

**Antonia Hover**

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**From:** Ellen Plendl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2023 4:29 PM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20230001  
**Attachments:** FW Hi sir; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

See attached customer correspondence and reply for Docket No. 20230001.

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2023 3:49 PM  
**To:** EOG-Referral  
**Subject:** FW: Hi sir

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:** James Karels <jameskarels60@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 15, 2023 5:20 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** Hi sir

Hello sir I recently moved to the state of Florida after being medically discharged from the army after 13 years served honorably. My wife is a ed nurse who is currently working in California. My neighbor is prior service, Navy, and an older gentleman. He brought to my attention that Florida power and light are bringing higher increased payments due to unforeseen costs to Florida residence. I was curious if your office could look into this as it affects many Florida residents for higher payments to these companies. As you and your colleagues are aware inflation is hitting many family's hard and this is just more money coming out of hard working Americans pockets.

Sincerely James A Karels

Sent from my iPhone

Please note that under Florida law correspondence sent to the Governor's Office, which is not confidential or exempt pursuant to chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, is a public record made available upon request.

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**From:** Shonna McCray  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2023 4:25 PM  
**To:** 'jameskarels60@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Ellen Plendl  
**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. James A. Karels  
[jameskarels60@gmail.com](mailto:jameskarels60@gmail.com)

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1413755C

Dear Mr. Karels:

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 "trued-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**

<b><u>Present</u></b>	Florida Power & Light Company (former Gulf Power)
<b><u>September - December 2022</u></b>	
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
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$155.61</u></b>

<b>Revised</b>	Florida Power & Light Company (former Gulf Power)
<b>January 2023</b>	
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
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$155.60</u></b>

<b>Increase / (Decrease)</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>-\$0.01</u></b>

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.

Thank you for your comments. They will be added to the correspondence filed in the Fuel Cost Recovery Clause Docket No. 20230001-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