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Subject: FW: Legislative Letter in Opposition to FPL Rate Hike Request
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Good Morning, Representative Eskamani.

We will be placing the Florida State House District members' comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250011, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

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Dear PSC Commissioners,

We write to you today to express our strong opposition to Florida Power & Light's (FPL) proposed rate increase, which would place an undue financial burden on Florida's residents at a time when many are already struggling with the rising cost of living. This proposal, one of the largest rate hikes in Florida's history, warrants serious scrutiny, and we urge the Commission to prioritize consumers in its decision-making process.

Please see the attached letter with additional details. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator Carlos Guillermo Smith | State Senate District

Representative Anna V. Eskamani, PhD | State House District 42

Representative Lindsay Cross | State House District 60

Representative Rita Harris | State House District 44

Representative Angie Nixon | State House District 13

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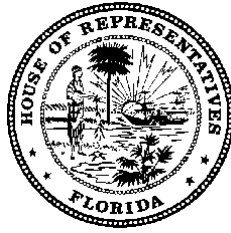
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Subject: Opposition to Florida Power & Light (FPL) Proposed Rate Increase

March 11, 2025

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We write to you today to express our strong opposition to Florida Power & Light's (FPL) proposed rate increase, which would place an undue financial burden on Florida's residents at a time when many are already struggling with the rising cost of living. This proposal, one of the largest rate hikes in Florida's history, warrants serious scrutiny, and we urge the Commission to prioritize consumers in its decision-making process.

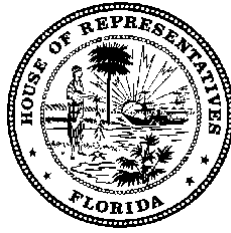
While Florida has traditionally maintained relatively low utility rates compared to other states, it is important to consider the state's high energy burden. Many Floridians, especially seniors on fixed incomes, working families, and vulnerable communities, are already facing significant financial strain due to skyrocketing housing costs, rising property insurance premiums, inflation and on-going increases in electricity prices over the last few years.

These increases have been especially pronounced in the Panhandle where customers of FPL Northwest Florida saw bills rise 64% in 2021 - 2023 while the rest of FPL customers saw a 51% increase in that period. In January 2022, FPL was approved for \$4.86 billion in additional costs to customers by 2026 which was decried by public interest advocates as "the highest rate increase in U.S. history".

Just recently, FPL was approved for a \$1.2 billion charge for storm restoration costs - \$113.5 million for Hurricane Debby, \$157.8 million for Hurricane Helene, and \$811.1 million for Hurricane Milton. Additionally, FPL is ranked by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy ranks FPL 52 out of 53 in offering efficiency programs which if offered, could help customers save money.

This proposed increase will only exacerbate these challenges, making it even more difficult for residents to afford basic necessities.

Energy is an essential service, and affordability for Florida's consumers should be at the forefront of policy decisions regarding utility rates. Florida's Public Service Commission has an obligation to ensure that the rates imposed on consumers are fair, justifiable, and reflective of actual need rather than excessive corporate profits. We urge you to scrutinize FPL's request and to consider alternative solutions that do not disproportionately burden everyday Floridians.



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Floridians deserve an energy system that prioritizes and protects them—not just utility shareholders. We respectfully request that the PSC reject or significantly modify FPL’s proposal to ensure that consumers are protected from unsustainable and excessive rate hikes.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and we look forward to your careful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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