

**Antonia Hover**

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**From:** Ellen Plendl  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 8:28 AM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No 20250014  
**Attachments:** Re: SSUP Program; FW: PSC/FPL/SSUP - Underground Powerlines; FW: PSC/FPL/SSUP - Underground Powerlines; FW: Request for Inclusion of Lauderdale By The Sea in the SSUP Program; FW: Urgent Request: Inclusion of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea in SSUP Program; FW: PCS/FPL/SSUP

See attached customer correspondence for Docket 20250014.

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**From:** John Graziano <JohnG@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 3, 2025 5:01 PM  
**To:** Cassandra Williams  
**Subject:** Re: SSUP Program

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Please respond ...

Thank you,

JOHN

John A. Graziano

Commissioner

Town of Lauderdale By The Sea

Cell: 518-466-2345

On Jan 6, 2025, at 3:18 PM, John Graziano <JohnG@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov> wrote:

Hi,

I recently was provided a FPL flyer by a resident and my reading suggests that the work plan is approved by your agency(FPSC) in order to be placed on the neighborhood program replacing overhead power lines with underground lines to improve reliability in good wether and bad. We also became aware that Pompano and Lighthouse Point are or soon will be placed on the list for neighborhoods that data suggests are vulnerable.

Is the SSUP designed to be a FPSC list determined by and implemented after review of FPL data. If that is the case please accept LBTS's application for inclusion so our vulnerable neighborhoods can be considered. If however the list is strictly controlled by FPL please influence that company to include all vulnerable neighborhoods that make applications and provide sufficient data to prove its acceptability in the program as i assume Pompano and LHP did.

John A. Graziano

Commissioner

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On Jan 6, 2025, at 10:21 AM, Ken Rubach <kenr@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov> wrote:

This is the response I received.

[Ken Rubach](#)

[LBTS Deputy Town Manager](#)

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**From:** Cassandra Williams <CaWillia@psc.state.fl.us> **On Behalf Of** Consumer Contact

**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2025 10:02 AM

**To:** Ken Rubach <kenr@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov>

**Subject:** RE: SSUP Program

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01/06/2025

Dear Mr. Ken Rubach,

This is to acknowledge your communication regarding Florida Power & Light Company. Thank you for sharing your concerns. We have forwarded your information to Florida Power & Light Company and requested they contact you regarding the SSUP Program.

Sincerely,

John Plescow  
Regulatory Program Administrator  
Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach

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**From:** Ken Rubach <[kenr@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov](mailto:kenr@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2025 9:25 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact <[Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US](mailto:Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US)>  
**Subject:** SSUP Program

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Good Morning,

The Town has spoken with FPL over the past several years regarding this program and the Town wanted to know if there was anything additional we can do to be considered for line undergrounding in our community. Our neighboring communities Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach both have had work done under this program. This is an item of great interest to both our residents and our Commission given we are on a barrier island. If there is any information, I can provide you or if there is an additional process we need to follow please let me know.

Regards,

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025 2:21 PM  
**To:** Ellen Plendl; DBPR, Citizen Services  
**Subject:** FW: PSC/FPL/SSUP - Underground Powerlines  
**Attachments:** Membership Form 2025.docx

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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. FYI

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn  
Office of Citizen Services  
Executive Office of the Governor

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**From:** Joanne Radmand <jmradmand@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2025 4:05 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: PSC/FPL/SSUP - Underground Powerlines

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kym Miranda <[mirandakym@yahoo.com](mailto:mirandakym@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** March 19, 2025 at 2:45:34 PM EDT  
**Cc:** [mirandakym@yahoo.com](mailto:mirandakym@yahoo.com), John Graziano <[johng@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov](mailto:johng@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fw: PSC/FPL/SSUP - Underground Powerlines

Bel-Air Neighbors,

I'm sending this request to all neighbors for which I have an email, regardless if you are in the Residents Civic Association.

At our Annual Meeting on March 13th, I mentioned that Commission Graziano included me on an email he sent to our Governor with copies to our local legislators. Many of you expressed that you would like to see our powerlines buried. Please read the email below. Either forward it as is to the individuals below OR copy, paste and edit as you see fit and send it up north.

There is power in numbers and if we barrage Tallahassee, perhaps we will see results. Many thanks.

Kym Miranda

President, Bel-Air Residents Civic Association.  
954.494.7474

PS - if you would like to join or rejoin the Association, the form is attached!

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** John Graziano <[johng@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov](mailto:johng@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov)>

**To:** [GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com) <[governorron.desantis@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:governorron.desantis@eog.myflorida.com)>

**Cc:** Jason Pizzo <[pizzo.jason@flsenate.gov](mailto:pizzo.jason@flsenate.gov)>; Chip LaMarca <[chip.lamarca@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:chip.lamarca@myfloridahouse.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2025 at 04:54:27 PM EDT

**Subject:** PSC/FPL/SSUP

Hi,

Once again I am requesting help to include our barrier island, Lauderdale be the Sea(LBTS)be include on the eligible list of the Public Service Commission's SSUP program for weather enhancements and underground power facilities.

This is a state program that the FPL has co-opted from the STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION to accept participants or not. Your agency is to protect our residents and municipalities whereas FPL is to enhance their bottom line .Proof of FPL's control of this program was when KEN Rubach the LBTS Deputy Town Manager wrote to the head of the Public Service Commission requesting inclusion on the eligible list. The response to this inquiry came from FPL saying that we will not be placed on the eligible list as it is for municipalities that have data supporting need for inclusion.

As a Commissioner of LBTS I have written to ask if the surrounding municipalities had to meet such scrutiny and if they have data on our vulnerability to be excluded or included on the list. The response has not been specific only that you have to be on the eligible municipal list to be included in the SSUP program.

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We desperately need your help from your office to be included on the eligible list before weather proves the need and we have not had the opportunity to safeguard our community as our surrounding municipalities.

John A. Graziano

Commissioner

Town of Lauderdale By The Sea

Cell: 518-466-2345

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**I would like to renew or join the Bel-Air Residents Civic Association (2025)  
\$50.00 – Annual dues**

Additional Donations are always welcome!

My check for the amount due of \$50.00 is made out to Bel-Air Civic Association.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ (important so we can update you).

Board Members:

Kym Miranda – President – [mirandakym@yahoo.com](mailto:mirandakym@yahoo.com)

Olivia Angeli – Treasurer – [oangeli16@gmail.com](mailto:oangeli16@gmail.com)

Dana Turnbull - [roosturnbull@verizon.net](mailto:roosturnbull@verizon.net)

Orazio Spagnardi – [notorious4dreaming@gmail.com](mailto:notorious4dreaming@gmail.com)

Stay informed by attending local Commission meetings. Access the following link for all your LBTS government information: <https://www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov>

Find out about events in town my visiting [www.discoverlbts.com/events](http://www.discoverlbts.com/events). And, get discounts and local info at the Visitor’s Center (4201 N. Ocean Dr.).

Also, our local Town Topics is now virtual. Click on the link for your “what’s happening news” in LBTS!  
<https://www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov/566/Stay-Connected>

***Stay connected on our Facebook page by joining the “Bel-Air Neighborhood” Facebook group.***

**We want your feedback and suggestions please!**

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**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2025 10:15 AM  
**To:** Ellen Plendl  
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**From:** Svetlana Miroshnichenko <mdsvetlana2000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2025 7:51 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Cc:** pizzo.jason [flsenate.gov](http://flsenate.gov) <pizzo.jason@flsenate.gov>; Lamarca, Chip <Chip.LaMarca@myfloridahouse.gov>  
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Commissioner  
Town of Lauderdale By The Sea  
Cell: 518-466-2345

Dear Mr.Graziano,

Thank you for taking the time to write the letter and for your dedication to serving our community. I appreciate your leadership and the efforts you make to address the concerns of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Svetlana G Miroshnichenko

2036 Tropic Isle

Lauderdale by the sea, Fl 33062

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2025 2:00 PM  
**To:** Ellen Plendl  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Inclusion of Lauderdale By The Sea in the SSUP Program

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**From:** George Beebe <vetechgeorge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 7:34 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com; pizzo.jason [flsenate.gov](mailto:pizzo.jason@flsenate.gov) <pizzo.jason@flsenate.gov>; Lamarca, Chip <Chip.LaMarca@myfloridahouse.gov>  
**Cc:** johng@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov; Kym Miranda <mirandakym@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Request for Inclusion of Lauderdale By The Sea in the SSUP Program

Dear Governor Ron DeSantis,

I hope this message finds you in good spirits. My name is George Beebe, and I live in Lauderdale By The Sea at 2049 Tropic Isle. I am writing to you with a heartfelt request for assistance regarding the inclusion of our beloved barrier island in the Public Service Commission's SSUP program, which focuses on weather enhancements and the improvement of underground power facilities.

As you may be aware, this program, taken over by FPL from the State Public Service Commission, raises significant concerns about the criteria for eligibility. While I appreciate FPL's operational goals, it is crucial that the needs of our community and all municipalities are given equal weight. Recently, Ken Rubach, our Deputy Town Manager, reached out to the Public Service Commission, but we were informed that our request for inclusion was met with the stipulation that eligibility is contingent upon data demonstrating our need.

I cannot help but wonder if neighboring municipalities encountered similar challenges when pursuing their eligibility, and whether there is data available regarding our vulnerability in comparison. It appears that being on the eligible municipal list is a barrier to accessing the SSUP program, which raises concerns for all of us who call Lauderdale By The Sea home.

Being surrounded by municipalities like Pompano Beach, Lighthouse Point, and Fort Lauderdale, we experience the same weather challenges and vulnerabilities, especially when it comes to our aging power infrastructure. Since moving to our community in 2020, I have witnessed several distressing electrical failures, including transformer malfunctions that have led to power outages and even fires in our area. These incidents have caused damage to our homes and appliances and heightened our worries about the reliability of the services we depend on.

While I understand that FPL provides surge protection for a monthly fee, I feel that addressing the critical issue of infrastructure repair must take precedence over placing the burden on residents, many of whom are already managing

significant utility costs. During a recent service visit from an FPL technician, I was reassured that funding for upgrading the underground powerlines has been allocated and is simply waiting for scheduling, which gives me hope.

That said, I kindly ask for your compassionate support in advocating for the inclusion of Lauderdale By The Sea in the eligible list for the SSUP program. The safety and well-being of our community depend on this initiative, and it is vital that we receive the same opportunities for protection and enhancement as our neighbors.

Thank you for your attention to this matter that weighs heavily on the hearts of many in our community. I genuinely appreciate your guidance and support as we work together toward a brighter, safer future.

Warm regards,

George Beebe  
Bel-Air resident  
(C) 215-498-3717

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**From:** Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 4:19 PM  
**To:** Ellen Plendl  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent Request: Inclusion of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea in SSUP Program

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**From:** Kathy Schottke <tenaciousspirit@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 3:56 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Cc:** pizzo.jason [flsenate.gov](mailto:pizzo.jason@flsenate.gov) <pizzo.jason@flsenate.gov>; Lamarca, Chip <Chip.LaMarca@myfloridahouse.gov>  
**Subject:** Urgent Request: Inclusion of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea in SSUP Program

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to urgently request your support in including Lauderdale-by-the-Sea (LBTS) on the eligible list for the Public Service Commission's Storm Secure Underground Program (SSUP) for weather enhancements and underground power facilities.

As you know, the SSUP program is a state initiative designed to strengthen power infrastructure against severe weather. However, Florida Power & Light (FPL) appears to have significant control over participation, which raises concerns about fairness and transparency. This was made evident when our Deputy Town Manager, Ken Rubach, inquired with the Public Service Commission about our inclusion, only to receive a response—not from the Commission itself—but from FPL stating that LBTS does not qualify. Their reasoning? A lack of data proving our need, despite the fact that other nearby municipalities have been included.

As a long-time resident and taxpayer of LBTS, I have sought clarity on whether surrounding municipalities—such as Pompano Beach, Lighthouse Point, and Fort Lauderdale—were subjected to the same level of scrutiny. To date, I have not received a clear answer.

This exclusion is deeply concerning. LBTS is a vulnerable barrier island, surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. Our weather conditions are identical to those of our neighboring municipalities, yet our aging power infrastructure is even more at risk. It is unacceptable that we should be left out of a critical program designed to enhance safety and reliability.

I urge your office to take immediate action to ensure LBTS is included on the SSUP eligibility list. We cannot afford to wait until a devastating storm proves what we already know—that our community needs protection. Our neighboring municipalities have been given the opportunity to safeguard their residents, and we deserve the same.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and to working together to protect our community.

**Best regards,**  
Kathy Schottke

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**From:** Shirley Pigott <shirleypigott@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 3:23 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Cc:** pizzo.jason [flsenate.gov](http://flsenate.gov) <pizzo.jason@flsenate.gov>; Lamarca, Chip <Chip.LaMarca@myfloridahouse.gov>; John Graziano <johng@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov>; Kym Miranda <mirandakym@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** PCS/FPL/SSUP

Governor DeSantis,  
My husband and I are long-time residents of Lauderdale by the Sea and we fully support John's efforts to get our power lines/equipment updated. They look dangerous and fragile and although we have not had a hurricane in the last 7 years, our power has gone out regularly due to lines down/equipment failures. Our cost of insurance may be impacted by the sad state of our power system and if a storm hits, the damage will be even more costly. Please help us safeguard our Power and our Homes!

Sincerely,  
Shirley Pigott

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