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## **Yvette Gillespie**

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 8:09 AM

**To:** Consumer Correspondence **Subject:** Docket No. 20230001

**Attachments:** FW: Immediate Action Required: Protect Floridians from Rising Energy Costs; Consumer

Inquiry - Fuel Cost Adjustment

See attached customer correspondence and reply for Docket No. 20230001

## **Yvette Gillespie**

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2023 7:55 AM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: Immediate Action Required: Protect Floridians from Rising Energy Costs

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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: kburns@everyactionadvocacy.com <kburns@everyactionadvocacy.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 4:29 PM

To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: Immediate Action Required: Protect Floridians from Rising Energy Costs

Dear Governor Ron D. DeSantis,

I write to you today as a concerned resident of Florida and an active member of the climate activist community in our state. We are facing a grave issue that demands your immediate attention: the relentless utility price hikes inflicted by utilities such as FPL, Duke Energy, and TECO. It is imperative that you take swift and decisive action to regulate these unjustified increases and shield Floridians from further financial hardship.

Florida is already burdened with exorbitant property insurance rates and surging housing costs - most people can't afford double-digit utility rate increases. The unchecked and relentless utility rate hikes requested by these monopolies only compound the struggles faced by individuals and families across our state. What exacerbates this injustice is the fact that these monopolies continue to amass record profits while Floridians are left grappling with the consequences.

As Commissioners of the Public Service Commission, you bear the responsibility to be the voice of the people and the guardian of their rights. We demand that you fulfill your duty by taking immediate and concrete steps to regulate utility prices, ensuring they remain fair, affordable, and sustainable for all Floridians. By implementing effective regulation, you possess the power to prevent further price spikes and shield our communities from the detrimental impact of these monopolistic practices.

I implore you to heed our call for action without delay. By regulating utility spikes, you can profoundly impact the lives of countless Floridians, particularly the most vulnerable among us.

Time is of the essence, and we eagerly await your immediate response and firm commitment to protecting the interests of Floridians. Let us work together to create a brighter and more equitable future for our beloved Sunshine State.

Sincerely, Karolyn Burns

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## **Yvette Gillespie**

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 8:04 AM

**To:** 'kburns@cleoinstitute.org'

**Subject:** Consumer Inquiry - Fuel Cost Adjustment

Ms. Karolyn Burns kburns@cleoinstitute.org

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1421656C

Dear Ms. Burns:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), Duke Energy Florida (DEF) and Tampa Electric Company (TECO) 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.

We appreciate you sharing your views and will add your correspondence to Docket No. 20230001 regarding the fuel cost adjustment.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

Ellen Plendl
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