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From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 8:35 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20210015
Attachments: We Can't Afford Higher Rates from FPL

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20210015.

Thank you!

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From: Jessica Perez <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 5:07 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: We Can't Afford Higher Rates from FPL

Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo,

I am writing as a concerned Florida resident and customer of Florida Power & Light (FPL). I received notification that FPL intends to increase rates for customers like me. I am urging you to rethink this decision and not increase our bills.

This past year has been extremely challenging financially for many people in the state of Florida. A rate increase is the last thing we need, especially for vulnerable folks who may be on a fixed income or struggling to find work.

I urge you to reconsider this rate increase.

I have 3 children and elderly mom and it's been a struggle since the start of covid with my children being out of school to the loss of work for both my husband and I. To add on to the stress inflation, raises in rent, and FPL bill hikes. Last year when school opened I was unable to send my kids because my youngest became ill and I couldn't vaccinate her and couldn't risk her brothers bringing home any kind of illness. My daughter has 2 hereditary diseases one is Von Willenbrand (blood disorder), hypermobility disorder, mitral valve prolapse, and severe neutropenia. Her illness came from no where a healthy child now has illnesses that will be with her for the rest of her life. All this has lead to me having to take her to specialists appointments several times a month along with several ER visits. So on top of all this I have to put gas pay parking pay rent pay fpl pay for food because food stamps aren't enough since she has a special diet. These are my issues and I know that there are others who have it the same or worse. How are we supposed to live? Are we supposed to choose whether to pay rent, light or buy food because we are not going to be able to pay for all this with a limited income since jobs do not pay enough for us to live.

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