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Hello:

My name is Sandra Remilien. I am a resident of Florida. I live in North Miami, Florida. I was born in Miami, Florida. The threat of hurricanes is a part of my life living in Florida. I lived through the very destructive category 5 Hurricane Andrew in 1992. My family and I survived Hurricane Andrew, but part of our home was destroyed. After Hurricane Andrew, I experienced what it was like to not have electricity for a few days. After Hurricane Andrew, FPL said it would make improvements to prepare for hurricanes and to prevent blackouts. I thought that Hurricane Andrew would be the last time that I did not have electricity. However, since Hurricane Andrew, Florida has been hit by several hurricanes and I experienced several days with no electricity after those hurricanes.

Hurricane Irma hit Florida 25 years after Hurricane Andrew hit Florida and despite raising the price of our electricity after Hurricane Andrew, Florida Power & Light (FPL) did not do anything to prevent blackouts or downed power lines. After more than two decades, people who live in Florida and I still experience blackouts in Florida after hurricanes. Since Hurricane Andrew, FPL has not invested in critical infrastructure to prevent blackouts and downed power lines after hurricanes. Since Hurricane Andrew and Hurricane Irma, FPL has not diversified its energy sources, decreased its use of methane and to increase its use of renewable energy.

FPL has increased the cost of our electricity since Hurricane Andrew and now FPL wants to increase our electricity. FPL proposed a \$5 billion rate hike which is the largest rate hike in United States history. That \$5 billion rate hike will increase the light bill of 12 million Florida residents by an average of about \$200 over the next four years.

The temperature in Miami Dade County was so hot last year that I could not go outside without a hat and water to drink. The temperature in Miami-Dade County is so hot this summer that I cannot go outside without a hat and water. I use electricity because I need electricity to read, write, to stay warm in the winter and to stay cool in the summer and to do other things. As the temperature in Florida gets hotter, Florida residents use more electricity which increases FPL's profits, but puts more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere making climate change worse.

Inflation has caused the price of groceries to increase, but instead of making electricity less expensive, FPL wants residents in Florida to have higher electricity bills.

My family and people who live in Florida are paying \$400 more for electricity than they paid five years ago and sadly, some families have had their electricity turned off because they cannot pay their light bill. If FPL raises the price of electricity, families in Florida will experience more blackouts because of the higher cost of electricity.

Moreover, FPL ranked next to last for energy efficiency. FPL ranked 52 out of 53 for energy efficiency in the Environmental Protection Agency's ranking of large energy producers. FPL is not energy efficient, but FPL wants to raise the price of electricity for Floridians. Florida residents have one of the highest monthly light bills and energy efficiency can reduce our electricity bills, but FPL is not prioritizing energy efficiency. FPL does not care about energy efficiency and FPL has tried to mislead Florida residents. FPL funded a 2016 constitutional amendment which would have prevented homes who use solar energy from being subsidized by homes without solar energy.

FPL is not reliably serving the growing population of Florida.

Do not allow FPL to raise the prices of electricity for residents in Florida like I.

Sincerely,

Sandra

