

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for Temporary Waiver of Rule 25-6.078(3), F.A.C. by Florida Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 20220012-EI

LETTER OF PROTEST

COMES NOW, L. Taylor Simmons and does hereby file this letter of protest in accordance with F.A.C. 28-106.201 and does request an evidentiary hearing regarding the above-captioned matter. The petitioner, whose name and address is shown below, does hereby state that his/her substantial interests will be affected by the PSC's determination as follows:

1. The petitioner receives his/her electric through FP&L. The PSC approved FPL's Petition for Rate Unification and for Base Rate Increase in Docket Number 20210015-EI. In that petition, FPL filed its tariff's, which contained an updated written policy for FPL regarding the installation of underground facilities in new subdivisions. However, the data and analyses for these tariff's were omitted from the filing. The tariff's were, however, considered in the rate unification and base rate increase decision. Therefore, part of the consolidated FPL and Gulf ratemaking was based upon the amount of these tariff's.
2. The new rates approved by the PSC have caused an undue and substantial hardship on myself, as well as on thousands of Florida's residents. The PSC has a duty to balance the needs of a public utility and the consumers of that utility. While residents have faced extreme and unfair prices, FPL has been unjustly enriched at the consumer's expense.
3. Since the supporting data and analyses were not included in the Petition for Rate Unification and Base Rate Increase, Docket No. 20210015-EI, yet rates were changed that enriched the public utility and caused undue and substantial financial hardship on the people, it is imperative that FPL file their written policy in a timely manner and that the Petition for Temporary Waiver of Rule 25-6.078(3) F.A.C. be denied.

4. My personal example of undue and substantial hardship is as follows:

~~Our first FPL bill with new rates in effect was \$500.02 at 2972 kWh. Our highest bill of 2021 was in August at \$409.28 with 3145 kWh used. Three days into the second FPL billing cycle with new rates in effect our projected bill was \$687.12 at 4123 kWh. How is that even possible? Our rent is \$800.00 per month and we struggled to pay the \$409.28 August 2021 bill so we certainly cannot afford the new rates. In order to combat the new rate increases we literally turned our heat completely off on January 23rd and have not turned it back on since. We unplugged every single thing in our home unless we were using it at that moment except the internet modem and my computer as I work from home. This is the same situation today as to keep the bill to a point that we can afford to pay and avoid the new late fee structure which seems more~~

Petitioner:

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Signed This 09 Day of March, 2022

L. Taylor Simmons

- ✓ By typing your name above, you signify you are completing this form using an electronic signature.