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**From:** Ellen Plendl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:20 PM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20210015  
**Attachments:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; FW FPL Grid connection increase; FW FPL; FW Florida Power & Light Company; FW FPL and Solar power customers; FW Florida Power; FW FPL take over and new rates; FW FPL Discrimination ; FW Florida Power and Light; FW Fpl; FW FP&L power charges in NW Florida; FW FPL (; FW FPL seems an awful lot like Big Tobacco - Pensacola News Journal; FW Message from CSBizhub1; Fwd US Navy Veteran Request.; FPL reckless management of the electrical infrastructure in Southern Florida; more ongoing and deepening electrical utility industrial sector electoral intervention and machinations leading to anti-rate payer activities; US Navy Veteran Request.

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

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**From:** Ellen Plendl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:12 PM  
**To:** 'thekleins614@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Jena Klein  
thekleins614@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1401262C

Dear Ms. Klein:

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**From:** Ellen Plendl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:07 PM  
**To:** 'vmpjj@yahoo.com'  
**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Vivian James  
vmpjj@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1401261C

Dear Ms. James:

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**From:** Shonna McCray  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:59 PM  
**To:** 'piscitd@msn.com'  
**Cc:** Ellen Plendl  
**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. Dominic Piscitelli  
[piscitd@msn.com](mailto:piscitd@msn.com)

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1401252C

Dear Mr. Piscitelli:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) and the minimum bill charge to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

Under Rule 25-6.065, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), net metering is defined as “a metering and billing methodology whereby customer-owned renewable generation is allowed to offset the customer’s electricity consumption on-site.” The rule states that “[d]uring any billing cycle, excess customer-owned renewable generation delivered to the investor-owned utility’s electric grid **shall** be credited to the customer’s energy consumption for the next month’s billing cycle” (Rule 25-6.065(8)(e), F.A.C., emphasis added). Further, excess energy credits produced by the customer “**shall** accumulate and be used to offset the customer’s energy usage in subsequent months” (Rule 25-6.065(8)(f), F.A.C., emphasis added).

The net metering rule requires utilities to offset customer energy consumption during each billing cycle with excess renewable energy credits accumulated by that customer. For some customers, the requirement on the utility to offset the customers’ energy consumption with accumulated credits may result in a monthly bill that falls below \$25. If that is the case, the new minimum monthly bill charge will be applied to bring the monthly bill up to \$25. Some customers have suggested that the utility only offset consumption to the point that they stay at or above a \$25 monthly bill, thereby reserving the credits that would bring them below the minimum bill. However, the net metering rule does not provide the utility with discretion to offset “some” of the customer’s energy consumption in order to not go below \$25. The utility is required to apply energy credits to the customer’s consumption until either the credits or the consumption reach zero.

The Florida Public Service Commission approved Florida Power & Light Company’s (FPL) general base rate settlement agreement in Order No. PSC-2021-0446-S-EI, issued on December 2, 2021, in Docket No. 20210015-EI. The settlement agreement was entered into by FPL and various parties representing consumers, including the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) who advocates on behalf of Florida consumers. The settlement agreement includes numerous provisions with regards to FPL’s base rates through the end of 2025.

FPL’s net metering program will continue to function as it always has. Credits for kWhs delivered to the grid, compared to the kWhs taken from the grid will be calculated as they have been historically. The only change is that customers who have a bill under \$25 after net metering in any given month will now receive the minimum bill of \$25. Commission staff has confirmed that FPL continues to implement net metering practices pursuant to the requirements of the net metering rule.

FPL explained that the minimum bill provision was included in the settlement agreement to ensure that all residential and general service non-demand customers contribute towards fixed costs of maintaining the electric system, costs which exist as a result of serving even limited amounts of energy to customers. The Commission approved the settlement agreement as being in the public interest when taken as a whole, and providing a comprehensive and balanced resolution to FPL's original petition for a base rate increase that provides rate stability for FPL's customers.

We have added your concerns to our files as a protest to the FPL's Rate Case, docket 20210015.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Ellen Plendl at 1-800-342-3552.

Sincerely,

Shonna McCray  
Regulatory Program Administrator  
Florida Public Service Commission

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:55 PM  
**To:** 'myami\_012003@yahoo.com'  
**Cc:** Ellen Plendl  
**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. Jeff Reed  
myami\_012003@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1401226C

Dear Mr. Reed:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) and the minimum billing charge to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

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The minimum monthly bill does not replace the existing customer charge; instead, FPL will only charge the minimum bill when a customer's total monthly bill does not exceed \$25, excluding any taxes or other additional charges.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:52 PM  
**To:** 'tattooedbeauty941@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Kelly Hansen  
tattooedbeauty941@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1401257C

Dear Ms. Hansen:

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**From:** Ellen Plendl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:47 PM  
**To:** 'nicholsmanmark@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. Mark Nichols  
nicholsmanmark@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1401255C

Dear Mr. Nichols:

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:09 PM  
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Ms. Jenna Mendez  
jenna0321@gmail.com

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



## Antonia Hover

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**From:** Ellen Plendl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:30 AM  
**To:** 'vjdigest@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. Vince Digaetano  
vjdigest@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1401233C

Dear Mr. Digaetano:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

When a utility company files an application for a rate increase with the FPSC, it must explain the need for the requested increase. Its petition must be accompanied by minimum filing requirements (MFRs), which are schedules and reports containing the operation, financial, economic, and rate information needed by the FPSC staff to evaluate the company's revenue increase request, rate structure, and quality of service. The company's proposal and financial information are closely analyzed before a Commission decision is made.

The utility also forecasts how much money is needed to cover its expenses in the next year. This includes a proposed return on its investment in assets used to provide service to its customers (such as power plants, electric lines, or gas mains), which the utility uses to pay interest on money it borrows and to compensate investors. The utility must also propose the classes of customers that will pay for the increase, usually categorized as residential, commercial, and industrial.

The utility application, the technical hearing and service hearing testimony and exhibits become part of the case record that Commissioners use to make decisions about the case.

The Commissioners review the information, based on the record, and make their decisions about the case in an open meeting through a written "order."

After the FPSC's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider its decision on the issues. After the reconsideration, the Public Counsel, the utility, or any other party involved in the proceeding may appeal the Commission's decision to the Florida Supreme Court.

On October 26, 2021 the FPSC approved a four-year rate settlement for FPL, reflecting an almost 40 percent reduction in its original rate revenue request for 2022. Parties to the settlement, filed on August 9, 2021, include the Office of Public Counsel, representing customers, the Florida Retail Federation; the Florida Industrial Power Users Group; and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

As part of the evaluation process for FPL's rate request, the FPSC conducted 12 virtual service hearings in June and July to allow feedback from FPL and Gulf customers about utility service and the rate-setting process.

The settlement agreement reduces FPL's original revenue petition from \$1.1 billion to \$692 million in 2022 and from \$605 million to \$560 million in 2023. The utility's proposed return on equity midpoint was reduced from 11.5 to 10.6 percent.

You may review all the information filed for Commission consideration in docket 20210015 by accessing the FPSC website at <http://www.floridapsc.com>. Under the Clerk's Office tab at the top of the page, click on Dockets. Type in the docket number 20210015. Click the Search button. Then select Document Filings Index for a list of all filings in the docket. This procedure allows you to view all of the information filed by the utility and other parties in the docket.

We will add your feedback to Docket No. 20210015, regarding FPL's petition.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

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## **Antonia Hover**

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**From:** Ellen Plendl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:51 AM  
**To:** 'Beatrice Balboa'  
**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Beatrice Balboa  
beatricebalboa@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Balboa:

This is in response to your August 6 & 7 emails to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL).

We will add your feedback and the articles you shared to our public record.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:27 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: FPL Grid connection increase

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:** jeff reed <myami\_012003@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 3, 2022 1:46 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** FPL Grid connection increase

Governor Desantis, I am a 9 year Bradenton resident, a Republican and retired AF veteran. If the inflation wasn't bad enough, now I have to pay \$25 (was \$9.23) to FPL to stay connected to the grid. I went solar last fall. The public service commission approved their request for the increase which affects all solar users who are connected to the grid. Apparently FPL doesn't have enough customers in Florida. Their greed is akin to robbery. And then there's my \$650 increase on my annual homeowners insurance. Argh! Please help. Jeffrey Reed, 7604 Camden Harbor Drive, Bradenton, FL 34212

Sent from my iPhone Jeff

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:22 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: FPL

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Executive Office of the Governor

-----Original Message-----

**From:** vince digaetano <vjdigs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 9:54 AM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** FPL

It has become abundantly clear that nothing will be done regarding the outrageous electrical bills we the people are receiving since the merger. FPL is a large contributor to the campaign, so it's politics as usual. The commission needs to be brought to task for approving this merger. This country is being run by an idiot which makes making a living very difficult. We don't need corporations running this state so do the right thing, votes count and you may be losing one here.

Lets Go Brandon

Bring back Trump

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:22 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: Florida Power & Light Company

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Frank J. Curnow <fcurnow69@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2022 3:15 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Florida Power & Light Company

Sir - I filed a complaint with the FPSC. Below is their reply and my counter reply.

Sincerely,

Frank Curnow  
1329 Sunland Rd  
Daytona Beach, FL. 32114  
386-872-4944

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Re: Florida Power & Light Company  
**From:** "Frank J. Curnow" <[fcurnow69@gmail.com](mailto:fcurnow69@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 3:11 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact <[Contact@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:Contact@psc.state.fl.us)>  
**CC:**

You should not force customers to pay more money because taxes bring them over the \$25 limit. Was this never brought up in the hearings. If not, why not? I would assume it was not brought up as it would decrease revenue. This is just a money making scheme on part of the utilities and FPSC. I am very disappointed in the utilities and the FPSC. This is obviously a money grab at the expense of those who conserve energy. At best, abysmal, at worst criminal. The utilities and the FPSC should be held accountable. What good does prior notice do, which you intimate makes things look "above board". Where else do I go for electricity? That's why utilities are regulated. This is a sweet heart deal for the utilities. You say the snow birds cause disruption in your billing procedure. You are in effect "robbing Peter to pay Paul". Confront the "snow birds". You won't, because they are a major contributor to the Florida economy. So, let the little guy foot the

bill?

Please make sure my comments are added to your files. I will continue on my crusade for justice. I will forward these comments to Governor DeSantis.

Respectfully,

Frank Curnow

On July 12, 2022, at 10:46 AM, Consumer Contact <[Contact@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:Contact@psc.state.fl.us)> wrote:

07/12/2022

Dear Mr. Curnow:

This email is in response to your recent inquiry to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) regarding Florida Power & Light (FPL) and the minimum bill charge.

The Florida Public Service Commission approved Florida Power & Light Company's general base rate settlement agreement in Order No. PSC-2021-0446-S-EI, issued on December 2, 2021, in Docket No. 20210015-EI. The settlement agreement was entered into by FPL and various parties representing consumers, including the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) who advocates on behalf of Florida consumers. The settlement agreement includes numerous provisions with regards to FPL's base rates through the end of 2025.

The agreement also contains a provision that will raise the minimum bill charge to \$25 for all residential and general service non-demand customers. The minimum bill provision is tentatively scheduled to go into effect in May 2022, once FPL's billing system modifications are complete. FPL will notify its customers of the new minimum bill in bill inserts 30 days prior to implementation.

The minimum monthly bill does not replace the existing customer charge; instead, FPL will only charge the minimum bill when a customer's total monthly bill does not exceed \$25, excluding any taxes or other additional charges.

FPL explained that the minimum bill provision was included in the settlement agreement to ensure that all residential and general service non-demand customers contribute towards fixed costs of maintaining the electric system, costs which exist as a result of serving even limited amounts of energy to customers. The Commission approved the settlement agreement as being in the public interest when taken as a whole, and providing a comprehensive and balanced resolution to FPL's original petition for a base rate increase that provides rate stability for FPL's customers.

The agreement also contains a provision that will raise the minimum bill charge to \$25 for all residential and general service non-demand customers. The minimum bill provision went into effect in June 2022. FPL was to notify its customers of the new minimum bill in bill inserts 30 days prior to implementation.

We have added your concerns to our files as a protest to the FPL's Rate Case, docket 20210015.

Thank you for contacting the Florida Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

John Plescow  
Regulatory Program Administrator  
Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach

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-----Original Message-----

From: [consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us) <[consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:consumerComplaint@psc.state.fl.us)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 9:55 AM

To: Consumer Contact <[Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US](mailto:Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US)>

Subject: E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER: 187640

#### CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: Frank Curnow

Telephone: (386) 872-4944

Email: [fcurnow69@gmail.com](mailto:fcurnow69@gmail.com)

Address: 1329 SUNLAND RD Daytona Beach FL 32114

#### BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Account Name: Frank J. Curnow

Account Number: 68158-77417

Address: 1329 SUNLAND RD DAYTONA BEACH FL 32114

#### COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Complaint: Other Complaint against Florida Power & Light Company

Details:

When I called, both the utility and Richard Gentry, Office of Public Counsel, suggested I file a complaint with your office. Mr. Gentry mentioned that the purpose of the new billing policy was to charge "snow birds" and solar users for the loss of revenue and inconvenience that the utilities face. I am neither a "snow bird" nor solar user, but an energy saving consumer, 75 years old and a 100% disabled veteran. My electric bill went up 62% because of this new policy. I was under the \$25 limit, but the taxes brought me over that limit. That is another obvious unfair and capricious ploy used by your organization. I would suggest that non-snow birds, and non-solar users be refunded the payments this unfair bill generated. It makes no sense whatsoever to have a customer who conserves energy to have his electric bill go up 62%. It is unfair, poorly conceived, and an attack on the people who conserve energy.

PSC was contacted previously

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:18 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: FPL and Solar power customers

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

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**From:** Francesca Wallace <blovesf@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 5:02 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** FPL and Solar power customers

Good day Governor Desantis,

Are you aware that after you vetoed the net metering bill, FPL has imposed a minimum usage charge for those of us that fall below a certain usage threshold? Solar panel customers will be the bulk of this group.

I have solar panels that I pay a loan on every month. I understand that Republicans were pushing that bill because they claim that the average customer was subsidizing solar panel customers. I assure you that no one is helping me pay for my solar panels. Outside of a FEDERAL tax credit we were entitled to (which is not a subsidy) I am paying \$45000 for this system.

Is seems to me, FPL is now bypassing that veto and effectively making us buy our reserve kilowatt hours we produce and now tap into because of the warm summer months.

I'm not sure that there is anything that can be done at the state level about this, but as one of your supporters, I wanted you to be aware of the issue and am hopeful that you will look into this further.

Thank you for your time,

Francesca Wallace

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:17 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: Florida Power

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Office of Citizen Services  
Executive Office of the Governor

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Debra Parker <dee.parker1956@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 11:22 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** Florida Power

You are a wonderful Governor & I thank you for all you do.

The seniors cannot afford to pay what FP is charging. It is so wrong & it should be illegal to do what they are doing. They are jacking the price up to an outlandish amount of money EVERY MONTH. We are not stupid. There is no way our bill should be that high. What happens when we can't pay...they turn power off. People will die.

PLEASE address this issue!!!!!!

I pray the First Lady is doing well.

I pray for you both. Thank you kind sir.

Debra Parker  
Pensacola, FL

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:17 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: FPL take over and new rates

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Jenna Mendez <jenna0321@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 12:19 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** FPL take over and new rates

Good morning,

I'm reaching out to your office because something has to give. FPL took over or bought Gulf Power, Since doing so they have doubled our rates. This should be criminal. I'm a disabled police officer and live on a budget. Last year my summer bills were always in the 300 dollar range. They are now over 600. I live in a 2300sqft home with No pool! I'm aware that FPL is very liberal and for the bad guys! This is why I'm pleading for help! The big companies always get the free government money, hence our tax payer dollars and we never get a break. All those Solar power panels throughout the State for what! To charge us more. I'm begging your office to look into this matter. We all know this is a Monopoly, but that's a whole other problem isn't it! Thank you for your attention to this matter. God bless you and your staff for all of your hard work! It doesn't go unrecognized.

Jenna Mendez  
786-255-0164  
516 driftwood lane,  
Destin, FL 32541

10:56 ↗



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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:14 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: FPL Discrimination  
**Attachments:** PV Letter to Gov desantis Final.docx

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Sincerely,

Martha Lynn  
Office of Citizen Services  
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**From:** DOMINIC PISCITELLI <piscitd@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022 8:22 AM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** FPL Discrimination

Dear Governor Desantis,

I wrote to you in regards to the injustice Florida Solar Photovoltaic owners are experiencing in Florida due to the misguided decisions of the Florida Public Service Commission and I have not heard back from you in regards to this issue.

Please find that letter attached.

Thank you,

Dominic Piscitelli

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**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:13 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: Florida Power and Light

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mark Nichols <nicholsmanmark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022 5:47 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Cc:** Cindy Nichols <cnn.nichols@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Florida Power and Light

Dear Mr. Governor, recently north Florida energy company Gulf Power was taken over by FPL (Florida Power and Light). Since then our energy cost to cool or heat our home in Miramar Beach Florida has gone up by approximately 50 plus percent. Myself, along with many of my neighbors and residents would encourage you to get involved and investigate/control the cost of the energy pricing here in north Florida.

Some folks are blaming inflation for the rising cost although other parts of the country are not experiencing these amount of increases.

Please get involved immediately and communicate your involvement and interest with the citizens of Florida.

Thank you Mr. Governor in advance for reading and responding to my letter. We need your immediate help !!

Sincerely,  
Mark Nichols  
Miramar Beach, Fla.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:12 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: Fpl

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kelly Hansen <tattooedbeauty941@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2022 8:42 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** Fpl

Fpl

Is charging everyone more so they can build Solar plants to sell us free solar .. I mean everything. Is insane now how to regular people ever get the chance to move up in life with everyday bills are high and home insurance thats required is so high . No one will be able to make a life ..

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:05 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: FP&L power charges in NW Florida

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Office of Citizen Services  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Vivian James <vmpjj@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2022 7:10 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** FP&L power charges in NW Florida

Governor,

Can you please investigate this company? Please check out FPL Price Gouging on Face Book. This power company is charging people upwards of \$500-\$600+ for their monthly bills. Being retired, I don't know what I will do if I ever get a bill like this.

People are blaming you, saying you are 'in bed' with these horrible people. Each time I read one of these posts, I tag you so you can see what's happening up here. It's said you and they have an 'agreement' with these increased charges. At one time a highly respected law firm was considering a law suit after taking complaints from FP&L's customers.

Just please have someone check into this. I really do like what you have been doing for Florida, but these people keep saying you have agreed with these unfair bills.

Thank you

Vivian James  
1650 W Highway 98, Apt 140  
Mary Esther, Florida  
32569

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:04 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: FPL :(

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Sincerely,

Martha Lynn  
Office of Citizen Services  
Executive Office of the Governor

-----Original Message-----

From: Thekleins <thekleins614@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 10:02 PM  
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
Subject: FPL :(

We moved to Florida to enjoy this amazing state about 10 months ago. It is all we thought it would be with the exception of our electricity bill. FPL should not be able to up charge and take advantage in the panhandle. It's hurting our single family income family and we would really love staying here!  
Please put an end to FL power so we can get back to affordable electricity bills :(

-Jena  
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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 9:03 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: FPL seems an awful lot like Big Tobacco - Pensacola News Journal

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Vivian James <vmpjj@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2022 11:59 AM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** FPL seems an awful lot like Big Tobacco - Pensacola News Journal

Governor, are you really going to let a democrat do what we have been asking your help to investigate for us? FP&L's monthly billing is terrible for your citizens! People have posted links that say YOU approved these power increases! Please check out FP&L Price Gouging-Northwest Florida on Facebook. YOU ARE LOSING VOTES UP HERE!

Vivian James  
1650 W Highway 98, Apt 140  
Mary Esther, Florida 32569

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**From:** Cimmino-Lynn, Martha <Martha.Cimmino-Lynn@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 8:35 AM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: Message from CSBizhub1  
**Attachments:** 919335, Piscitelli - out.pdf; 919335-PISCITELLI.pdf

Please find attached email received and responded to 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

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**From:** CSBizhub1@eog.myflorida.com <CSBizhub1@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 5, 2022 11:46 AM  
**To:** Cimmino-Lynn, Martha <Martha.Cimmino-Lynn@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Subject:** Message from CSBizhub1

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STATE OF FLORIDA

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August 5, 2022

Mr. Dominic Piscitelli  
13237 Gorman Avenue  
Port Charlotte, Florida 33981

Dear Mr. Piscitelli:

Thank you for contacting Governor Ron DeSantis. We are sorry to hear of your difficulties and appreciate the opportunity to respond to your letter.

The Public Service Commission is an arm of the legislative branch of government and regulates certain public utilities in Florida. To assist you, I forwarded a copy of your letter to PSC for their review. If you want to contact PSC directly, please use the information provided below. Enclosed is a brochure which explains what the PSC regulates.

Thank you again for contacting Governor DeSantis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Lynn".

Martha Lynn  
Office of Citizen Services  
Executive Office of the Governor

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Enclosure

cc: Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850  
Telephone: (850) 413-6100



## When to Call The Florida Public Service Commission

The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) regulates the electric, natural gas, and water and wastewater industries in the state, along with certain telecommunications services. This guide gives specific information about the PSC's responsibilities so that consumers can get help with their utility issues. Contact information is also listed for consumers having problems with non-regulated utilities. For

help with solving regulated utility issues, consumers can reach PSC Consumer Assistance at **1-800-342-3552**, by e-mail at [contact@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us), or through the PSC Web site at [www.FloridaPSC.com](http://www.FloridaPSC.com).

### Electric

#### What the PSC Regulates, Contact the PSC

- Investor-owned electric companies such as Florida Power & Light Company, Florida Public Utilities Company, Gulf Power Company, Duke Energy Florida, and Tampa Electric Company.
- Rates and charges
- Meter and billing accuracy
- Electric lines up to the meter
- Reliability of the electric service
- New construction safety code compliance for transmission and distribution
- Territorial agreements and disputes
- Need for certain power plants and transmission lines

#### What the PSC Does Not Regulate

- Rates and adequacy of services provided by municipally owned and rural cooperative electric utilities, except for safety oversight.<sup>4</sup>
- Electrical wiring inside the customer's building
- Taxes on the electric bill<sup>5</sup>
- Physical placement of transmission and distribution lines<sup>3</sup>
- Damage claims
- Right of way<sup>3</sup>
- Physical placement or relocation of utility poles<sup>9</sup>

### Natural Gas

#### What the PSC Regulates, Contact the PSC

- Investor-owned natural gas companies such as: Florida City Gas; Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation; Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC); FPUC Indiantown Division; FPUC Ft. Meade Division; Peoples Gas System; Sebring Gas System, Inc., and St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.
- Rates and charges
- Meter and billing accuracy
- Pipeline safety issues, including operations and construction
- Territorial agreements and disputes

#### What the PSC Does Not Regulate

- Municipally owned natural gas utilities except for safety oversight<sup>3</sup>
- Gas districts and authorities except for safety oversight
- Liquid Propane (LP) Gas
- Taxes on the natural gas bill<sup>5</sup>
- Damage claims
- Gas pipeline siting<sup>3</sup>
- House piping
- Gas appliances

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State of Florida  
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**Dear Governor DeSantis,**

First, I would like to thank you for your incredible leadership and service to the great state of Florida. The United States of America would truly benefit from your leadership and intellect if you ever decide to run for the Presidency. With that said, I regretfully need to write to you about an injustice I am currently experiencing with my electric company, Florida Power and Light (FPL), and the recent rate hike awarded.

A little history: I own a home in Charlotte County, Florida. I have lived here 35 years. Five years ago, before retirement, I purchased a photovoltaic system for my residency. At that time, FPL said that any overage of power would be banked and I could draw on that banked power as needed. Come December of each year, FPL would purchase excess KWH power from me for a fraction of its retail value .

My current dilemma is that I just received my June FPL bill and the "Residential Base Charge" increased from \$8.99 to \$33.99. I contacted FPL and they said it was because I didn't use enough electricity and, when the Public Service Commission (PSC) approved FPL's rate hike, they approved a surcharge to any residence/business that didn't use \$25.00 worth of electricity per month. When they tried to explain the rationale, I was dumbfounded of the illogic. So, my call was elevated to an FPL's Executive Supervisor who explained to me there are residences who use very little electricity so they don't contribute enough to the maintenance of the power system. I kindly reminded FPL the following:

- I am not in the same category as that low using customer but one that produces clean electricity, with the photovoltaic (PV) equipment purchased at considerable cost to myself.
  - When I invested in the PV system, my decision was based on an agreement FPL and I entered into five years ago in regards to the specifics of how a residential photovoltaic system operates on their grid.
  - For five years FPL has sold my excess power to my neighbors for full retail while paying me a fraction of its value in December of each year (again, other "low users" don't produce clean energy and have no equipment investment)
  - These billing practice negatively impact conservation efforts by all users but especially PV homeowners.
  - My Net Zero home helps Florida by allowing the electricity that I would use go toward other
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homes/businesses in the state and allows FPL to sell excess electricity elsewhere for a profit – they make a lot of money selling excess generation.

- I have paid a base charge (currently \$8.99) every month since I installed the PV system. By making me pay 278 percent more than other homes in Florida who don't have a PV system is counterproductive to conservation policy. Because photovoltaic users don't purchase a lot of electricity from FPL, they are unjustly identifying us and attaching a penalty to their bill. This feels like a discriminatory practice to punish individuals who have PV systems.
- This unfair charge makes me want to disconnect my home from the grid but unfortunately regulations require me to be connected so that is not an option.

Thank you for taking the time to understand this situation. I hope you agree that this is unjust treatment. Although I understand the intent of the PSC approval to this rate hike, a base rate increase from 8.99 to 33.99 for PV owners is completely unjust, especially after all the positive outcomes these systems provide to FPL and Florida.

I am hoping your office will help correct this injustice for many PV homeowners and offer possible solutions:

- grandfather in pre-rate hike PV owners (no \$25.00 increase in "base charge")
- repeal the "base charge" increase for PV users. This would be an added incentive for Floridians to increase use of renewable energy.
- calculate a "base charge" increase for ALL electric users to keep FPL whole and lower the cost per KWH (everyone would pay their fair share)

I blame the PSC for not sending out mailings to PV owners to obtain their input. I also believe FPL should have sent letters of notification to all stakeholders. FPL's response to notifications is that it was in your bill. My bill is sent via email, not mailed. I pay it monthly. If there were important notifications, they should have included that in the email or sent a separate letter. I question the transparency of this rate approval and that feeling is as unsettling as our current voter fraud issue – I have lost trust in the PSC and FPL. Does Florida want policy to discourage renewable energy? Do we want the rights of individuals trampled by large corporations and government? If you ask me, it would be terrible if a homeowner is penalized for using sunshine in the "Sunshine State" for producing clean energy. Please reverse this decision which negatively impacts PV owners.

Sincerely,



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**Dominic Piscitelli**  
Concerned Florida Citizen  
6/9/2022

CC: PSC, FPL, Senator Scott, Senator Rubio, Florida Senator Gruters,





Customer Name:  
Dominic Piscitelli

Account Number:

### BILL DETAILS

Amount of your last bill	27.92
Payment received - Thank you	-27.92
Balance before new charges	\$0.00

#### New Charges

Rate: RS-1 RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Base charge: **\$8.99**

Minimum base bill: \$16.01

#### Non-fuel energy charge:

First 1000 kWh \$0.073710 per kWh

Over 1000 kWh \$0.083710 per kWh

#### Fuel charge:

First 1000 kWh \$0.034870 per kWh

Over 1000 kWh \$0.044870 per kWh

Electric service amount **25.00**

Gross rec. tax/Regulatory fee 0.66

Franchise charge 1.53

Taxes and charges 2.19

Total new charges \$27.19

#### Billing for Services and Products

FPL HOME SurgeShield program\* 11.95

Sales tax 0.72

Discretionary sales surtax 0.12

--For program ?s, please call 1-888-NO SURGE.

FPL HOME Electrncs Surge Prot+\* 5.00

Sales tax 0.30

Discretionary sales surtax 0.05

--For program ?s, please call 1-888-NO SURGE.

Total Services and Products \$18.14

Total amount you owe **\$45.33**

### METER SUMMARY

Meter reading - Meter KCD297N. Next meter reading Jul 7, 2022.

Usage Type	Current	-	Previous	=	Usage
kWh used	42103		41135		0

### ENERGY USAGE COMPARISON

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
Service to	Jun 6, 2022	May 5, 2022	Jun 7, 2021
kWh Used	0	0	0
Service days	32	29	32
kWh/day	0	0	0
Amount	\$27.19	\$9.78	\$9.07

*- because I made electric and didn't use any.*

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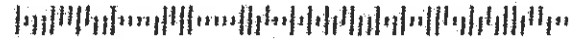
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## **Antonia Hover**

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**From:** charley7722@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 7, 2022 2:32 PM  
**To:** Office of Chairman Fay  
**Cc:** Shonna McCray; denis.mcdonough@va.gov; carolyn.soucy@va.gov; fl23response@mail.house.gov; evan.jenne@myfloridahouse.gov; Ellen Plendl; rebecca.talton@fpl.com; info.clerkweb@mail.house.gov; ron.desantis@eog.myflorida.com; eric.silagy@fpl.com; tj.therealestateguy@gmail.com; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; helpmehoward@wsvn.com; jjaye\_bats@att.net; john@jtcullen.com; bunny@jtcullen.com; leabird@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Fwd: US Navy Veteran Request.

**Commissioner Andrew Giles Fay,                      [www.fpsc.gov](http://www.fpsc.gov)**

**Good Day !**

**Senior Citizen Request : ( Attached Request To The FPL Chairman Eric Silagy )**

**I have politely asked FPL to submit a motion to request the FPSC to amend the Minimum Rate Increase to exempt Loyal Customers such as myself who are retired, and also living on a fixed income.**

**FPL Chairman Silagy has failed to directly respond as requested, to date ?**

**Thank You FPSC Commissioner Fay.**

**Respectfully,**

**Michael J. Walsh**

**Senior Citizen- 82 Years Young.**

**US Navy Veteran 1957-1963 ADR2**

**Hollywood, Fl.**

-----Original Message-----

From: charley7722@aol.com

To: eric.silagy@fpl.com <eric.silagy@fpl.com>

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Sent: Fri, Aug 5, 2022 2:44 pm

Subject: US Navy Veteran Request.

**Chairman Eric Silagy, C.E.O. www.fpl.com**

**Good Afternoon !**

**Ref : US Navy Veteran Request. FPSC Docket # 20210015 FPL Account No. 26582 57510**

**Minimum Monthly Rate Increase :**

**I am once again politely asking your office to offer me the consideration that I most assuredly deserve as a Long Time Loyal Customer of FPL by removing the unwarranted charge on my monthly electrical bill.**

**We all make mistakes in life, and FPL made a mistake when the FPSC was asked to approve a minimum rate increase for customers such as myself who have a lower monthly KWH usage.**

**The FPSC also made a mistake when they incorrectly approved the request without taking into consideration what the monetary ramifications would be for Senior Citizens such as myself who should of been commended for my**

**sacrifice to minimize my electrical usage.**

**Please ask the FPSC to amend the approved request in order to exempt loyal customers such as myself from the minimum rate increase.**

**I in turn have also become an innocent victim of circumstance through no fault of my own, as I am monetarily being penalized for no good cause FPL.**

**Thank You For Your Consideration Sir.**

**Respectfully,**

**Michael J. Walsh**

**Senior Citizen- 82 Years Young.**

**US Navy Veteran 1957-1963 ADR2**

**Hollywood, Fl.**

## Antonia Hover

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**From:** Beatrice Balboa <beatricebalboa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 7, 2022 7:56 AM  
**To:** Ellen Plendl  
**Subject:** FPL reckless management of the electrical infrastructure in Southern Florida  
**Attachments:** Power lines likely sparked Miami Gardens tree fire that injured 1 – WSVN 7News \_ Miami News, Weather, Sports \_ Fort Lauderdale.pdf

Sunday 7 August 2022 0800 hours

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

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my ongoing deepest disappointment that the electrical utility industrial sector continues to mismanage the electrical infrastructure throughout the State of Florida despite given unfettered access to elected and appointed government officials and agencies in the furtherance of policies and agendas in pursuing poorly thought out sourcing of energy resources and a decidedly anti-consumer stance with the rate-paying public across the board. Ongoing investigations continue undercover the long-standing practices by these captains of industry to extract ever larger fees and electrical rates to aggrandize their oversized ambitions by direct and indirect political arrangements in backrooms.

The attached documentation clearly indicates the ongoing conditions of the electrical infrastructure in Southern Florida in which the ratepayers are in harm's way.

Please place these observations and articles in the appropriate docket to underscore the overwhelmingly calculated cold-hearted manner that these captains seem to influence the very elected/appointed representatives that should, instead, be seeking to comfort their constituents day-to-day hardships to pay for the aggrandizement of these out sized economic sectors.

Thank you for your time in these matters and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,  
Beatrice Balboa  
1010 South Ocean Boulevard, Unit 1008  
Pompano Beach, FL 33062-6631  
USA

Power lines likely sparked Miami Gardens tree fire that injured 1

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AUGUST 6, 2022



MIAMI GARDENS, FLA. (WSVN) - Power lines likely caused a serious spark in Miami Gardens, leaving one person injured. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue crews responded to a tree fire in the area of Northwest 15th Avenue and 159th Street, Saturday morning. 7News cameras captured several MDR and Florida Power and Light vehicles at the scene. The blaze is believed to have started due to an electrical issue with the power lines.

The injured victim was taken to an area hospital for treatment. The fire remains under investigation.

## Antonia Hover

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**From:** Beatrice Balboa <beatricebalboa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 6, 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** Ellen Plendl  
**Subject:** more ongoing and deepening electrical utility industrial sector electoral intervention and machinations leading to anti-rate payer activities  
**Attachments:** 'Nightmare scenario'\_ How FPL secretly manipulated a Florida state Senate election.pdf; Florida power company secretly bankrolled a news website \_ McClatchy Washington Bureau.pdf

Saturday 6 August 2022 1130 hours

Ellen Plendl  
Regulatory Consultant  
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The attached documentation clearly indicates the lengths that the electrical utility industrial sector continues to pursue to ensure their monolithic position in the electricity sector in the State of Florida and letting the electrical infrastructure system put the ratepayers in harm's way.

Please place these observations and articles in the appropriate docket to underscore the overwhelmingly calculated cold-hearted manner that these captains seem to influence the very elected/appointed representatives that should, instead, be seeking to comfort their constituents day-to-day hardships to pay for the aggrandizement of these out sized economic sectors.

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# ‘Nightmare scenario’: How FPL secretly manipulated a Florida state Senate election

Mary Ellen Klas, Nicholas Nehamas, Ana Claudia Chacin, Miami Herald - 1h ago



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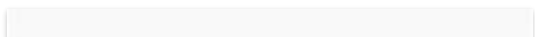


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Florida Power & Light secretly financed a spoiler candidate in a 2018 race for a Gainesville-area state Senate, according to internal documents from its political consulting firm. The utility's cash allowed the Republican incumbent to beat off a strong challenge from a Democratic opponent.

A strong Democratic challenger was threatening to unseat a friendly Republican incumbent in a Gainesville-area state Senate race in 2018. FPL, one of the country's largest utilities, needed to make sure the GOP held onto the seat.

So FPL used a shadowy nonprofit group to secretly bankroll a spoiler candidate, a longtime Democrat named Charles Goston, according to new documents obtained by the Miami Herald. Running as a no-party candidate in the general election, Goston helped split the liberal vote, siphoning off enough votes from the Democratic challenger to swing the race to the GOP incumbent.







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The documents show that FPL sent \$200,000 to the nonprofit, a Washington, D.C.-based group called Broken Promises, in the fall of 2018. Within five weeks, Broken Promises had donated \$20,000 to Goston's political committee and spent roughly \$115,000 on mailers and advertising supporting him. Best of all for FPL: Because of its nonprofit status, Broken Promises didn't have to disclose its donors — meaning the cash was untraceable. No one would know that FPL had paid to secretly manipulate a state election in favor of Republicans. Voters were in the dark about who funded Goston and why.

The records tying FPL to Broken Promises — which come from inside the utility's political consulting firm — mark the clearest instance of FPL cash being directly linked to a series of election scandals rocking Florida politics. They raise questions about whether the utility "subverted" a free and fair election in Gainesville, said Saurav Ghosh, director of federal campaign finance reform at the nonpartisan Campaign Legal Center in Washington, D.C.

"This is pretty much the nightmare scenario," Ghosh said. "You have a powerful corporate player in Florida politics using its financial resources to defeat a candidate without any disclosure to the public. ... This is election rigging."

As a corporation, FPL is allowed to contribute to political campaigns. But under state and federal law, it is not permitted to hide contributions through "straw" donors. And tax-exempt nonprofits like Broken Promises, which FPL used as a pass-through, are not supposed to engage primarily in politics.

The utility, a multibillion-dollar behemoth, is one of Florida's most powerful political forces, accustomed to getting its way from a pliant Legislature and the state regulatory board. But over the past year, reporting has revealed its efforts to [manipulate](#) state politics, secretly craft legislation to [maintain its grip](#) on the solar energy market, [snap up](#) a public utility in Jacksonville, push for [rate increases](#) on residential customers, tail a journalist it disliked [using private investigators](#) and weaponize a [supposedly independent news website](#) to attack critics.

FPL is feeling some impact: One investment firm has [downgraded](#) its stock and a Democratic congresswoman from Tampa has [asked](#) the Department of Justice to investigate its political activities.

In an email, FPL spokesman Christopher McGrath said the utility has done nothing wrong, citing an internal investigation — which the utility refuses to share — that said as much. He did not deny that FPL funded Broken Promises.

"FPL requires that its 501(c)(4) contributions are done in compliance with all applicable laws," said McGrath, referring to the formal name for tax-exempt groups like Broken Promises. "We do not control any 501(c)(4)s and when we donate money to an organization, regardless of tax status, we no longer control how that money is spent. We believe any assertion to the contrary is unfounded."

Hours after this story published online, David Reuter, FPL's chief communications officer, wrote the Herald, saying that FPL had "no record" of ever paying Broken Promises.

The documents shedding light on the scandals come from an internal server at FPL's former political consulting firm, Alabama-based Matrix, and were anonymously leaked to the Miami Herald and other news outlets. They include emails, letters, text messages, bank statements, wire transfers, and financial ledgers.

Neither FPL nor Matrix employees have been formally accused of wrongdoing. But prosecutors have so far charged five other people, [including a former state senator](#), over a series of strikingly similar election scandals in 2020 with ties to FPL. Those races featured so-called "ghost" candidates who appealed to progressive voters and helped the GOP hold onto three crucial state Senate seats. FPL has denied being involved.

## ‘This text is self-destructing’

Broken Promises was run by an Alabama political consultant named Sean Jason Anderson, who appointed his mother to join him on the nonprofit's board.

Although Broken Promises appeared to be independent from FPL and Matrix, that was just an illusion, text messages between FPL and Matrix executives show.

In one 2016 text exchange, Matrix's then-CEO, Jeff Pitts, assured FPL Vice President Daniel Martell that they had full control over two other nonprofit groups run by Anderson and another ally — and the nonprofits would have no public ties to FPL because they didn't have to disclose their donors.

Not to mention, Pitts said, Anderson was an old friend. (A "Jason Anderson" is listed as a former Matrix lobbyist in Alabama public records.)

"Bottom line is we are the ones with the check books and in control [of the nonprofits] 100 percent," Pitts told Martell.

Channeling "Mission Impossible," the FPL vice president responded: "This text is self-destructing in 30 seconds."

"Yep that's why I like face to face," Pitts replied.

The text messages would appear to contradict FPL's assertion that it had no control over the nonprofits set up by its political consultants.

Pitts left Matrix in late 2020 to start his own consulting company. He and Matrix founder Joe Perkins are now suing each other. Perkins said Pitts and other former employees had gone rogue on behalf of FPL.

"This is more of Joe Perkins leaking select documents and pushing a false narrative in his desperate and continual effort to blackmail and defame Mr. Pitts," Jesse Dreicer, an attorney for Pitts, said in a statement. "These accusations are false, tiresome and a continuation of his slander and libelous attacks."

Perkins has denied being the source of the documents sent to the news media.

Anderson could not be reached. His mother did not respond to an interview request.

## A test run

[Reporting at the time by the Gainesville Sun](#) firmly established that Goston's political committee had been bankrolled by Broken Promises, and that the source of the nonprofit's funding was "cloaked." The Sun noted that Goston had just lost a reelection bid to the City Commission, that he was "on the outs" with the local Democratic Party establishment, and that Republican lobbyists had [coordinated](#) donations to his individual campaign account.

But FPL's role in the Gainesville scheme stayed hidden for years.

Now the ghost candidate scandals from 2020 have spilled into public view, thanks to [extensive criminal investigations](#) and [rancorous civil lawsuits](#).

The fallout has revealed the innards of an operation designed by Matrix to swing elections to Republicans in both 2018 and 2020, using secretive nonprofits like Broken Promises.

Kayser Enneking, the Democrat who lost the Gainesville election in state Senate District 8, said what happened to her in 2018 felt like a test run for the ghost candidate scheme that two years later would take down Miami Democrat José Javier Rodríguez, whose criticism of FPL had [infuriated](#) Eric Silagy, the utility's chairman and CEO. (Ghost candidates ran in two other 2020 state Senate races but their vote totals were not decisive in leading to the GOP candidate's victory. Rodríguez, on the other hand, lost to Republican Ileana Garcia by just 32 votes.)

"I think they saw how successful it was in my race and how it was a relatively cheap way to siphon votes off," said Enneking, who lost to GOP incumbent Keith Perry by roughly 2,000 votes while spoiler Goston received 4,300.

Enneking, Perry and their political committees spent more than \$2.6 million combined on their races. Goston's campaign cost less than \$145,000.

Enneking said she didn't see any policy reason why FPL would back Goston, a former Gainesville city commissioner, other than to preserve a business-friendly majority in the state Senate, which confirms the appointment of members to the state's utility regulator, the Public Service Commission.

"In policy debates with him, there was not one iota of difference between what he was advocating for and what I was advocating for," Enneking said.

Perry, the Republican, said he did not know about FPL's and Broken Promises' activities during the 2018 election.

"I don't coordinate, have knowledge, or plan with any of these groups," he told the Herald.

He also noted that companies, just like individuals, have the right to donate to campaigns in order to influence the outcome, but said he is open to re-examining policies that enable campaign money to be

funneled through opaque nonprofits like the ones created by FPL's political consultants.

"It's a question of whether there should be more transparency in the process and how to do that, without stifling freedom of expression," Perry said.

Efforts to reach Goston were unsuccessful. Unlike the candidates who ran in three state Senate districts in 2020, Goston wasn't a "ghost" candidate because he actually campaigned, rather than relying solely on direct mailers to voters.

While Gov. Ron DeSantis has created a new Office of Election Crimes and Security to go after election fraud, he has refused to comment on the scandals linked to FPL, [which were first broadly outlined in the Orlando Sentinel](#). The office's new head, Pete Antonacci, would not answer whether potential campaign finance violations will be among the alleged crimes his agency will investigate.

## Records leak

Matrix employees kept detailed records of their activities, including a ledger of FPL's political spending in the 2018 election cycle.

Entries on the ledger show that FPL sent \$100,000 to Broken Promises on Sept. 26, 2018, and another \$100,000 on Oct. 16, 2018. The FPL infusion accounted for all of Broken Promises' revenue that year, federal tax filings show.

Three days after receiving its first round of FPL funds, Broken Promises gave a \$20,000 check to a political committee called Friends of Charles Goston, according to state campaign finance records. Within two weeks, Broken Promises spent another \$52,000 on mailers supporting Goston's campaign. Then, after receiving its next round of FPL cash, Broken Promises spent an additional \$63,000 on advertising for Goston.

In tax filings, Broken Promises claimed none of its spending qualified as "direct or indirect political spending."

"That presentation does not seem accurate at all," said Ellen Aprill, a professor emerita of tax law at Loyola Marymount University who reviewed Broken Promises' filings for the Herald. "This is political activity."

It's not clear from the Matrix records to what extent FPL funded Broken Promises directly and to what extent it used other groups as pass-throughs for the money. Federal tax records show another Matrix-controlled nonprofit called the Alliance for Consumer Protection donated \$100,000 to Broken Promises in 2018.

The director of the Alliance for Consumer Protection is listed as David Calvert — a construction manager and Pitts' former college roommate, according to a text between Pitts and Martell.

Calvert could not be reached.

Philip Hackney, an expert on tax law at the University of Pittsburgh Law School, said powerful people are using nonprofits to secretly influence elections around the country.

“This is primarily used by wealthy players and those who run corporations,” Hackney said. “It is an opportunity for them to have their fingers on the scale of elections ... without the public having any insight. To run a free and fair democracy, you really need people operating in the light, truthfully and forthrightly.”

He pointed out that FPL could simply have funded Goston’s campaign openly — as the utility did when it contributed \$20,000 to Perry’s political committee in its own name — without funneling “dark” money through a nonprofit.

“You have to wonder why they didn’t just do that,” he said. “It tells you they have concerns about disclosing their support of this candidate to voters and they had some intention to hide it.”

## Mothers for Moderation

Broken Promises wasn’t the only way FPL went after Enneking.

FPL also funded a similar nonprofit group called Mothers for Moderation that attacked Enneking in the Democratic primary.

Mothers for Moderation paid \$100,000 for direct mail and television advertising in support of a Florida political committee, Liberation Ocala African American Council, that [backed Enneking’s 2018 primary opponent, Olysha Magruder](#). It also paid \$75,000 to Anderson’s Alabama-based political consulting firm, according to a copy of a check in the Matrix records.

Almost all of Mothers for Moderation’s funding came from FPL. Records show the utility contributed \$13.9 million to Mothers for Moderation in 2018. (The nonprofit’s director, Stephanie Egan, is the sister of a former Matrix employee and an elementary school teacher in Alabama. She did not respond to requests for comment.)

Whitfield Jenkins, chairman of the Liberation Ocala political committee, said he did not recall Mothers for Moderation — even though it provided the only funds his group received.

Magruder, Enneking’s primary opponent, told the Herald she had nothing to do with Liberation Ocala’s messaging.

“My campaign had zero control over what happened outside of our campaign,” said Magruder, who is now running for Florida House District 22. “We were the more progressive, underdog campaign at the time so we didn’t have any sort of way to battle what was happening and they used my image and my name without any permission on my part.”

Despite the blitz of advertising, Enneking handily beat Magruder in the primary on Aug. 28, 2018.

The next day, Broken Promises was formed by the friend of Matrix’s CEO, apparently to try again to take down Enneking, this time in the general election. This time the effort succeeded.

Enneking said she wasn't a notably strident critic of FPL but that her seat was one of three in 2018 that Democrats had a chance to flip, threatening Republican control of the state Senate.

"It was more about retaining the Republican majority than it was my campaign," Enneking said.

In the two years that followed Enneking's defeat, the Republican-led Senate and the Public Service Commission gave FPL what it asked for.

In 2019, for example, legislators passed [Senate Bill 796](#), which created a new process for utilities to pass along costs to customers for storm protection projects, such as installing underground power lines. In 2020, the PSC approved FPL's proposal to recover the capital costs of building solar by [building the expense into its rate base](#) and passing along the charges to its customers, plus a profit.

## 'Straw donors'

In 2020, a watchdog group filed a complaint to the IRS about Broken Promises.

In the [complaint](#), Citizens for Ethics and Responsibility (CREW) alleged that Broken Promises had violated federal law "by failing to properly disclose its political contributions" and "was being used as a pass-through for political contributions."

CREW pointed out that almost all of Broken Promises' spending went to political causes, mainly the Goston campaign — even though under IRS rules the tax-exempt 501(c)(4) group's primary activity is supposed to be supporting "social welfare" activities, not politics.

In federal tax filings, Broken Promises listed its 501(c)(4) social welfare purpose as "developing and advocating for legislation, regulations and government programs to improve social environmental [sic], economy and social environment [sic]."

The group, which was registered at a UPS store in Washington, D.C., filed for dissolution two weeks after the complaint, according to local business records.

501(c)(4)s like Broken Promises are often criticized as "dark money" groups because they can be used to mask the true identity of political contributors. Under federal and state law, political spending must be disclosed, and it is illegal to use straw donors and shell companies to hide the true sources of election spending.

FPL's activities could run afoul of Florida's straw donor ban, said Ghosh, of the Campaign Legal Center.

"It does appear that these C4 groups were organized as a deliberate mechanism for obscuring the true source of the funds being used for election purposes," he said. "In that case, what you have is that FPL is the true contributor and they are using [501(c)(4)s] as straw donors."

Matthew Corley, CREW's chief investigator, said FPL may have had a reason for trying to hide its political contributions.

“Transparency helps fight against potential corruption — that’s one of the prime purposes for campaign finance disclosure,” he said. “When people go around it, the obvious question is: Is there something illicit going on?”

INVESTIGATIONS

# Powerbrokers: How FPL secretly took over a Florida news site and used it to bash critics

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The Capitolist portrayed itself as an independent outlet, but it was bankrolled and controlled by FPL execs to push for rate hikes and legislative favors and slam any opponent, a Miami Herald investigation found. To help keep the deal secret, a political consulting firm employed the intermediaries between the FPL executives and the Capitolist.



When Florida Power & Light faced a spate of bad publicity and political blowback, a small but ambitious news website called the Capitolist sprang to the public utility's defense.

Taking aim at foes of FPL's proposed rate hikes and controversial attempts to buy Jacksonville's public utility, the Capitolist savaged the critics, impugning their motives and suggesting they were part of "dark money" schemes.

"Documents suggest Florida's largest companies are secretly sabotaging effort to protect power lines from hurricane damage," declared the headline of one such article from 2019.

Behind the scenes, FPL executives were back-slapping.

Unbeknownst to readers, the article — which promoted legislation to reimburse the multibillion-dollar utility for undergrounding power lines — wasn't published simply because the Capitolist was staunchly conservative and pro-business as editor Brian Burgess had proudly announced when he founded the publication in 2016.

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The article was written after the FPL president and CEO, Eric Silagy, made clear he wanted it. And, as it happened, Silagy was secretly running things at the Capitolist.

While portraying itself as a feisty independent outlet, the Capitolist — which aims its content directly at Tallahassee decision makers — was bankrolled and controlled by executives of the power company through a small group of trusted intermediaries from an Alabama consulting firm, according to an investigation by the Miami Herald, based on a massive leak of documents.

The internal communications, contracts and financial records show how a team of elite communications experts consulting for FPL plucked the Capitolist from obscurity and used it as part of an elaborate, off-the-books political strategy to advocate for rate hikes, agitate for legislative favors, slam political opponents and eliminate anything — even home solar panels — that the publicly traded utility worried might undermine its near monopoly on selling power in the Sunshine State.

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On Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, FPL President and CEO Eric Silagy shakes the hand of then-Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez as he prepares to give his remarks at FPL's new 465-acre Miami-Dade Solar Energy Center. Carl Juste [cjuste@miamiherald.com](mailto:cjuste@miamiherald.com)

Never was it revealed that the Capitolist was actually a megaphone for FPL.

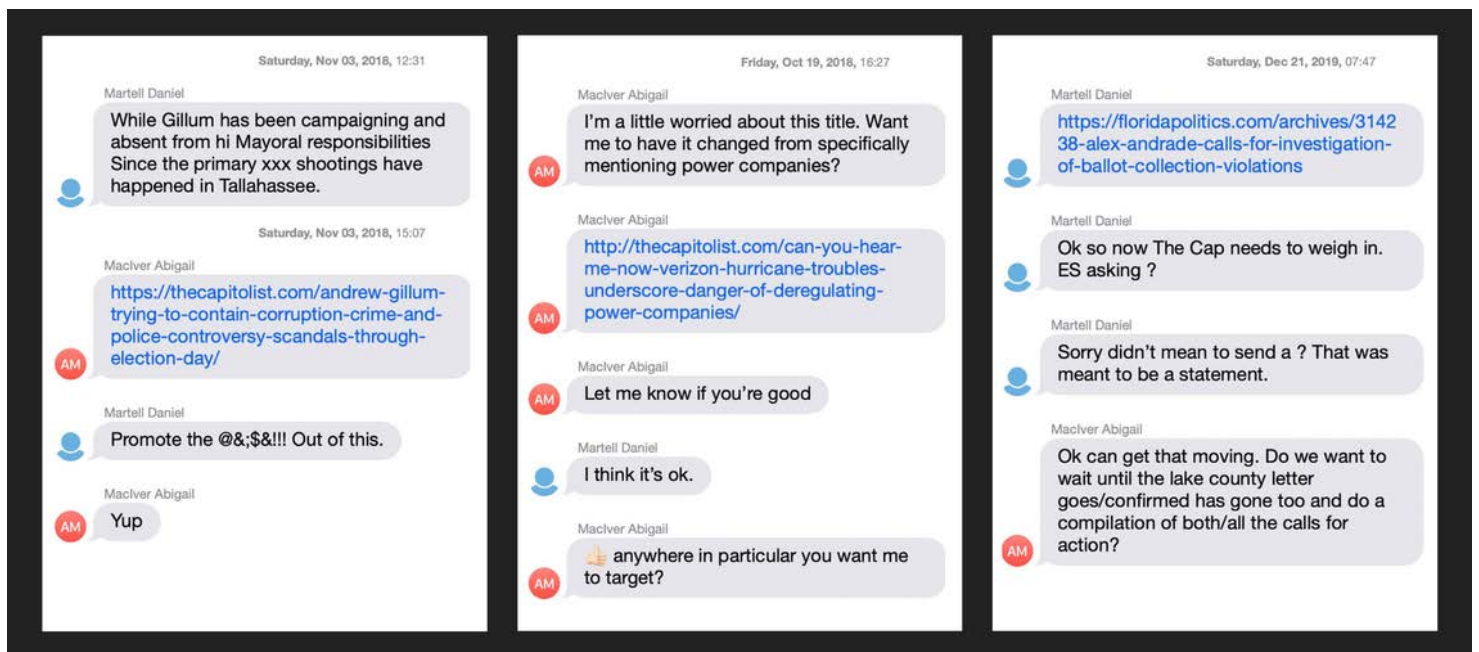
The records, along with recent reporting by the Orlando Sentinel and Florida Times-Union on FPL setting up secret daisy chains of nonprofits to funnel money to

candidates and hire private investigators to tail reporters, highlight the extremes to which FPL will go to play kingmaker in Florida.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in operating expenses — including Burgess’ \$12,000-per-month paycheck — were funneled into the Capitolist through a network of shell companies backed by FPL, financial records and internal communications dated as early as January 2018 show.

Articles were pre-screened by a group of private communications experts consulting for FPL — a group Burgess once referred to in an email as “the whole Ed Board.”

Text messages and emails show how FPL executives maneuvered behind the scenes at the Capitolist to settle scores and bend the will of regulators, politicians and the public.



Leaked documents included screenshots of messages between Daniel Martell, vice president of legislative affairs for FPL, and then-Matrix consultant Abigail MacIver, showing how executives of the power company advised operations at the Capitolist through intermediaries like MacIver.

Just three days before the 2018 election, the vice president of state legislative affairs at FPL, Daniel Martell, ordered a hit piece about the Democratic candidate for governor, Andrew Gillum, who was running neck and neck with Ron DeSantis.

In a text to the consultants, the FPL executive said he wanted a story that Gillum had neglected his mayoral responsibilities, proposing the following narrative: “Since the primary xxx shootings have happened in Tallahassee.”

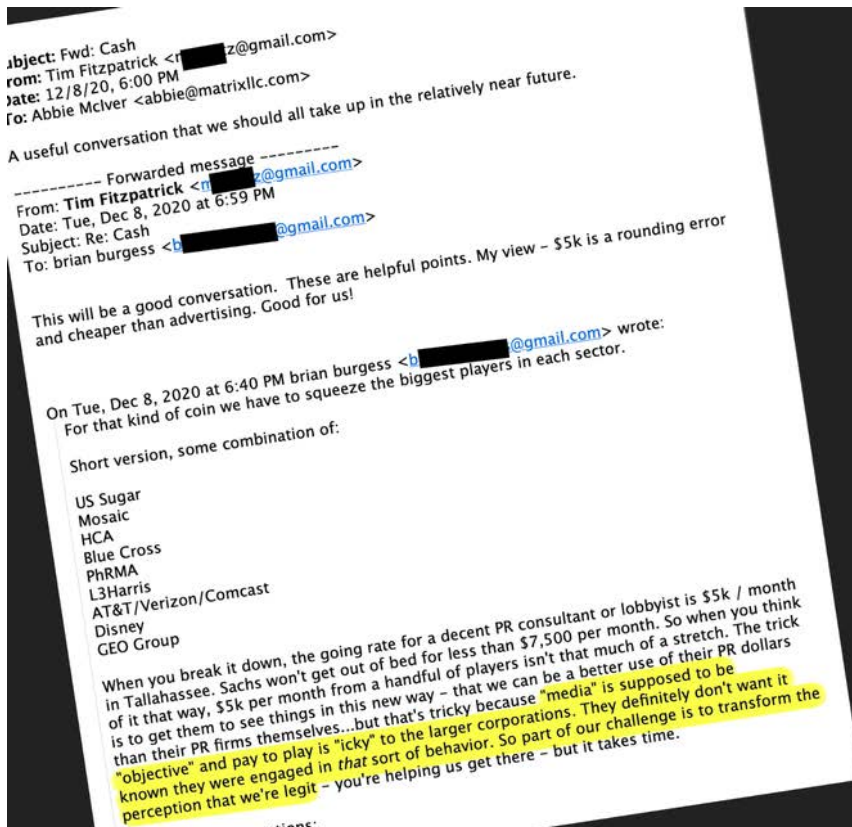
Less than three hours later, the Capitolist had a story up. The second sentence called out “a crime wave of murders, robberies and shootings in Tallahassee...”

“Promote the @&,\$&!!! Out of this,” Martell ordered.

Each day’s news also presented more subtle opportunities.

Cellphone outages after a hurricane in the Panhandle offered an opening for the Capitolist to highlight “one more very pointed reason not to deregulate,” according to a written suggestion from FPL executives to one of the consultants. FPL favors regulations that keep competition out of the market.

The Capitolist ran with it, publishing a story the following week headlined: “Can you hear me now? Verizon hurricane troubles underscore danger of deregulating power companies.”



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What the Capitolist provided was more effective than traditional PR, but it was tricky business, Burgess said in a 2020 email to his FPL-backed boss, “because ‘media’ is supposed to be ‘objective’ and pay to play is ‘icky’ to the larger corporations. They definitely don’t want it known they were engaged in that sort of behavior.”

The value came from FPL’s ability to use the Capitolist to shape the narrative through news coverage without anyone knowing who was behind the messaging.

So, Burgess concluded, it was important to look like “we’re legit.”

While most news organizations have some corporate sponsors, what makes the Capitolist unusual is the level of editorial control wielded by FPL and the lengths to which the publication went to cover it up, said Stephen Ward, founder of the Center for Journalism Ethics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“It’s not just media ethics here. It’s plain old morality. You’re just plain old lying to people,” Ward said after the Herald shared some of the contents of the leak. “All these emails are saying ‘how do we dupe these people into believing us?’ ”



This Capitolist story favorable to FPL was sent to Eric Silagy, CEO and president of FPL, and Daniel Martell, VP of state legislative affairs. Silagy responded: “Good article.”

The plan to surreptitiously take over the Capitolist centered on Matrix, a Montgomery-based political consulting firm that employed the intermediaries between FPL executives and the Capitolist. Those intermediaries, led by then-CEO Jeff Pitts, established a tangle of shell companies that obscured operations it ran for FPL and others.

Financial records show at least three of them concealed the power company’s involvement in the Capitolist. There was Metis Group, which a ledger shows funneled

FPL money to the publication starting in 2018, and SUN Marketing & Advertising, which was funded by an FPL wire transfer and paid the salary of Tim Fizpatrick, a former FPL executive brought in by Matrix to manage Burgess and oversee the operation.

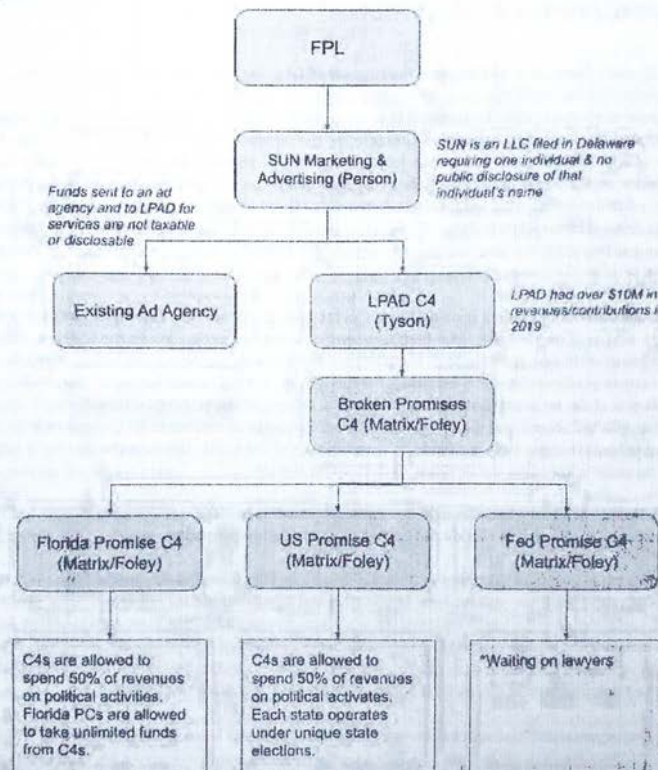
A third company, Vision Insight Holdings, was incorporated in August 2020 “to operate media properties that focus on telling stories completely and fairly,” according to an internal strategy report. Its 2021 priority was the Capitolist, to which Vision Insight paid \$200,000 that year, bank statements show.

When presented with the Herald’s reporting, Burgess and representatives for FPL provided statements to the Herald but refused to answer specific questions.

“While it would be perfectly legal, FPL does not have an ownership interest in the Capitolist — either directly or indirectly,” FPL spokesperson Chris McGrath said in a statement to the Herald. “We also do not have editorial control over what the Capitolist writes or publishes.”

When presented with copies of the documents, McGrath suggested some had been “doctored” but refused to say which. Burgess also said the records contained “fundamental errors or omissions that paint a wildly inaccurate picture of the Capitolist and its operations,” again without providing specifics.

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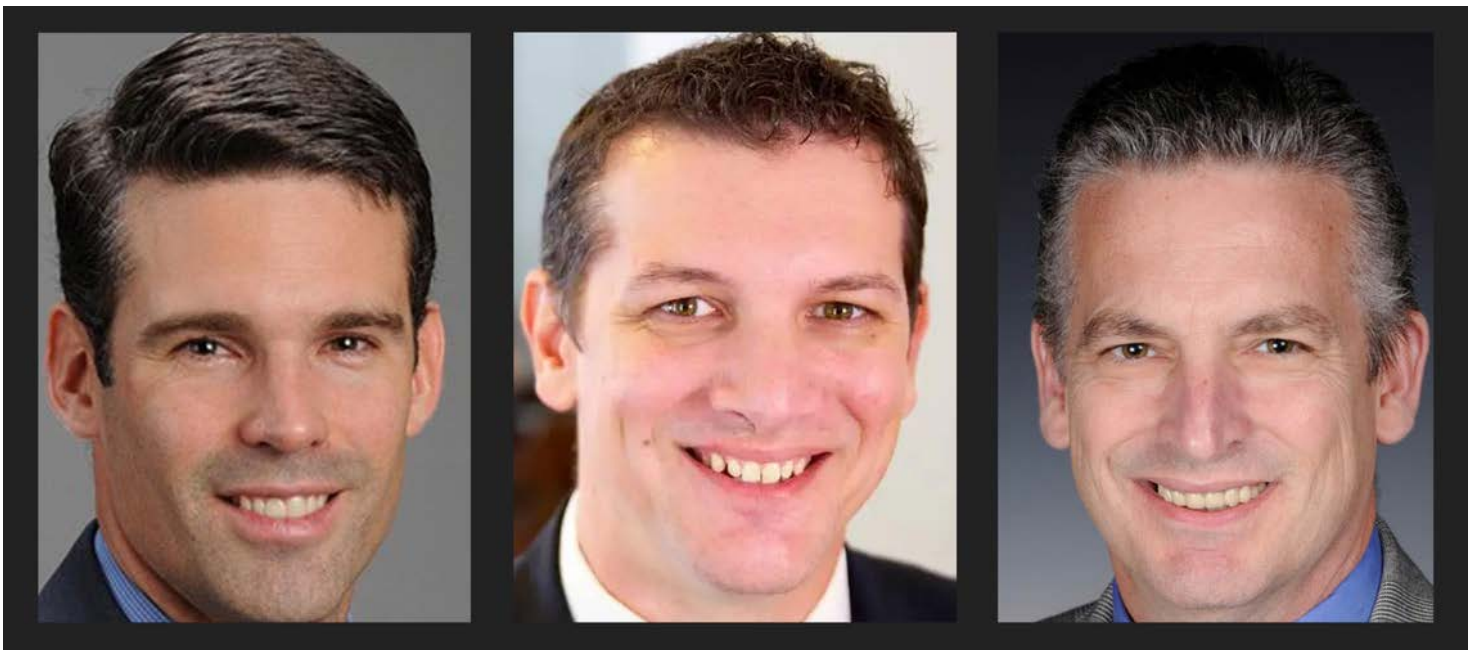
Files leaked from inside the Matrix political consulting firm show plans to use a shell company called SUN Marketing & Advertising to funnel money to 501(c)(4) nonprofits. Documents show the company was used to pay Tim Fitzpatrick, a former FPL executive who took over operations at the Capitolist.

The nearly 500 documents leaked anonymously to the Herald appear to be from a hard-drive at Matrix, which confirmed the authenticity of the records. Where possible, the Herald cross-referenced them with other publicly available documents.

Matrix owner Joe Perkins said he was unaware of his former employees' work with the Capitolist until after Pitts and his team left to start a competing communications firm, Canopy Partners, at the end of 2020.

“Matrix was not involved in any way at all with the purchase or operation of the Capitolist,” said Perkins, who is suing his former employees in Alabama. Pitts, in turn, is suing Perkins in Florida for defamation, alleging his former employer threatened to leak documents to ruin his reputation and harm his business.

John Collins, a representative for Pitts and Canopy Partners, declined to answer questions, but said the documents were “manufactured and selectively-edited” and “unverifiable.” He did not respond to requests for specifics.



From left to right: Daniel Martell, vice president of state legislative affairs for FPL; Brian Burgess, Capitolist editor; and former FPL executive Tim Fitzpatrick.

In his statement to the Herald, Burgess said he had never “met, corresponded with, spoken to, nor do I have any relationship whatsoever with the FPL executives you

mentioned.”

“I have never pitched nor solicited feedback from FPL executives on any story or business venture. I have never received a story pitch from any FPL executive outside of typical corporate press releases sent to all media outlets, including the Miami Herald,” said Burgess, who records show only communicated with FPL’s intermediaries.

The documents obtained by the Herald included an unsigned draft of a confidentiality agreement that, if signed, would prevent Burgess from talking about his work with FPL’s contracted consultants.

## **OLD FRIENDS**

Once the spokesperson for Gov. Rick Scott, Burgess founded the Capitolist after being shown the door of the governor’s office following a PR fiasco involving a rescue dog named Reagan.

Scott had adopted the Labrador in a show for cameras while on the campaign trail — and then quietly returned the canine without telling anyone after winning the election.

When a reporter at the Tampa Bay Times started asking questions about what had happened to Reagan, Burgess provided no answers, prompting the ire of animal lovers across the state.

The spokesperson broke his silence only after being asked if the beloved animal had been killed. Burgess still didn’t say what happened but responded with an email acknowledging “the potential for a PR nightmare if the Tampa Bay Times doesn’t receive a photo of Reagan next to today’s copy of the Tampa Bay Times.”

Eventually, the governor himself clarified the situation. Reagan had been given to a good home, Scott said.





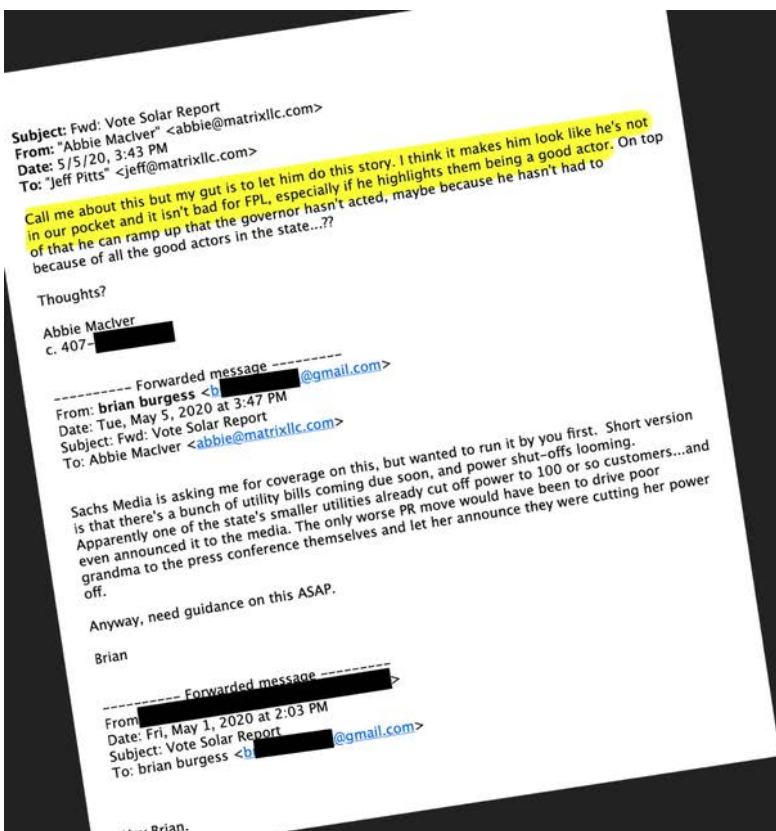
Reagan, the labrador retriever adopted by Gov. Rick Scott on the campaign trail, in an image posted to Facebook in September 2010, first reported by the Tampa Bay Times. *Tampa Bay Times*

Burgess spent the next several years developing the idea for a conservative news site to counteract what he saw as the media's "negative-by-default coverage of the state's most prominent political and business leaders."

The site went live in 2016.

It's unclear from the records reviewed by the Herald when FPL's consultants first got financially involved with the Capitolist. A copy of what appears to be an internal ledger kept by Matrix documents the first of several \$25,000 payments from FPL as being forwarded on to the Capitolist as early as January 2018.

Contracts and incorporation documents show FPL consultant Abigail MacIver is the sole owner of Metis Group LLC, the shell company that received money from FPL earmarked for the Capitolist in 2018, an internal ledger from Matrix shows. (McGrath, the FPL representative, denied the veracity of the ledgers.)



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MacIver also signed the purchase option agreement with the Capitolist on Sept. 20, 2019. Per the contract, Metis paid \$50,000 for “executive control” over operations and a 1% ownership stake in the media company with the option to buy a controlling interest for a set price — \$195,000 — any time for the duration of the 18-month contract.

“Abbie has known Brian [Burgess] personally and professionally for more than a decade and was one of the earlier supporters of the Capitolist,” said Collins, the representative for MacIver in addition to other former Matrix employees. “She continues to encourage Brian, believes in what he is doing and remains a trusted friend and advisor to him.”

Collins declined to answer questions about MacIver’s work as a liaison between FPL and the Capitolist.

“She will not discuss any of the work she did at Matrix — through Metis or not — as that would be a violation of NDA/Confidentiality agreements,” he said.

**‘NOT IN OUR POCKET’**

The FPL consultants were careful to keep their fingerprints off the Capitolist.

They registered the companies involved with the Capitolist under the names of people who were not officially employed by FPL to keep the activities off the books of the publicly traded company, records show.

Emails show they once considered listing an executive of NextEra Energy, FPL's parent company, as the owner on the incorporation documents for SUN Marketing & Advertising, an FPL-funded company used to pay Fitzpatrick, the former executive working with the Capitolist. They listed Fitzpatrick instead after their attorney, Erika Alba, advised in an email that having a current executive for the power company could be a "potential issue."

"This is not a legal or tax issue," Alba said in the email dated Sept. 18, 2019. "It is an issue of whether FPL wants to risk [SUN Marketing's] assets/liabilities showing up on their balance sheet."



Eric Silagy, president and CEO of Florida Power & Light. MATIAS J. OCNER [mocner@miamiherald.com](mailto:mocner@miamiherald.com)

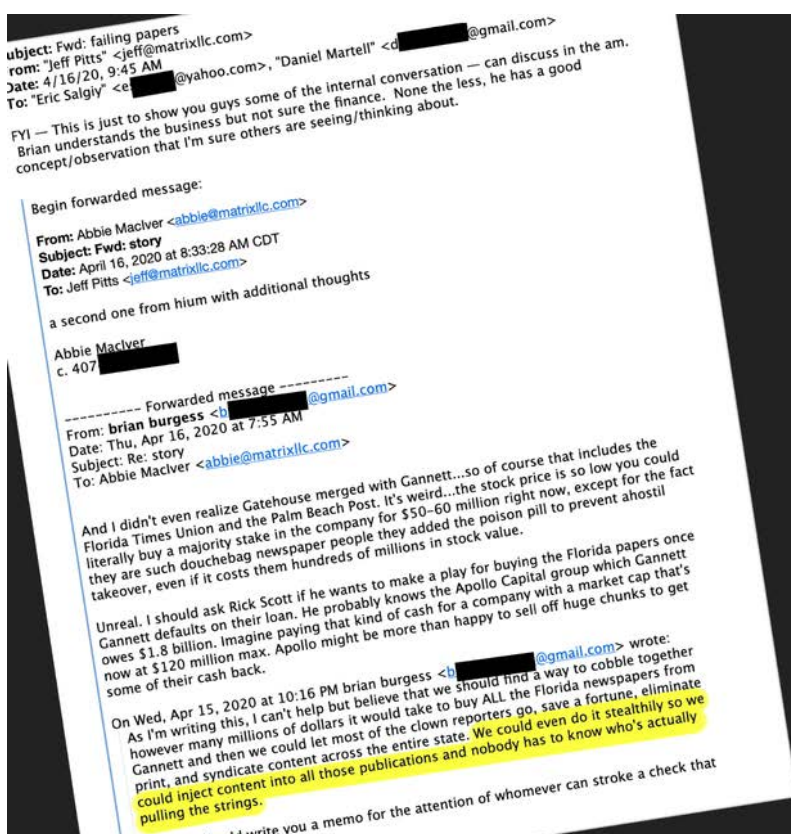
Emails show Burgess and the team of consultants often discussed the publication's credibility and perceived independence as the operation's true value.

To that end, MacIver weighed in to recommend a story pitched by Burgess on May 5, 2020. It was about how some utilities were gearing up to shut off some Floridians' power during the beginning of the pandemic over unpaid bills.

“Call me about this but my gut is to let him do this story,” MacIver wrote when she forwarded Burgess' pitch to Pitts, her boss at Matrix who served as the primary contact with FPL.

“I think it makes him look like he's not in our pocket and it isn't bad for FPL, especially if he highlights them as being a good actor,” she wrote.

A week later, the story ran with the headline “Floridians rack up an estimated \$335 million in unpaid utility bills. What should we do?” Within the bullet points of advice was a plug for an FPL initiative educating the public on how to reduce energy consumption.



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Burgess also acknowledged the key to their business model when he wrote MacIver an email suggesting they find funding to secretly buy all of the USA Today-affiliated papers in Florida and then “let most of the clown reporters go ... and syndicate content across the entire state.”

“We could even do it stealthily so we could inject content into all those publications and nobody has to know who’s actually pulling the strings,” he suggested in the email dated April 16, 2020.

Pitts forwarded Burgess’ idea to Silagy’s gmail account.

“FYI — This is just to show you guys some of the internal conversation,” Pitts wrote to the head of FPL, calling it a “good concept.”

There is no further communication in the documents and no indication the strategy was seriously considered.

With enthusiastic approval from FPL’s top leaders, The Capitolist attacked the credibility of papers across the state, especially when they were critical of FPL. It referenced “Fake News” as often as possible, running headlines targeting individual reporters, accusing newspapers of unscrupulous funding structures and suggesting there might be corruption at play.



A story from the Capitolist attacks environmentalists, the Miami Herald and Herald Tallahassee bureau chief Mary Ellen Klas, whose hard-hitting coverage of FPL angered Eric Silagy, company chairman. The article does not divulge that FPL controlled the content of the Capitolist.

At Silagy's urging, the Capitolist frequently attacked the Herald, particularly Tallahassee bureau chief Mary Ellen Klas, whose hard-hitting coverage of FPL has angered Silagy.

Klas was made the punchline to one story about the Herald's parent company filing for bankruptcy protection as part of a corporate reorganization and another mocking coverage of a fundraiser for the Herald.

Calling it a "field day for the Capitolist," the CEO emailed the Matrix team an idea for visuals: "Maybe a cartoon of MEK with a tin cup on the street corner would be good?!"

The Capitolist ran an image in its newsletter of Klas' face crudely photoshopped onto the body of someone holding a cardboard sign that read, "Spare change for Fake News, Miami Herald reporter needs help."

## **THE SHADOW EDITOR**

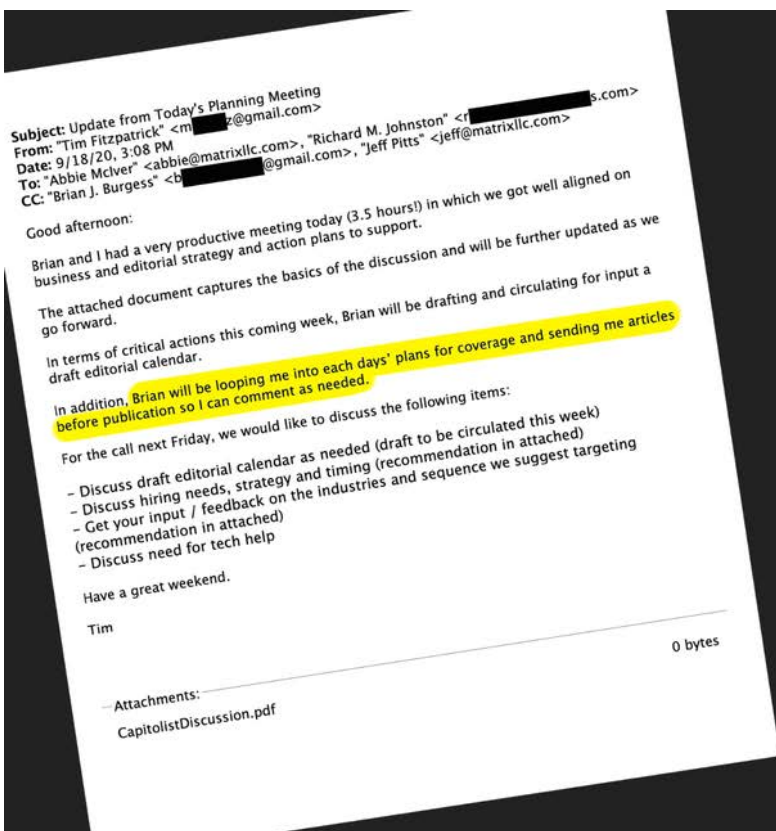
Secrecy was policy at the Capitolist — a fact formally acknowledged as Silagy and his consultants at Matrix considered buying a controlling interest in the media company.

The rules were laid out in an email sent to the team of consultants just after 10 a.m. on the second to last Sunday in 2020 by Fitzpatrick, the former VP and chief marketing and communications officer for the power company. The subject line began: "Confidential."

A few months before, Fitzpatrick had been tapped to serve as shadow editor for the Capitolist — tasked with turning the pugnacious, hard-right politics site into a credible, center-right publication that focused on the nexus of politics and business and consistently reached some of the most influential people in Tallahassee.

Fitzpatrick's Dec. 20 email contained a script for how the Capitolist team should handle potential media questions about sponsors (which were not to be revealed) and whether the Capitolist was involved in "pay to play" with its corporate backers (to which the scripted answer was "no" followed by turning the same question back on the reporter).

"We should simply ignore any other questions," Fitzpatrick wrote, "including any questions about ownership/management structure."



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While Silagy was kept informed of the overall business strategy headed into 2021, internal communications show Fitzpatrick ran the day-to-day operations at the Capitolist.

“Brian [Burgess] will be looping me into each days' (sic) plans for coverage and sending me articles before publication so I can comment as needed,” Fitzpatrick explained in an email shortly after he took the reins on Sept. 18, 2020.

Fitzpatrick did not respond to the Herald's multiple attempts to contact him, which included leaving a message with his wife.

As a VP of the power company more than a decade earlier, Fitzpatrick had been Silagy's right hand, directing an “aggressive public education initiative” to assist the president's efforts during a furious battle over a proposed rate increase in 2010, according to a series of open letters by a group of anonymous employees at the time.

The whistle-blowers accused Silagy and Fitzpatrick of keeping multiple sets of books and forcing employees in the communications department to “provide false, misleading, incomplete and incorrect information to our regulators and to others in government, not to mention the media, customers and other stakeholders.”

The company launched an internal investigation but found nothing illegal. Fitzpatrick left FPL in 2013 to take a job at a California utility.

## The Capitolist provides a platform for growth and message delivery in Florida

- The Capitolist is a four-year-old, Tallahassee-based digital media platform operated by Editor and Publisher Brian Burgess, former spokesperson to then-Gov. Rick Scott
- It operates a website, Facebook page and email newsletter
- Historically, The Capitolist's content has been mostly politically focused, often pugnaciously hard right on the political spectrum
- It offers advantages in that it has an existing infrastructure, respectably sized digital audience and awareness of it as a media entity in the digital space, and a history of effectively communicating important client messages
- It is currently primarily supported by a single major sponsor



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The Capitolist was an increasingly important resource for FPL, consultants working for the company noted in a 2021 strategy report prepared for Eric Silagy, president and CEO of the power company.

Since Fitzpatrick's return from California and takeover of operations at the Capitolist in September 2020, the number of headlines mentioning FPL and other energy-related topics more than doubled, according to an analysis by the Miami Herald.

Articles started making newsletters and daily media roundups from R Street, Real Clear Politics, and the Tampa Bay Times. Articles were shared by universities, retweeted by major political operatives, and cited in the footnotes of legal journals and a recent Florida Senate bill.

### **A PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

By the second half of 2020, the Capitolist had proven itself an increasingly effective tool for FPL's consultants, who wanted to expand the operation.

"We have the opportunity to continue to increase its stature, credibility and influence with the state's influencers and decision-makers," declared a pitch deck labeled "SILAGYDISCUSSION."

Attorneys drafted a contract that would allow FPL to purchase a majority interest in the media company through Vision Insight, the company created in 2020 by Matrix



employees to operate the Capitolist.

With Silagy's approval, the consultants planned to finance the deal using what remained of a \$250,000 wire transfer made the previous year by FPL to SUN Marketing — which up until that point had largely been used to pay Fitzpatrick, bank logs show.

It's unclear from the documents provided to the Herald whether the deal was closed. The paper trail dried up when the consultants left Matrix. But some of the final records in the leak suggested that negotiations continued through the summer of 2021.

Burgess did not answer the Herald's question about who currently owns the Capitolist.

## Antonia Hover

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**Chairman Eric Silagy, C.E.O. [www.fpl.com](http://www.fpl.com)**

**Good Afternoon !**

**Ref : US Navy Veteran Request. FPSC Docket # 20210015 FPL Account No. 26582 57510**

**Minimum Monthly Rate Increase :**

***I am once again politely asking your office to offer me the consideration that I most assuredly deserve as a Long Time Loyal Customer of FPL by removing the unwarranted charge on my monthly electrical bill.***

***We all make mistakes in life, and FPL made a mistake when the FPSC was asked to approve a minimum rate increase for customers such as myself who have a lower monthly KWH usage.***

***The FPSC also made a mistake when they incorrectly approved the request without taking into consideration what the monetary ramifications would be for Senior Citizens such as myself who should of been commended for my***

***sacrifice to minimize my electrical usage.***

***Please ask the FPSC to amend the approved request in order to exempt loyal customers such as myself from the minimum rate increase.***

***I in turn have also become an innocent victim of circumstance through no fault of my own, as I am monetarily being penalized for no good cause FPL.***

***Thank You For Your Consideration Sir.***

***Respectfully,***

***Michael J. Walsh***

***Senior Citizen- 82 Years Young.***

***US Navy Veteran 1957-1963 ADR2***

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