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Thank you!



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

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Secretary Laurel Lee
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Lee:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 741 (CS/CS/HB 741), enacted during the 124th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session 2022 and entitled:

An act relating to Net Metering

The Legislature passed CS/CS/HB 741, which, in part, authorizes public utilities to impose additional charges to recover lost revenues resulting from residential solar generation that exceeds the public utility's estimate. The amount that may be recovered under this provision is speculative and would be borne by all customers.

Given that the United States is experiencing its worst inflation in 40 years and that consumers have seen steep increases in the price of gas and groceries, as well as escalating bills, the state of Florida should not contribute to the financial crunch that our citizens are experiencing.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/CS/HB 741 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

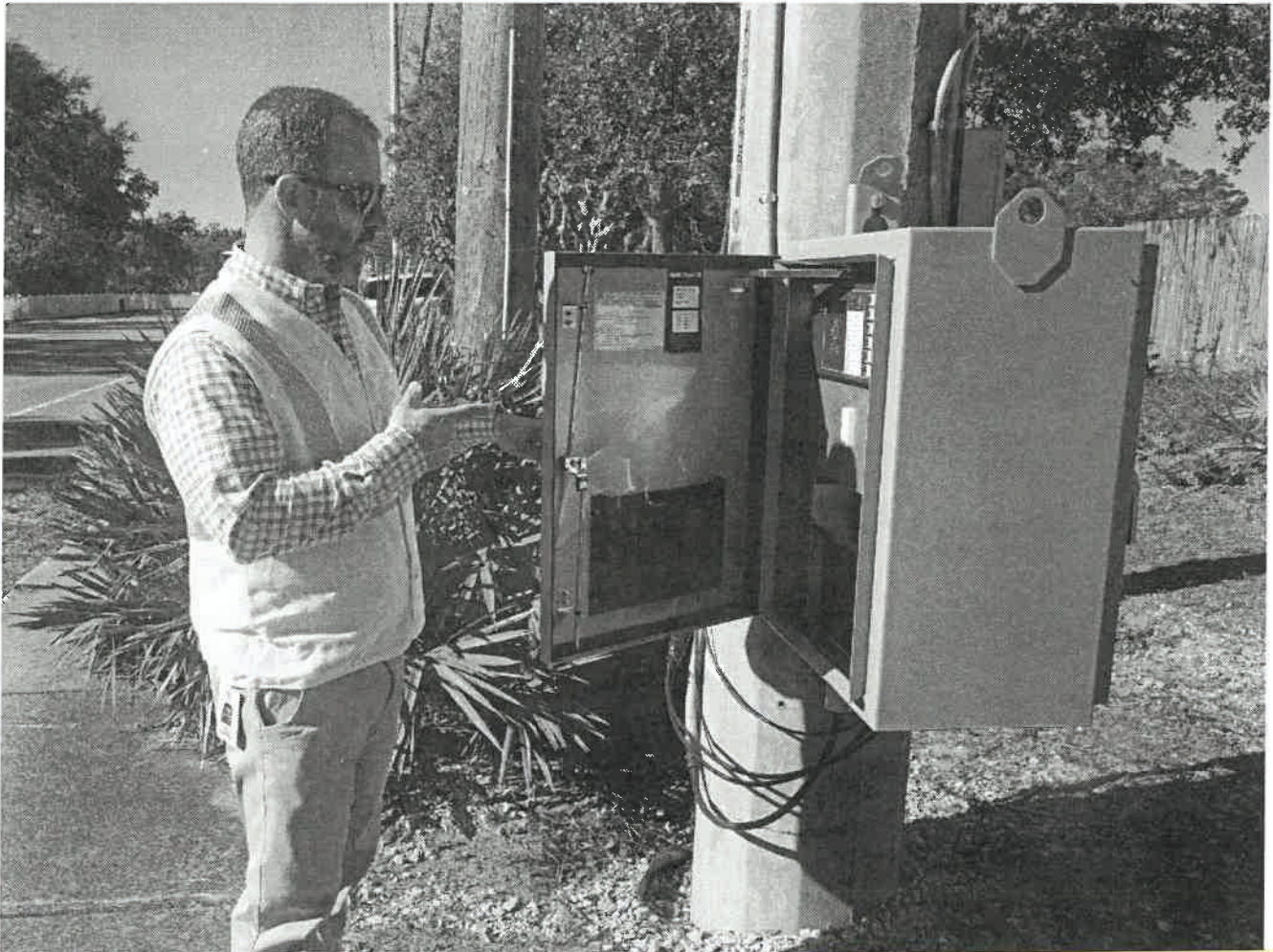
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OPINION
Eric Silagy

Guest columnist



At FPL, we are always open to a fact-based and transparent debate about issues that affect our customers. And, we traditionally have respected the Pensacola News Journal's coverage of these issues, which is why we were disappointed to see just how badly its recent editorial about our company missed the mark.

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The portrayal of FPL as a law-breaking corporation using political influence to block anyone who gets in its way has no basis in fact. Here is a simple truth: FPL is one of the most highly regulated companies in the state and every action we take is scrutinized by an army of government auditors and lawyers who ensure we follow the law and operate in the best interests of our collective body of customers.



For perspective, we can't even decrease customer bills without an exhaustive review and approval by state regulators.

Editorial:FPL's 'good' news doesn't change company's bad actions

Mayoral candidate opinions:Where Pensacola mayor candidates stands on issues from FPL to housing

Petition to lower rates:Pensacola asks Public Service Commission to lower FPL rates, cites 17K-signature petition

That's a far cry from the paper's stereotypical and fictitious assertion that "dishonest executives" simply changed customer rates in some backroom deal while our rank-and-file workers withered in the "brutal summertime heat."

Not only do I take exception to this knowingly inaccurate narrative, I frankly expected more from an editorial team of community thought leaders.

The truth is, from our line workers and engineers to our customer service representatives and our leadership, every employee at FPL has the same motivation: to serve our customers and provide them with the best possible value for their money. That is our duty to all 5.7 million FPL customers and it's what has driven us to build one of the best utilities in the country – No. 1 in customer satisfaction, No. 1 in reliability and among the leaders in delivering clean energy, not to mention doing all of this while keeping bills below the national average for more than a decade.

As CEO of our company, I hear the frustration of many of our customers in Northwest Florida who are concerned – even angry – about higher-than-expected power bills. And I understand why this newspaper might choose to channel that anger toward FPL.

But it's important to point out, Pensacola is not unique in having to deal with the cost pressures that are impacting our entire nation. Inflation is running at a 40-year high. Food prices, fuel prices, housing, and yes, the price of electricity are all rising at once. The collective impact can be overwhelming for families.

While FPL cannot turn the tide of inflation, we can work to improve and drive down the cost of your electric service over time. It's why we have invested more than \$2.5 billion in Northwest Florida since acquiring Gulf Power three years ago. We have already improved your service reliability by 58%, made the local energy grid more storm resilient, and are working to modernize our power generation fleet, transitioning away from fossil fuels, like coal, toward cleaner, more cost-effective renewable energy. But it's a march, not a sprint.

For more than 95 years, FPL has delivered value for our customers across Florida. We know, as your power provider here in Northwest Florida, we cannot simply get by on our strong track record of reliability, service, and value we have offered other parts of the state. We must work to earn your trust with every decision we make and we are committed to doing so.

On behalf of the 9,000 dedicated men and women who work for FPL, we are committed to put you first, every day.

Eric Silagy is chairman and CEO of Florida Power & Light Company.