CORRESPONDENCE 4/4/2022 DOCUMENT NO. 02237-2022

Antonia Hover

From: John Plescow

Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 8:52 AM **To:** Consumer Correspondence

Cc: Diane Hood

Subject: FW: To CLK Docket 20210015

Attachments: Requesting a copy of letter to the PSC; Re Requesting a copy of letter to the PSC

Please, add to 20210015.

From: Diane Hood < DHOOD@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

Sent: Monday, April 04, 2022 8:33 AM

To: John Plescow < JPlescow@PSC.STATE.FL.US> **Cc:** Angie Calhoun < ACalhoun@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

Subject: To CLK Docket 20210015

The original email is from a protester with copies of letter from cities of Florida protesting rate protest 20210015. The second email is from the mayor of Calloway who copied the protester. Added to 1392261C. DHood

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From: FP&L Price Gouging - Northwest Florida <fpandlbill@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 10:50 AM

To: Consumer Contact; mayor@cityofcallaway.com;

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Attachments: City of Pensacola_FPL Concern Letter.pdf; Crestview letter to PSC.pdf; City of

Milton.pdf; SantaRosaCounty.pdf

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-Jossy FP&L Price Gouging - Northwest Florida

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March 11, 2022

VIA FACSIMILE TO 1-800-511-0809 & ELECTRONIC MAIL TO contact@psc.state.fl.us

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850.

Re: Florida Power & Light Company, Northwest Service Territory Rates

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing to you today on behalf of the City of Pensacola, Florida and its citizens, concerning the rates charged by Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") to the citizens of Northwest Florida. We request that the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC") staff be directed to re-investigate FPL's rate increase filings for accuracy, review the current rates effective January 2022 to ensure they are fair and reasonable, review FPL application of those rates to customers' accounts and, if necessary, direct FPL to address inadequacies in fuel diversity and fuel supply reliability which have resulted in unconscionable fuel charges to FPL customers following the Rate Increase which was effective January 2022.

The citizens of Northwest Florida already pay some of the highest electric utility prices in all of Florida. With the increase in rates effective January 2022, Northwest Florida pays 29% more than those customers serviced by Tampa Electric Company and Florida Power & Light outside the Northwest Service Territory and 10% more than those customers serviced by Duke Energy of Florida and Florida Public Utilities Company.

Florida Investor-Owned Electric Utilities Total Cost for 1,000 Kilowatt Hours - Residential Service

Utility Provider		ates prior to anuary 2022	Rates as of January 2022
Florida Power & Light, Northwest Service Territory		148.78	155.61
Florida Power & Light		113.85	120.67
Duke Energy Florida, LLC	12	132.21	140.96
Tampa Electric Company		118.07	120.91
Florida Public Utilities Company		129.36	129.49

Source: State of Florida Public Service Commission 12/07/2021 news release

Already hit hard by the rate increases associated with the four-year rate settlement approved by PSC on October 26, 2021, as well as rises in gas, food and living cost, many of our citizens are finding it difficult to pay for the basic necessities; no less take on another FPL rate increase. The residents of Northwest Florida are furious with FPL, and rightfully so. Over the past few months, the City of Pensacola has experienced an increasing presence of Citizen attendance at City Hall meetings expressing their concerns and frustrations regarding their power bill. Many residents are reporting that their electric bill has doubled or tripled and are requesting the City of Pensacola take action before they have to choose between keeping their electricity on or putting food on the table. In addition to picketing City Hall, residents have started an online petition protesting the FPL rates. As of the date of this letter, the petition had 17,428 signatures. A copy of the petition has been included with this letter but with the signatures constantly rising, we would ask that you check the status of the petition to get recent numbers by visiting:

https://www.change.org/p/florida-power-and-light-northwest-florida-residents-stand-against-the-extreme-rate-increase-by-fpl

We are requesting that the PSC, as the entity with exclusive jurisdiction to set rates for investor-owned utilities, review the FPL rate structure to ensure rates are "fair and reasonable" as required by Section 366.05 (1) (a), Florida Statutes. Further, we request that the PSC require FPL to address inadequacies in fuel diversity and fuel supply reliability that at least in part resulted in increase to utility bills for FPL customers as required by Section 366.05 (8), Florida Statutes. Finally, we request the PSC, require an audit of FPL in order to ensure approved rates are being appropriately applied to customer accounts and electricity usage is appropriately billed. Our citizens, and every FPL customer, deserve another look by the PSC at this crippling situation affecting all those who reside in Northwest Florida.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Grover C. Robinson

Mayor

Ann Hill

City Council President

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Enclosed:

Petition · Northwest Florida residents stand against the extreme rate increase by FPL · Change.org



February 4, 2022

VIA FACSIMILE TO 1-800-511-0809 & ELECTRONIC MAIL TO contact@psc.state.fl.us

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850.

Re: FPL

Dear Sir or Madam:

I write to you today on behalf of the City of Crestview, Florida and its citizens, concerning your December 12, 2021 approval of dramatic rate increases (the "Rate Increase") by Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL"). In short, we request that PSC staff be directed to re-investigate FPL's rate increase filings for accuracy, review the current rates effective January 1, 2022 to ensure they are fair and reasonable, and, if necessary, direct FPL pursuant to the PSC's jurisdiction in Section 366.05 (8), Florida Statutes, to address inadequacies in fuel diversity and fuel supply reliability which have resulted in unconscionable fuel charges to FPL customers following the Rate Increase which was effective January 1, 2022.

First, we note that the PSC's own records reflect that FPL residential customers formerly served by Gulf Power pay the highest utility cost of any investor-owned utility in the State of Florida.

The PSC's December 12, 2021 approval of the Rate Increase contains the following excerpt:

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That passage reveals the following unbelievable facts the PSC determined, and allowed in the Rate Increase:



- 1. FPL will generate an additional \$692,000,000 in revenue in 2022 as a result of the Rate Increase:
- 2. FPL will generate an additional \$560,000,000 in revenue in 2023 as a result of the Rate Increase;
- 3. The total of the two above facts is that \$1,252,000,000 (\$1.2 BILLION) in additional revenue would be shouldered by rate-paying customers;
- 4. Despite record inflation leading to higher costs of goods, as well as a slumping economy from the effects of COVID, the PSC permitted FPL to keep a 10% profit margin, effectively removing any risk from the cost of doing business.

These are staggering numbers. Particularly so when, because of FPL's own business decisions, approximately 80% of its generating capacity utilizes a non-diverse fuel source (liquified natural gas) that is at historically record high prices. Other forms of fuel for generation remain viable and cost-efficient but were shunned by FPL subsequent to its acquisition of Gulf Power. Solar power generation fares no better in a discussion of costs. The result of FPL's poor strategic decisions about fuel types for generation clearly suggest that it lacks fuel diversity and supply reliability, which are matters expressly within the PSC's jurisdiction. And yet, the PSC allowed FPL to pass on to its customers record high costs resulting from its poor planning while maintaining a lofty profit margin.

It is fundamentally unfair for FPL customers formerly served by Gulf Power to suffer from the highest utility costs of any investor-owned utility in Florida. The customers – our citizens, friends and neighbors – had virtually no voice and no representation. What was promised as a modest "2.5%" increaseⁱⁱ has turned out to be a ten-fold underestimation by FPL and the PSC in what customers actually are billed.

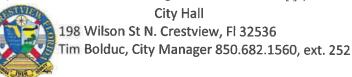
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Sincerely,

Tim Bolduc City Manager

http://newsroom.fpl.com/2021-08-10-FPL-reaches-comprehensive-four-year-rate-settlement-agreement,-keeping-bills-low-and-accelerating-the-nations-largest-solar-buildout ("In fact, residential bills are projected to grow modestly from 2021-2025 at an average annual rate of 2.5%[.]")



See Exhibit A. http://www.psc.state.fl.us/Files/PDF/Utilities/Electricgas/BillingAdjustments/ba total-2022.pdf

Florida Investor-Owned Electric Utilities Total Cost for 1,000 Kilowatt Hours - Residential Service

January - December 2022

Florida Power

	Florida Power	& Light Company	Duke Energy	Tampa Electric	Florida Public
January - December 2022	& Light Co.	(former Gulf Power)	Florida (1)	Company	Utilities Company
Base Rate Charges	\$75.82	\$75.82	\$80.91	\$78.69	\$40.68
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause	\$34.87	\$34.87	\$36.81	\$27.45	\$69.89
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$1.34	\$1.34	\$2.83	\$2.36	\$1.34
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause	\$2.99	\$2.99	\$0.28	\$1.38	N/A
Capacity Cost Recovery Clause	\$2.39	\$2.39	\$11.03	\$0.31	N/A
Storm Damage Cost Surcharge	N/A	\$11.00	\$0.00	N/A	\$14.34
Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$2.14	\$2.14	\$3.00	\$3.29	N/A
Asset Securitization Charge	N/A	N/A	\$2.48	N/A	N/A
Transition Rider/Credit	-\$1.98	\$21.06	N/A	N/A	N/A
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$4.41	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessement Fee	\$3.10	\$4.00	\$3.62	\$3.02	\$3.24
Total	<u>\$120.67</u>	<u>\$155.61</u>	\$140.96	\$120.91	\$129.49

⁽¹⁾ Duke's 2022 base rate charges represents a weighted average: the December - February bill is \$88.68; the March - November bill is \$78.32.



City of Milton

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March 10, 2022

VIA FACSIMILE TO 1-800-511-0809 & ELECTRONIC MAIL TO contact@psc.state.fl.us

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850.

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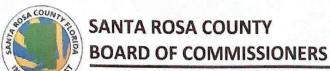
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DEVANN COOK, County Administrator BRAD BAKER, Asst. County Administrator

March 24, 2022

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RE: Florida Power & Light Rate Increases

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is on behalf of Santa Rosa County, Florida and its citizens, concerning your December 2, 2021 approval of rate increases by Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL")¹.

The Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners requests PSC staff re-investigate FPL's rate increase filings for accuracy, review the current rates effective January 1, 2022 to ensure they are fair and reasonable, and, if necessary, direct FPL to address inadequacies in fuel diversity and fuel supply reliability² which have resulted in unconscionable fuel surcharges to FPL customers. The following passage is taken from the December 2, 2021 Final Order Approving 2021 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement:

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While FPL's plan to continue building a surplus for hurricane recovery is noteworthy, the notion that FPL will collect \$1,250,000,000 in <u>additional</u> revenues from 2022 – 2023, while Floridians suffer from record setting inflation³, increasing fuel costs, and continued economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic is morally unsettling. While average Americans are concerned with nationwide increases to the cost of living and the cost of doing business, FPL is guaranteed a 10.6% profit margin from customers who cannot choose from competing electric utility companies.

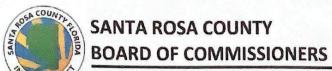
FPL's rate increases are having devastating impacts on individuals and families across Santa Rosa County, and the rate increases could not have come at a more economically difficult time for many of our residents. As such, we are requesting the Public Service Commission a) re-evaluate the accuracy of the figures and data presented by FPL that informed the PSC's decision to approve the rate increase, b) re-examine the fairness and reasonableness of the rate

https://apnews.com/article/business-long-beach-inflation-prices-consumer-prices-d412bcce554693de469765b34351773d

¹ ORDER NO. PSC-2021-0446-S-EI: In re: to Petition for rate increase by Florida Power & Light Company http://www.psc.state.fi.us/library/filings/2021/12919-2021/12919-2021.pdf

² 366.05(8), Florida Statutes

^{3 &}quot;US inflation highest in forty years, with no letup in sight"



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increase in light of present market conditions, and c) consider any inadequacies in fuel diversity and fuel supply reliability on the part of FPL which may have resulted in significant fuel costs being passed along to consumers.

Most respectfully,

Robert A. "Bob" Cole Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

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From: Pamn Henderson <mayor@cityofcallaway.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 11:53 AM

To: FP&L Price Gouging - Northwest Florida; Consumer Contact; Scott Davis; David Griggs;

Bob Pelletier; Frank Mancinelli; Janice Peters; Eddie Cook

Subject: Re: Requesting a copy of letter to the PSC

I'm forwarding your request to the City Clerk, who responds to all records requests.

Pamn Henderson

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From: FP&L Price Gouging - Northwest Florida <fpandlbill@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 9:49:41 AM

To: contact@psc.state.fl.us <contact@psc.state.fl.us>; Pamn Henderson <mayor@cityofcallaway.com>; Scott Davis <commissionerdavis@cityofcallaway.com>; David Griggs <commissionergriggs@cityofcallaway.com>; Bob Pelletier <commissionerpelletier@cityofcallaway.com>; Frank Mancinelli <commissionermancinelli@cityofcallaway.com>; Janice Peters <JPeters@cityofcallaway.com>; Eddie Cook <citymanager@cityofcallaway.com>

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