florida Internet & Television Association, Inc. (FIT), Florida Retail Federation (FRF), Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) and Vote Solar were granted intervention on an associational standing basis.² Walmart Inc. (Walmart) and Daniel and Alexandria Larson (Larsons) were granted intervention on an individual standing basis.³ CLEO Institute Inc. (CLEO) and Florida Rising, Inc. (Fla. Rising) were granted intervention on an individual standing basis and provisional intervention on an associational standing basis.⁴ Floridians Against Increased Rates, Inc. (FAIR), League of United Latin American Citizens of Florida (LULAC), and Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ECOSWF) were granted provisional intervention on an associational standing basis. The Smart Thermostat Coalition filed a petition to intervene based on associational standing on June 21, 2021, which was denied.⁵

As part of the administrative hearing in this docket, we conducted twelve customer service hearings over a two-week period in June and July of 2021. Testimony was taken from over 370 FPL and Gulf customers and public officials, with respect to the rates and service provided by the utilities.

¹ Order No. PSC-2021-0062-PCO-EI, issued January 29, 2021.

² Order No. PSC-2021-0132-PCO-EI, issued April 16, 2021; Order No. PSC-2021-0133-PCO-EI, issued April 16, 2021; Order No. PSC-2021-0255-PCO-EI, issued July 13, 2021; Order No. PSC-2021-0134-PCO-EI, issued April 16, 2021; Order No. PSC-2021-0136-PCO-EI, issued April 16, 2021; and Order No. PSC-2021-0179-PCO-EI, issued May 19, 2021.

³ Order No. PSC-2021-0189-PCO-EI, issued May 26, 2021 and Order No. PSC-2021-0135-PCO-EI, issued April 16, 2021.

⁴ Order No. PSC-2021-0184-PCO-EI, issued May 20, 2021 and Order No. PSC-2021-0139-PCO-EI, issued April 20, 2021.

⁵ Order No. PSC-2021-0256-PCO-EI, issued July 13, 2021.