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From: Ellen Piendl
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 11:18 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20220000
Attachments: time to revisit electrical rate increases proposed by Florida Power and Light!; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

See attached customer correspondence and reply for Docket No. 20220000.

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From: Beatrice Balboa <beatricebalboa@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 11:14 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: time to revisit electrical rate increases proposed by Florida Power and Light?!
Attachments: Florida Supreme Court slate arguments on FPL rates.pdf; Arguments Slated on FPL Rates - Florida Jolt.pdf; Richard Gentry resigns as Public Counsel.pdf

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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, which consist of 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 the State of Florida as well as the lengths to which these captains of industry try to influence governmental policy makers.

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,
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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 11:17 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 second December 29 email 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.

Sincerely,

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Florida Supreme Court slate arguments on FPL rates

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Florida Power & Light trucks. Credit: CBS

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The state Supreme Court on Wednesday scheduled arguments on Feb. 8 in challenges to a decision by regulators to approve base-rate increases for Florida Power & Light.


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The Office of Public Counsel represents consumers in utility issues.

One of the challenges was filed by the group Floridians Against Increased Rates, while the other was filed by the groups Florida Rising, the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, and the League of United Latin American Citizens of Florida.

Arguments Slated on FPL Rates

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Richard Gentry resigns as Public Counsel

In his resignation letter, Gentry said he is prioritizing time with family.

Longtime lobbyist **Richard Gentry** has resigned his state position as Public Counsel, in which he represented Floridians in utility regulatory cases.

Gentry's resignation will take effect Jan. 6, nearly two years after the Legislature **approved him** for the position. He submitted his resignation letter last week to Senate President **Kathleen Passidomo** and House Speaker **Paul Renner**.

At the Office of Public Counsel, Gentry represented ratepayers in electric, water and natural gas cases before the Public Service Commission (PSC).

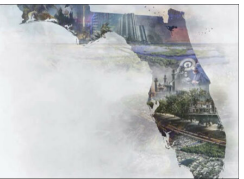
"Serving Florida's utility ratepayers by making their voices heard has been the honor of a lifetime, and I am deeply grateful that the Florida Legislature granted me this opportunity," Gentry wrote. "After having dedicated so many days, nights and long weekends to this important role, however, I now must prioritize spending time with my wife and family."

He touted multiple achievements in his resignation letter, including settling cases with the state's largest utility companies and reviewing the closing of several coal plants.



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The PSC approved a settlement between Florida Power and Light (FPL) and some solar and consumer advocacy groups in October 2021, paving the way for the \$1.5 billion in rate hikes that began being phased in on Jan. 1, 2022.

FPL consumer rates are set to increase three times next year over a confluence of factors. The PSC has objected to the third of those increases, which FPL links to Russia's war in Ukraine and the rising cost of natural gas.

Gentry has held the position since February 2021, shortly after his predecessor, **J.R. Kelly**, resigned. Kelly had held the title since 2007.

Gentry's surprise resignation came as lawmakers were headed out of town for the holidays.

A spokeswoman for Passidomo told Florida Politics the Senate President wishes Gentry well moving forward. She has directed staff to brief her on the timeline for identifying a replacement next week, when staff return to the office.



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In 2021, Gentry was the only applicant interviewed by the Legislature's Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight to serve as Public Counsel. Two of the applicants took other jobs before the interview and a third pulled his application over the requirement that the Public Counsel's office must be in Leon County.

Gentry spent 25 years as General Counsel of the Florida Home Builders Association.



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