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From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:05 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20210015
Attachments: Fwd Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20210015.

Thank you!

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RE: FPSC Inquiry

Dear Mr. Walsh:

This is in response to your E-mail to Chairman Andrew Giles Fay, Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) regarding Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL) **minimum billing charge** ?. Given the **nature** of your concerns, Chairman Fay believes it would be appropriate for the specialized staff of the FPSC's Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach to respond directly to you. (*Thank You FPSC*)

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 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?

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?

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

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

Sincerely,

Shonna McCray
Regulatory Program Administrator
Florida Public Service Commission