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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 2:23 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. ~~20220001~~ 2023001
Attachments: FW: FPL; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

See attached customer correspondence and reply for Docket No. 202³~~2~~0001.

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Iris Rollins

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 11:35 AM
To: EOG-Referral
Subject: FW: FPL

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

From: C. Tom Smith Jr. <gulfwat_veteran1991@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 6:10 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: FPL

Governor,

I recently moved to Pensacola from Southern Illinois or as I call it, ILL-Annoy. I absolutely love it down here. There does seem to be one issue that I do have a concern about. That is FPL. I am hearing a lot of complaining about them drastically raising their rates, I am even hearing about how a lot of people's rates are being doubled. Now, I have only had one partial bill, and my next bill will be my first full bill so I cannot attest to this first hand. But, with this many people making the same exact complaints, something has to be happening that isn't good.

The other issue I find extremely disturbing about the whole FPL issue, is that I'm hearing Florida is not a deregulated state as far as that goes. Even Communist ILL-Annoy is a deregulated state. I don't know how unless it was from a lawsuit, because lord knows, we only seem to get Democrat governors there. The competitiveness of deregulation helped the people of IL tremendously!

It would seem to me that deregulation would go more hand in hand with our Right sided views. We're all for private business to whereas the Left wants massive government control of everything. I strongly request that you help the state of Florida deregulate so that the competitive spirit of the free market will help reduce these power bills. I mean, after all, it is our side that wants free enterprise over government control.

Anyway, thank you for taking time to read my concern. I'm sure that we have the same viewpoint.

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Iris Rollins

From: Shonna McCray
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 2:23 PM
To: 'gulfwar_veteran1991@yahoo.com'
Cc: Ellen Plendl
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. C. Tom Smith, Jr.
gulfwar_veteran1991@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1413581C

Dear Mr. Smith:

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.

You expressed a concern about recent rate increases, including the fuel charge. The fuel charge recovers the actual cost to secure and process the fuel necessary to generate electricity. Fuel rates mirror rising and falling fuel costs as reflected in the international marketplace. Any revenue generated by the fuel charge pays fuel suppliers and transporters; utilities are not allowed to earn a profit on fuel costs. On your bill, fuel appears as a separate cents per kilowatt-hour charge.

Each year, utilities file their projected fuel costs for the upcoming calendar year. The FPSC, along with the Office of Public Counsel and other consumer representatives, closely examine the utilities' requested fuel costs. Public hearings are held to set the annual fuel factors. Since rates are set on projected costs, at the end of the year, the costs are "trueed-up" or compared to the audited actual expenses incurred by the utility. Any over or under recovery from the utility's actual costs will be reflected in next year's costs. The fuel cost adjustment is recognized by state commissions, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and is also used by most municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives.

On December 6, 2022, the FPSC set the 2023 fuel charge for the customers of FPL after carefully considering testimony and evidence on its projected costs at a public hearing.

Below is a breakdown of FPL-NW residential customer bills for 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity prior to January 2023, as well as bills effective January 2023.

TOTAL MONTHLY BILL - RESIDENTIAL SERVICE - 1,000 KILOWATT HOURS
January 2023

<u>Present</u>	Florida Power & Light Company (former Gulf Power)
<u>September - December 2022</u>	
Base Rate Charges	\$75.82
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause	\$34.87

Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$1.34
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause	\$2.99
Capacity Cost Recovery Clause	\$2.39
Storm Damage Cost Surcharge	\$11.00
Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$2.14
Asset Securitization Charge	N/A
Transition Rider/Credit	\$21.06
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$4.00

Total **\$155.61**

<u>Revised</u>	Florida Power & Light Company (former Gulf Power)
<u>January 2023</u>	
Base Rate Charges	\$80.11
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause	\$37.45
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$1.22
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause	\$3.12
Capacity Cost Recovery Clause	-\$1.97
Storm Damage Cost Surcharge	\$11.00
Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$3.82
Asset Securitization Charge	N/A
Transition Rider/Credit	\$16.85
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$4.00
Total	<u>\$155.60</u>

<u>Increase / (Decrease)</u>	Florida Power & Light Company (former Gulf Power)
Base Rate Charges	\$4.29
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause	\$2.58
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	-\$0.12
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause	\$0.13
Capacity Cost Recovery Clause	-\$4.36
Storm Damage Cost Surcharge	\$0.00
Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$1.68
Asset Securitization Charge	N/A
Transition Rider/Credit	-\$4.21
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$0.00
Total	<u>-\$0.01</u>

During the fuel hearing, FPL indicated it will seek approval in late January 2023 to adjust fuel rates. Natural gas prices and resulting costs experienced in 2022 exceeded the revenues collected from customers and resulted in a significant under recovery.

You also requested competition in the electric industry in Florida. It would be up to the Florida Legislature to make changes in the Florida Statutes to allow competition within the electric industry in Florida.

Thank you for your comments. They will be added to the correspondence filed in the Fuel Cost Recovery Clause Docket No. 20220001-EI. If you have any questions or concerns please contact 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