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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent:Friday, July 15, 2022 1:02 PMTo:Consumer CorrespondenceSubject:Docket No. 20210015

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FW FPL electric bill

See attached customer correspondence and replies for Docket No. 20210015.

From: Ellen Plendl

**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 12:50 PM

To: 'abaunzad@hotmail.com'

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Deborah

abaunzad@hotmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1399568C

Dear Deborah:

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Customers who are experiencing difficulty in providing payment on their account can contact the following resources for financial assistance:

- \* Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program --- Community Action Program Committee, Inc. at (844) 356-8139.
- \* Elderly Electric Assistance (EHEAP), which provides assistance for home-energy emergencies to qualified, low-income households with at least one person 60 years of age or older. To find out about qualifications, you may contact your county's local EHEAP agency, or by calling 1-800-963-5337.
- \* Our Florida offers electric assistance. The program is administered by the Florida Department of Children & Families. You can learn more information about Our Florida assistance by using the following link:

https://www.ourflorida.com/

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Sincerely,

Ellen Plendl
Regulatory Consultant
Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach
1-800-342-3552 (phone)
1-800-511-0809 (fax)

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 12:43 PM

To: EOG-Referral Subject: FW: FPL

Please find attached email received by the Governor's Office of Citizen Services. This email is forwarded to your office for review and any response or action appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

----Original Message-----

From: Deborah <abaunzad@hotmail.com> Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 1:31 AM

To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: FPL

DEAR GOVERNOR, PLEASE HELP... I am a 61 year old woman who has worked hard all my life and I have never been on any public assistance... my current power bill since FPL took over GULF POWER in Fort Walton beach Florida is over \$300! I live alone with my 22 year old son in a small 1956 block house and we cannot afford these outrageous bills...

PLEASE HELP! Sincerely, Deborah Locke

330 Hollywood Blvd SE

FWB FL 32548 954 383 7879

From: Shonna McCray

**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:21 AM

**To:** 'ana.zieg@gmail.com'

Cc: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Ana Ziegler ana.zieg@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1399528C

Dear Ms. Ziegler:

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Sincerely,

Shonna McCray
Regulatory Program Administrator
Florida Public Service Commission

From: Ellen Plendl

**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:14 AM

**To:** 'danielteel54@gmail.com'

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Daniel Teel

danielteel54@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1399548c

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:11 AM

**To:** EOG-Referral

**Subject:** FW: Florida Power & Light

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

**From:** Daniel Teel <danielteel54@gmail.com> **Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 8:30 PM **To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Florida Power & Light

I am a 68 year old Florida resident living in the panhandle. My wife and I live on a fixed income in the small community of Milton, Fl.

Our power bills have increased greatly since FP&L purchased Gulf Power, to the point that we are actually thinking about leaving the area for a more affordable community that is not serviced by FP&L.

I feel that you are directly responsible in part as our governor as you appointed the commission that is overseeing FP&L and allowing these unjustified rate increases. I know that they contribute alot of money to you as well. You seem to be a friend of big business not the people of your state. I'm asking that you look beyond corporate money and help senior citizens living on fixed incomes in our state.

Respectfully

**Daniel Teel** 

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 4:48 PM

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From: Ana Ziegler <ana.zieg@gmail.com> Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:34 AM

To: FirstLadyCasey.DeSantis <FirstLadyCasey.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com>

Subject: Help with electric company

Hello Mrs. DeSantis,

Respectfully I'd like to ask you to look into the shenanigans FPL is getting away with in South Florida. They don't like that many people are putting solar panels and actually selling electricity back to them, so they decided to raise the minimum bill. That isn't right, I don't have solar panels because they are too expensive but I wish I had them, not only to save on electricity but just because it sounds better to use the sun that is up there everyday instead of FPL using money "making" electricity.

Now I'm sure people that buy expensive panels can handle 10 or \$20 more a month but there are people without panels that actually pay around \$20 without panels; just dealing with the heat and not being able to sit in front of the TV in order to save. I'm fortunate my husband gets retirement pay and I have a paycheck. My problem is that my son uses very very little electricity because he can't afford it, so he's been cutting the use everywhere, taking cold showers and just cutting every possible way and now his bill goes double because FPL has a grudge with the solar people.

I know you are busy, but if you could check it out that would be great.

If you can't fix it, thanks anyway for reading my message

#### Ana Ziegler

From: Shonna McCray

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:29 PM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Please add to file.

From: Greg paige <gregpaige2@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:17 PM

**To:** Shonna McCray <SMcCray@PSC.STATE.FL.US> **Cc:** governorron.desantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Re: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Good day Ms McCray,

Thank you for your email explaining the purpose of the fpl minimum service charge.

I fully understand that fpl needs enough money to cover it's expenses, including maintenance & repairs. I also understand that Florida is scratching the surface of the use of renewable energy into the overall energy mix and distribution.

It is also understood that we have only around 90k users of self generated energy in Florida. Florida should be encouraging energy consumers, who have the ability, to get self generated renewable energy when possible. This will help our energy needs in so many ways. These are a few:

- 1. It will immediately help in the hardening of our grid for all of Florida.
- 2. It will immediately help our fuel and non-fuel supply of energy for all of Florida.
- 3. It will lower the cost of energy to all of Florida.
- 4. It will reduce grid maintenance for all of Florida.
- 5. It will reduce the carbon footprint of all of Florida.
- 6. It will create thousands of good paying jobs & businesses in Florida.

What the minimum charge does, (mostly paid by the self energy generating consumers):

- 1. Punishes consumers for doing the right thing.
- 2. Collects about \$1,500,000 per month, from people who are spending or spent several thousands of dollars to acquire their own consistent and reliable energy. My area had been poorly served by FPL for decades.
- 3. Discourages new self generated energy users, which will increase the cost of energy in Florida.

4. Opens the door to FPL'S corrupting Florida's legislators. Fortunately Governor DeSantis vetoed the last

attempt by FPL, which would reduce the reimbursement price for self generated energy from retail par to a

fraction of the price. This in addition to the new minimum charge.

Why are we so disconnected from doing the right things when it benefits the many? Why not show the country

a new way to be "Conservative"? The more we conserve, the more we will all benefit. Time to do what is

right is running out and Florida is on the front lines of sea-level rise & global warming. Florida has so much to

loose if we delay. Energy generation is the main way we can change our trajectory. Self-generated or on-site

generated energy makes so much sense and FPL KNOWS IT!

Please act in the favor of all of Florida, including Fpl, by encouraging Fpl and the energy consumers to work

together. Incentives for all will work better than punishment of the few. I am willing to help even more, if you

want.

Sincerely,

Greg Paige

4408 Frances Dr

Delray Beach, FL 33445

On Tue, Jul 12, 2022, 3:19 PM Shonna McCray < SMcCray@psc.state.fl.us > wrote:

Mr. Greg Paige

gregpaige2@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1399431C

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Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 1:08 PM

**To:** 'vneff8@gmail.com'

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Van Neff vneff8@gmail.com

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To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: FPL electric bill

How come the prices are out of control? Thank You, sincerely Florida Residents.