

Antonia Hover

From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:52 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20230001
Attachments: FW Electric RATE increase; FW this governor is in charge of florida public services commission; FW DUKE RATE INCREASEDECLARED DIVIDENS 2023.; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

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

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 8:56 AM
To: EOG-Referral
Subject: FW: Electric RATE increase

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: David Firkins <firkeyd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 7:31 AM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Electric RATE increase

Constituent message:

1. **Name**
David Firkins
2. **Email Address**
firkeyd@yahoo.com
3. **Phone Number**
4324888120
4. **Subject**
Electric RATE increase
5. **Message**
The vultures are circling again. Social Recipients receive 8.7% increase then everyone starts increasing prices and not only eradicate the 8,7% but normally exceed the amount of the increase which puts the recipient in a negative posture. Housing increases, groceries increase, fuels increase, taxes increase, insurances increase, medical cost increase, and I can go on and on. All of the sudden that 8.7% + has turned into a 8.7+ loss. Now the electric companies want in on the act, requesting anywhere from 10 to 20% to offset the cost of damages due to the recent hurricane. This is no different than me having an accident in my vehicle and demanding my neighbor pay my deductible. I can't believe this is happening. People say well it's only \$20 or \$30 dollars per month difference it makes my stomach turn. If all providers get a \$20 bump then the recipient takes the hit and loses spending power. Let the electric companies pay their own way and for once leave us alone.
6. **Attach file (optional)**

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:00 AM
To: EOG-Referral
Subject: FW: this governor is in charge of florida public services commisssion

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From: M.C. Rice <mikecharlieromeo09@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 1:14 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: this governor is in charge of florida public services commisssion

they approved another increase of power tax
how will elders pay for it
signed
mc rice
465 palm tree drive bradenton florida 34210
941 448 7113
mikecharlieromeo09@gmail.com

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:02 AM
To: EOG-Referral
Subject: FW: DUKE RATE INCREASE/DECLARED DIVIDENS 2023.

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From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 8:55 AM
To: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: FW: DUKE RATE INCREASE/DECLARED DIVIDENS 2023.

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Constituent message:

1. **Name**
David Firkins
2. **Email Address**
firkeyd@yahoo.com
3. **Phone Number**
4324888120
4. **Subject**
DUKE RATE INCREASE/DECLARED DIVIDENS 2023.

5. **Message**

Please do not approve a rate increase for duke energy until they suspend dividends for 2023 and use that money along with some of their massive retained earnings to rebuild their infrastructure. It's not fair that the general public pay for repairs when Duke is paying investors large annual sums of money and have a massive retain earning line.

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From: Shonna McCray
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:48 AM
To: 'jameskarels60@gmail.com'
Cc: Ellen Plendl
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Mr. M.C. Rice
jameskarels60@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1414156C

Dear Mr. Rice:

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 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> <u>September - December 2022</u>	Florida Power & Light Company
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	N/A

Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$2.14
Asset Securitization Charge	N/A
Transition Rider/Credit	-\$1.98
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$3.10
Total	<u>\$120.67</u>

Revised	Florida Power
January 2023	& Light Co.
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	N/A
Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$3.82
Asset Securitization Charge	N/A
Transition Rider/Credit	-\$1.58
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$3.22
Total	<u>\$125.39</u>

Increase / (Decrease)	Florida Power
	& Light Co.
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	N/A
Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$1.68
Asset Securitization Charge	N/A
Transition Rider/Credit	\$0.40
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$0.12
Total	<u>\$4.72</u>

FPL has filed for a Mid-course correction for fuel charges. Mid-course corrections are used by the Commission between annual fuel clause hearings whenever costs deviate from revenue by a significant margin. Cost recovery factors are usually effective for a period of 12 months. However, we require that if an investor-owned electric company's fuel or capacity cost recovery position is projected to exceed a specified range within the standard 12-month timeframe, then a filing and analysis into the continued reasonableness of the prevailing cost recovery factors must be performed. This requirement is codified by Rule 25- 6.0424, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and is commonly referred to as the "mid-course correction rule."

(Over or under collection is a credit or debit to the amount to be collected the next period (year). The total fuel factor may go up or down regardless of whether there was an over or under collection in the prior period.)

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

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From: Shonna McCray
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:51 AM
To: 'firkeyd@yahoo.com'
Cc: Ellen Plendl
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Duke Energy Florida

Mr. David Firkins
firkeyd@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1414155C

Dear Mr. Firkins:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email including concern about Duke Energy Florida (DEF) 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.

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

Below is a breakdown of DEF 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>	Duke Energy
<u>September - December 2022</u>	Florida
Base Rate Charges	\$80.91
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause	\$44.69
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$2.83
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause	\$0.28
Capacity Cost Recovery Clause	\$11.81
Storm Damage Cost Surcharge	\$0.00

Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$3.00
Asset Securitization Charge	\$2.65
Transition Rider/Credit	N/A
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$3.85
Total	<u>\$150.02</u>

<u>Revised</u>	Duke Energy
<u>January 2023</u>	Florida
Base Rate Charges	\$81.46
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause	\$59.61
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$3.20
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause	\$0.22
Capacity Cost Recovery Clause	\$13.28
Storm Damage Cost Surcharge	\$0.00
Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$4.14
Asset Securitization Charge	\$2.65
Transition Rider/Credit	N/A
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$4.34
Total	<u>\$168.90</u>

<u>Increase / (Decrease)</u>	Duke Energy
	Florida
Base Rate Charges	\$0.55
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause	\$14.92
Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause	\$0.37
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause	-\$0.06
Capacity Cost Recovery Clause	\$1.47
Storm Damage Cost Surcharge	\$0.00
Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery	\$1.14
Asset Securitization Charge	\$0.00
Transition Rider/Credit	N/A
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	N/A
Gross Receipts Tax and Regulatory Assessment Fee	\$0.49
Total	<u>\$18.88</u>

For Duke the Regulatory Assessment Fee has been removed from base rates and clauses and is included on bills with Gross Receipts Taxes, effective 2022.

Duke's 2023 base rates represents a weighted average; the December - February bill is \$89.39; the March - November bill is \$78.82. $((\$89.39 \times 3) + (78.82 \times 9)) / 12 = \81.46

Natural gas prices and resulting costs experienced in 2022 exceeded the revenues collected from customers and resulted in a significant under recovery.

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