



Florida Public Service Commission RATE CASE OVERVIEW

DECEMBER 2024

Petition for Rate Increase

Florida Public Utilities Company

DOCKET NO. 20240099-EI

On August 22, 2024, Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC or Utility) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission or PSC) for a rate increase. FPUC's electric division currently provides electric service to 33,100 customers in two distinct service areas; the Northeast Division (Fernandina Beach, Florida) and the Northwest Division (Marianna, Florida).

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Why is FPUC requesting a rate increase?

FPUC is requesting a rate increase to recover the cost of operating the Utility and allow FPUC an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its investment.

2. When was FPUC's last approved rate increase?

FPUC's last rate case was in 2014 (Docket No. 20140025-EI).

3. Is there an opportunity for public input on this rate case?

Yes. As part of the evaluation process of FPUC's rate increase request, Commission staff will conduct in-person service hearings to allow feedback about FPUC's quality of service and the rate setting process. Comments will be reviewed before the Commission reaches a decision. Commissioners will attend and participate during the service hearings.

Customers who wish to speak at the in-person service hearings may register upon arrival at the venues. All persons who wish to comment in-person are urged to appear promptly at the scheduled times because the service hearings may be adjourned early if no customers are present to testify or when those present have testified. Please note that the order in which customers will speak is based on the order in which they sign-up. If you have questions about the sign-up process, please call (850) 413-7080.

4. Can I obtain more information online?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Click on Clerk's Office then Dockets. Type in the docket number 20240099.

In-person Service Hearings

Wednesday, December 04, 2024
1:00 p.m. EST

City Hall, City of Fernandina Beach
204 Ash Street
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

Wednesday, January 08, 2025
1:00 p.m. CST

Jackson County Agriculture Complex
and Conference Center
2741 Penn Ave, Suite 3
Marianna, Florida 32448

5. What if I cannot attend the in-person service hearings or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any interested person who wants to comment or provide information to the Commission regarding this matter may do so orally in-person service hearings or in writing.*

Written comments should be mailed to:

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

The PSC will also accept emailed comments at: clerk@psc.state.fl.us

Please be sure to include the docket number, **20240099-EI**

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Comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider FPUC's quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, contact the PSC's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at (800) 342-3552.

6. How much is the interim and proposed monthly bill for a FPUC residential customer using 1,000 kWh?

The interim monthly bill for a FPUC customer using 1,000 kWh is \$169.06. The proposed monthly bill for a FPUC customer using 1,000 kWh would be \$161.66.

7. Who provides legal representation for customers in utility related matters before the Public Service Commission?

The Office of Public Counsel was established by the Florida Legislature to advocate on behalf of you and the other utility customers before the Commission and other state and federal regulatory authorities. The Office of Public Counsel is independent from the Commission, and accountable only to the people of the State of Florida through the Florida Legislature. You can reach the Office of Public Counsel at (800) 342-0222 or www.floridaopc.gov.

8. Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Ailynee Ramirez-Abundez
Quality of Service and Engineering
(850) 413-6974

Corey Hampson/ Sevini Guffey
Rates and Charges
(850) 413-6676/ (850) 413-6204

Devlin Higgins
Accounting
(850) 413-6433

For legal questions, contact:

Suzanne Brownless
(850) 413-6218

9. How can I follow the service hearings and Commission Conferences?

You can watch the service hearings and Commission Conferences live from the PSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Look for the "Watch Live and Archived PSC Events" icon on the left side of the webpage. An audio only option is available by dialing (850) 413-7999. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the PSC by using the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

10. When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on March 14, 2025. The Commissioners are expected to vote at the March 20, 2025 Special Commission Conference.

If cancelled, notice of customer meeting cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website, (www.FloridaPSC.com), under Hot Topics found on the home page.

Cancellation can also be confirmed by contacting the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

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FPUC Residential Bills at Various Usage Levels

	As of August 1, 2024	Interim Rates November 1, 2024	Proposed Final Rates ^[2]
1,000 kWh			
Base Rate Charges	\$40.68	\$43.68	\$ 58.59
Fuel Charge	\$102.59	\$102.59	\$ 75.05
Other Charges ^[1]	\$18.56	\$18.56	\$ 23.98
Gross Receipts Tax	\$4.15	\$4.23	\$ 4.04
Total	\$165.98	\$169.06	\$161.66
1,500 kWh			
Base Rate Charges	\$60.12	\$64.55	\$86.59
Fuel Charge	\$160.14	\$160.14	\$118.83
Other Charges ^[1]	\$27.84	\$27.84	\$35.97
Gross Receipts Tax	\$6.36	\$6.47	\$6.19
Total	\$254.45	\$259.00	\$247.58
2,000 kWh			
Base Rate Charges	\$79.55	\$85.42	\$114.59
Fuel Charge	\$217.68	\$217.68	\$162.60
Other Charges ^[1]	\$37.12	\$37.12	\$47.96
Gross Receipts Tax	\$8.57	\$8.72	\$8.34
Total	\$342.92	\$348.94	\$333.49
3,000 kWh			
Base Rate Charges	\$118.42	\$127.16	\$170.59
Fuel Charge	\$332.77	\$332.77	\$250.15
Other Charges ^[1]	\$55.68	\$55.68	\$71.94
Gross Receipts Tax	\$13.00	\$13.22	\$12.63
Total	\$519.87	\$528.83	\$505.31

^[1] Other charges include the energy conservation cost recovery charge, storm recovery surcharge, and storm protection charge.

^[2] Includes Commission-approved 2025 fuel and other charges.

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