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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 11:09 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20210015  
**Attachments:** FPL Fines on People Who Can't Afford to Air Condition Their Homes

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20210015.

Thank you!

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Dear Florida PSC Commissioner:

I'm 67yo with no social security and a pittance of income.

I noticed that my overall electric bill increased by 1/3 so I called Florida Power & Light and they informed me that my connection fee went from \$9.00/month to \$25.00/month **because I don't use enough electricity**. That's an increase of 270% over my previous base connection fee... **If I use the amount of electricity that they decide the monthly fine is waved!** I'm being fined because I can't afford to air condition my home and for saving electricity.

This is the opposite of what the electric companies have been telling me my entire life. "TURN OUT THE LIGHTS, KILL A WATT "... "UNPLUG VAMPIRE APPLIANCES"... "BUY ENERGY SAVING APPLIANCES..." . I did and so they changed the rules with the blessing of the Florida Public Service Commission and are punishing me for it.

I spoke with an attorney who was at the hearing where y'all agreed that FPL can fine customers for not giving them enough money. This attorney told me that the hearing centered around "snowbirds" and your commission gave no consideration to poor Floridians who can't afford to air condition their homes.

I got a window unit for the really hot days BUT that just increased my bill even more because I still don't meet the electric usage requirements by FPL to avoid the fine. So I now I can't use my window AC unit.

FPL scammed y'all into allowing them to FINE POOR PEOPLE, people of conscience and those with solar panels on their homes. This has little to do with "snowbirds" and a lot to do with FPL targeting people that they don't like.

Sincerely,  
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