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September 13, 2004

R. Wade Litchfield, Esquire Florida Power & Light Company Post Office Box 14000 Juno Beach, Florida 33408-0420

#### Re: Docket No. 041057-EI

Dear Mr. Litchfield:

This will acknowledge receipt of a petition for approval to establish as regulatory asset any costs charged to Account No. 228.1 in excess of Storm Reserve, by Florida Power & Light Company, which was filed in this office on September 9, 2004, and assigned the above-referenced docket number. Appropriate staff members will be advised.

Mediation may be available to resolve any dispute in this docket. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to an administrative hearing. For more information, contact the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6248 or FAX (850) 413-7180.

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From:Consumer ContactSent:Thursday, September 16, 2004 8:43 AMTo:Consumer ContactSubject:E-Form Other Complaints - 14568

#### TRACKING NUMBER - 0014568 September 16, 2004

#### SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number: Business Account Name: Name: Laurie Hiemenz Address: 10701 Gardenwood Rd. City: Orlando Zip: 32837

#### **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Name: Laurie Hiemenz Address: 10701 Gardenwood Rd. City: Orlando State: FL Zip: 32837 Primary Phone: 407/ 856-3898 E-mail: RLMEH4@yahoo.com Contact By: E-mail Address

#### **COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Utility Name: EI801 Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

Did customer previously contact the utility?: First, I want to thank all the power company workers for all their hard work throughout the multiple hurricanes in Orlando and the cleanup. They were great! I understand that Progress Energy is asking for an increase in the rates they will charge us. I acknowledge that repairs have been costly, and they have used up their emergency reserves. But.... so have we. We have used up our emergency reserves, too. It has been very costly to consumers- residents and businesses alike. We don't have any surplus with which to pay higher energy costs. I believe that there was recently an increase in our rates. Also, I was without power for 66 hours (not including on/off flashing power), but my power bill was no lower than previously. Progress Energy should replenish their reserves the way I'll be doing it-slowly and over time. They have not lost much, if any, income and our bills continue to come. Please, do not approve Progress Energy's request for rate increases. Let residents recoup their losses after these horrible weeks without power, without work (and income), and with all the stress we've had. Thank you! Laurie Hiemenz Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

#### **PROBLEM INFORMATION**

Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: First, I want to thank all the power company workers for all their hard work throughout the multiple hurricanes in Orlando and the cleanup. They were great! I understand that Progress Energy is asking for an increase in the rates they will charge us. I acknowledge that repairs have been costly, and they have used up their emergency reserves. But.... so have we. We have used up our emergency reserves, too. It has been very costly to consumers- residents and businesses alike. We don't have any surplus with which to pay higher energy costs. I believe that there was recently an increase in our rates. Also, I was without power for 66 hours (not including on/off flashing power), but my power bill was no lower than previously. Progress Energy should replenish their reserves the way I'll be doing it- slowly and over time. They have not lost much, if any, income and our bills continue to come. Please, do not approve Progress Energy's request for rate increases. Let residents recoup their losses after these horrible weeks without power, without work (and income), and with all the stress we've had. Thank you! Laurie Hiemenz

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From:Consumer ContactSent:Thursday, September 16, 2004 10:11 AMTo:Consumer ContactSubject:E-Form Other Complaints - 14572

#### TRACKING NUMBER - 0014572 September 16, 2004

#### **SERVICE ADDRESS**

Account Number: Business Account Name: Name: Beth Vanderwerken Address: 2355 Bayhill Drive City: Viera Zip: 32940

#### **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Name: Beth Vanderwerken Address: 2355 Bayhill Drive City: Viera State: FL Zip: 32940 E-mail: bvanken@cfl.rr.com Contact By: E-mail Address

#### **COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Utility Name: EI802 Florida Power & Light Company Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

#### **PROBLEM INFORMATION**

Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: As a consumer, I want to voice my opinion with you to NOT allow FP&L to increase their rates to us! Hard times follow everyone - both consumers and the business. We are not able to bill someone for our hard times due to these storms, hence they should not be allowed either. Thank you for your time.

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From:Consumer ContactSent:Friday, September 17, 2004 4:39 PMTo:Consumer ContactSubject:E-Form Other Complaints - 14618

### TRACKING NUMBER - 0014618 September 17, 2004

#### SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number: Business Account Name: Name: Don Brashear Address: 19 Barton Ave City: Rockledge Zip: 32955

#### **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Name: Don Brashear Address: 19 Barton Ave City: Rockledge State: FL Zip: 32955 Primary Phone: 321-961-6133 Secondary Phone: 321-961-6133 Contact By: US Mail

#### **COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Utility Name: EI802 Florida Power & Light Company Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

#### **PROBLEM INFORMATION**

#### Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: Florida Power and Light is seeking a rate increase stating they have depleted their emergency funds I oppose that increase for the following reasons. 1. FPL, in the past 5 years since Floyd, has done little or nothing to remove tree branches encroaching on their power lines. Had this been performed at least 50 % of the downed power lines would have never happened. 2. FPL is being reimbursed for all monies paid to out of area workers by FEMA. Thus this is a temporary fund shortage. 3. FPL has not considered burying existing power lines, as they do in new neighborhoods, Should they make this investment it will pay for itb self with in a reasonable period of time. 4. In the 5 years since Floyd FLP has not had any major damage but has not decreased our rates. 5. To my knowledge nowhere in the proposed rate increase does it state that once the emergency funds have been replaced the rates will return to the current rate. 6. FPL should not be allowed to dip into their customers pockets because of a hurricane. Any other business that has attempted this in Florida has been branded a price gouger and

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been made to stop, is FLP above this law?

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#### 041057 SEP 17 AM 10: 18

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Just got over 5 days without electricity. Threw out \$325.00 worth of food 14 have to think how much lower we can go on your "priority" list. I guess we were higher up on Florida Powers "priority" list - we were never without power for more than 1 day and never threw out food in the 34 years we've lived here.

We live in a small neighborhood and I watched 4 of my immediate neighbors get back power the first day they were out. I guess they were higher up on your "priority" list. I would appreciate being added to their grid.

No one around here even saw a power truck for days. Were you even in Pinellas County the first few days? There were no trees down and no lines down in our neighborhood. It would be interesting to know just how long it took to get our power back on once you got around to it.

My daughter on Indian Rocks Beach and sister who lives 1 mile away were without power 5 days also, threw food away also and are not any happier than I am. From what I read in the paper and heard on the internet no one in Pinellas is very happy. Its funny the phones never stopped working.

Your customer service people told me to collect for our food from our insurance. Only trouble is our deductible is more than the food so now who pays for it? You??

Now you are talking sur-charge. I think you can get it from the bonuses of those that mis-managed this so called hurricane. Bring back Florida Power!

I'm sending the Public Service Commission a copy of this letter. By the way - is it true about Salt Rock Grill??

Lynda Bryant



Ms. Lynda L. Bryant 14887 Brewster Dr. Largo, FL 33774

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From:Consumer ContactSent:Sunday, September 19, 2004 12:49 PMTo:Consumer ContactSubject:E-Form Other Complaints - 14639

#### TRACKING NUMBER - 0014639 September 19, 2004

#### SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number: Business Account Name: Name: david rose Address: 5021 tangerine ave City: winter park Zip: 32792

#### **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Name: david rose Address: 5021 tangerine ave City: winter park State: FL Zip: 32792 Contact By: US Mail

#### **COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Utility Name: EI801 Progress Energy Florida, Inc. Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

#### **PROBLEM INFORMATION**

#### Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: i wanted to let you know i am against letting the electric companies increase rates due to the storms. i understand everyone is lossing money from the storms but us homeowners are incurring enough costs already. letting the utilities increase rates is just putting more expenses on us and i believe if you let progress enegry increase tier rates they will maintain these rate inceases even after they have made up the loses they incured due to the storms.

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From:Consumer ContactSent:Saturday, September 18, 2004 2:58 PMTo:Consumer ContactSubject:E-Form Other Complaints - 14632

### TRACKING NUMBER - 0014632 September 18, 2004

#### SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number: Business Account Name: Name: james ashley Address: 3991 23rd. ave. no. City: st. petersburg Zip: 33713

#### **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Name: james ashley Address: 3991 23rd. ave. no. City: st. petersburg State: FL Zip: 33713 E-mail: jwa505@aol.com Contact By: E-mail Address

#### **COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Utility Name: EI801 Progress Energy Florida, Inc. Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

#### **PROBLEM INFORMATION**

Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: It does not seem right that the rate payer should be resposible for the overtime, travel, perdium costs to bring in out of state crews to trim the trees after the past hurricanes. Before Florida Power was sold, they did not trim trees for over 5 years to make the books look better --now its our problem ?

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From:	Stormfield [helios@mw.cx]			
Sent:	Saturday, September 18, 2004 7:56 AM			
To:	Consumer Contact			
Subject: Rate Increases? Please say no.				

Dear PSC,

I have been watching the news reports where it is stated some companies may be raising their rates to cover costs.

I have a comment.

For many years now, FPC, now Progress Energy, and FPL have not maintained properly the tree growth under and next to the utility poles/wires.

Yes, they pay someone to periodically cut that growth back.

I live in Orange County, grew up in Seminole County and have watched this for years. The power companies used to keep the growth cut back...but that was many years ago after Donna.

When maintenance occurs, the growth, directly under the wires, is not cut back to the ground. Large trees are allowed to grow right next to the wires and poles so that when a strong storm comes along the trees break and fall on the wires. This has a tendency to cause problems.

It doesn't matter much as long as we do not have strong storms and they've gotten off light all these years cutting that expense corner.

They should use the money they saved by improper maintenance to pay for the cost.

I have pointed this problem out to Progress Energy's engineering department and customer service (I was polite about it otherwise I would never have gotten through to engineering) the last three times there was maintenance in the area and was told that would be the problem of the company (Ferran's) they hired to do the growth maintenance since that company had the contract to do the work. I said, but if you pay them for shoddy work and do not insist they do it right, then you are encouraging them to do the job half-way and when you have to send the big green trucks out it *does* increase your overhead.

They should not be so complacent about something so fundamental to their business.

In the more rural areas, it would be to their advantage if the tree cuttings were mulched on the spot and that mulch placed on the ground directly under the wires in a width of several feet to inhibit future growth...*that* would cut cost in the long run. It would also be a step towards taking responsibility to prevent certain avoidable damage in a strong storm.

Best Regards,

Miriam Williams

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#### Kay Flynn

From:Consumer ContactSent:Friday, September 17, 2004 10:23 AMTo:Consumer ContactSubject:General Comment/Question

September 17, 2004

Contact Information:

Name: James Dobay Company: Primary Phone: (561) 964-3366 Secondary Phone: NA E-mail: dobay@bellsouth.net

Comments:

I think that the PSC should not grant FPL a rate increase to cover Hurricane costs. They have been making huge profits over several years. I think it would be unfair to the small business that are going to suffer greatly due to the storms and they can n ot raise their prices or they will go out of business.

To grant a rate increase would not be prudent at this time

No response is necessary

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#### Kay Flynn

To: Tim Devlin; Dan Hoppe

Subject: RE: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

I'll put them in the correspondence files for those dockets. I thought they might relate to the dockets, whether or not the dockets were actually for rate increases.

Thanks.

From: Tim Devlin Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 3:12 PM To: Dan Hoppe Cc: Kay Flynn Subject: RE: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

Probably. Kay, I think Dan is right. And John's answer should also be part somehow.

From: Dan Hoppe Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 2:50 PM To: Tim Devlin Subject: RE: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

Tim..these complaints are a result of those dockets! Shouldn't they go in those docket files? Isn't that what Kay is asking?

From: Tim Devlin Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 2:40 PM To: Dan Hoppe Subject: FW: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase Importance: High

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From: John Slemkewicz Sent: Monday, September 20, 2004 3:31 PM To: Kay Flynn Cc: Jennifer Brubaker; Tim Devlin; Marshall Willis Subject: FW: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase Importance: High

At this point in time, neither FPL nor PEF has requested any type of rate increase related to the Hurricanes. The two dockets deal with the recording of the costs related to the damage from the hurricanes. There is no open docket regarding a rate increase for FPL or PEF that I am aware of. There may be some talk of FPL and PEF coming in to seek some sort of relief, but nothing has been filed. There is a lot of confusion out there regarding this.

From: Kay Flynn Sent: Monday, September 20, 2004 3:17 PM **To:** Jennifer Brubaker; John Slemkewicz **Subject:** FW: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

Jennifer and John, please see the attached e-mails from consumers. Are the "rate increases" referred to in the e-mails a part of the Dockets 041057 and 041085, or some other dockets?

Kay

From: Ruth McHargue Sent: Monday, September 20, 2004 3:08 PM To: Kay Flynn Subject: FW: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

Docket correspondence

From: Diana Falise Sent: Monday, September 20, 2004 8:41 AM To: Ruth McHargue Subject: Re: FPL and Progress Energy rate increase

# Robert P. Rait

9704 NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Sunrise Florida 33351 USA

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Phone: 954-746-0046 Fax: 954-572-3872 Email: robert@rait.cc

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To: The Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 1-800-342-3552 RE: Florida Power and Light Storm recovery increase.

Dear Commissioners;

I recently read that FPL will be seeking increases to cover their expenses for the recent hurricanes to hit our state.

As a resident of the state of Florida, I do not object to such an increase and understand the need.

"HOWEVER". I do object to the method and plan for their recovery.

- 1. I would be willing to add more per month to my bill to speed the recovery under the condition that this was done as a temporary increase.
- 2. FPL must show due diligence in their efforts to improve the system, and make innovations to prevent future outages and protect the system.
- 3. Power grids should be shut off when storms reach certain levels. This is done in the Caribbean to reduce destruction of transformers and protect the population. I have seen their system recover much faster than ours because they loose less equipment. I realize that people would not be happy sitting in the dark during a storm, but would they rather be without power for a few hours or a few weeks. I too would not like my power turned off, yet I am willing and understand the sacrifice needed to save the equipment and lives.
- COM 4. FPL must become more proactive versus reactive. Currently they react CTR well. I believe there must be other ways to save the system then just trimming trees. ECR |

#### GCL We can put people on the moon. Why can't hold up to a hurricane? OPC Respectfully:

Robert Rait MMS RCA SCR SEC OTH

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#### Kay Flynn

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From:Ruth McHargueSent:Thursday, September 23, 2004 3:30 PMTo:Kay FlynnSubject:FW: E-Form Other Complaints - 14653

Please add to docket file 041057

From: Diana Falise Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2004 3:16 PM To: Ruth McHargue Subject: FW: E-Form Other Complaints - 14653

From: Consumer Contact Sent: Monday, September 20, 2004 1:38 PM To: Consumer Contact Subject: E-Form Other Complaints - 14653

#### TRACKING NUMBER - 0014653 September 20, 2004

#### SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number: Business Account Name: Name: Duane Bumgardner Address: 1613 SW Balmoral Trace City: Stuart Zip: 34997

#### **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Name: Duane Bumgardner Address: 1613 SW Balmoral Trace City: Stuart State: FL Zip: 34997 Primary Phone: 772-463-3330 Secondary Phone: 772-287-1459 E-mail: dbumgard@elliottmicroturbines.com Contact By: E-mail Address

#### **COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Utility Name: EI802 Florida Power & Light Company Did customer previously contact the utility?:

Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

#### PROBLEM INFORMATION

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Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: I oppose any rate increase on the part of FP&L due to costs of restoring electric power due to hurricanes. Sound business practice should have considered the probability of incurring these costs periodically.

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From:Ruth McHargueSent:Thursday, September 23, 2004 3:25 PMTo:Kay FlynnSubject:FW: E-Form Other Complaints - 14677

Please add to docket file 041057

From: Consumer Contact Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2004 9:27 AM To: Consumer Contact Subject: E-Form Other Complaints - 14677

#### TRACKING NUMBER - 0014677 September 21, 2004

#### SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number: Business Account Name: Name: Lloyd Cornelius Address: 66 Merrywood Cir City: Ormond Beach Zip: 32174

#### **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Name: Lloyd Cornelius Address: 66 Merrywood Cir City: Ormond Beach State: FL Zip: 32174 E-mail: road-art@cfl.rr.com Contact By: E-mail Address

#### **COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Utility Name: EI802 Florida Power & Light Company

Did customer previously contact the utility?: I live in Ormond Beach Florida and we were without power for a total of 14 days during Hurricane Charley and Frances. During this time there was a commercial advising that the repairs would not cost the FPL customers any money.....now they are going to raise the power rates. That is unfair and unethical. They should eat the cost and move on. The upper administration should not get bonuses this year which would probably save missions. As with any business, they need to take to good times and the bad. Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

#### **PROBLEM INFORMATION**

#### Problem Type: Other Complaints

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#### Kay Flynn

From:	Ruth McHargue
Sent:	Wednesday, September 29, 2004 9:34 AM
To:	Kay Flynn
Subject:	FW: General Comment/Question

Please add to the docket file. Thanks

-----Original Message-----From: Consumer Contact Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2004 8:20 AM To: Ruth McHargue Subject: FW: General Comment/Question

re: FPL docket 041057-EI

-----Original Message-----From: Consumer Contact Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2004 1:38 AM To: Consumer Contact Subject: General Comment/Question

September 29, 2004

**Contact Information:** 

Name: Maria Bustamante Company: Florida Power & Light Co Primary Phone: 305 207-6691 Secondary Phone: E-mail: alicebustamante@aol.com

Comments:

Fpl has done a very good job of restoration after all the storms that we have experienced in the last two months and now it looks as the storm fund has depleted. I have a suggestion. FPL has about 4.2 million customers.

Instead of a rate hike, why not a one time charge of maybe \$1.00. I'm sure most of us wouldn't have a problem with this. This can replenish the storm fund.

I don't have an email address so I am putting down my daughters' . Please reply to it.

Thank you,

Maria

Yes, I wish to be contacted

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#### **Matilda Sanders**

From:Consumer ContactSent:Thursday, September 30, 2004 1:02 PMTo:Consumer ContactSubject:E-Form Other Complaints - 14904

#### TRACKING NUMBER - 0014904 September 30, 2004

#### SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number: Business Account Name: Name: Nina Mencarini Address: 12 Maple Street City: Flagler Beach, Florida Zip: 32136

#### **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Name: Nina Mencarini Address: 12 Maple Street City: Flagler Beach, Florida State: FL Zip: 32136 Primary Phone: 386-439-0801 E-mail: ed\_nina@bellsouth.net Contact By: E-mail Address

#### **COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Utility Name: EI802 Florida Power & Light Company Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

#### PROBLEM INFORMATION

#### Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: Recently, I heard that FPL was going to ask for a rate increase in lieu of these recent hurricanes. My main complaint is that I see Contract Crews from out state not putting lights on but doing maintenance repairs. I want to stress that I think that is obsured. The repairs will be charged to a storm account (specifially for the hurricanes) and will be tax right off for FPL. Why do they need a rate increase for this. Just today I was driving down my street and saw a crew from Texas working on pulling old rotten polls, that I know for a fact have been sitting in the grown for 5 years now. For 5 years our lights have flicker on and off to the point of it being a natural occurance. We have called FPL and still the problem persits. We have had to replace the electronic control componet on our Convection Oven twice because of the electric surges. Why are contract crews from out state doing maintenance and not putting peoples electric on. Why has FPL NOT don! e maintenance on their lines before now. Why can't FPL cut down a tree if it has fallen on untility lines. I am discussed with FPL and their lack of

continuity of service. The last rate increase was rediculas enough. Why are they doing rate increases when most of the jobs are contracted out. And where is the money going that they are earning from farming out their work and the de-relulation of the transmission lines. Why are my rates going sky high when the CEO is putting 9 million or better in his pocket annually. Several years ago My husband retired from FPL. He got a package deal where they were going to cover his health insurance for life if he retired when they asked him to, so he did he was 57 at the time. Two years ago they notified him by mail saying he would now have to pay medical insurance premiums if he wanted to stay insured under the FPL umbrella. He now pays \$78.00 monthly to keep his health insurance he is 68. How is it that this company can r! enig on a signed contract deal with hundreds of retired employees. FP L has let all of their customers down over the last 8-10 years. We get less and less and it costs more and more.

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#### 1) FPI

I have lived in central Florida for over 40 years. All this time, FPL has known that underground utilities would solve most of our problems. However, they have not invested a dime in upgrading existing areas with underground utilities.

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FPL has already said that they would ask YOU for yet another rate increase. You have the power to force FPL to include a provision for setting aside a small protion of their profits for upgrading existing areas. THIS IS THE TIME TO SHOW EVERYONE WHO YOU REPRESENT, the utilities or the people. 

#### 2) Cingular

During the hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, Cingular towers were out of order most of the time and we have had the BEST reception EVER. With Cingular we are lucky to have one or two bars; without Cingular we have ALL the bars. Do us all a favor and require Cingular to improve their serve or use AT&T towers. Again, THIS IS THE TIME TO SHOW EVERYONE WHO YOU REPRESENT, the utilities or the people.

#### Dan Strank drstrank@aol.com ank@aol.com

#### Matilda Sanders

**Consumer Contact** From: Wednesday, October 06, 2004 10:26 AM Sent: To: Consumer Contact Subject: E-Form Other Complaints - 15008

### TRACKING NUMBER - 0015008 October 06, 2004

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#### SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number: Business Account Name: Name: Leo/Jean Kiffner Address: 939 S Courtenay Pkwy City: Merritt Island Zip: 32952

#### CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: Leo/Jean Kiffner Address: 939 S Courtenay Pkwy City: Merritt Island State: FL Zip: 32952 Contact By: US Mail

#### **COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Utility Name: EI802 Florida Power & Light Company Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

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#### **PROBLEM INFORMATION**

Problem Type: Other Complaints Complaint Detail: FP&L has a contract of the second Complaint Detail: FP&L has a contract with Asplundh Tree Service to cut limbs interfering with power lines. Asplundh "BUTCHERED' trees in MY yard and then left the trash in MY yard to clean up. Asplunddh is responsible for their own trash and should clean it up. FP& L says they don't have to clean up because of the recent hurricane. This is wrong!! I know you will not do anything about it, but when FP7L asks for a rate increase I sincerely hope you deny it. You gave NUI their rate increase and my bills doubled for natural gas and a company down the street had their bill halved.

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#### **Matilda Sanders**

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#### ARTHUR CARL HASPEL 1814 NE MIAMI GARDENS DRIVE PMB 701 NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, 33179 CELLULAR (954) 205-6304

September 22, 2004

Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, FI, 32399-0850 SEP 27 2011

Planda Public Sui vice Commissium Division of RCA

Re: Florida Power and Light

Dear Commission Member,

We have had a terrible few weeks in Florida with all the hurricanes which passed through our state and the destruction which has effected all of us.

Florida Power and Light with the assistance of crews from multiple power companies across the US have done a bang up job restoring electric service to the over 2,000,000 users whose power was abruptly cut off due to the storms.

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One of my business was damaged and there has been destruction of equipment, facility and a loss of sales and hence income.

During one television news programs, there was a statement to the effect, the costs for reconstruction of the power lines will surpass the amount of money which FPL has placed aside for repairs. The figure which was given was, if I remember it correctly over \$24,000,000.00 I can image how massive the costs will be and have been for repair after 3 hurricanes. The program went further into the story and indicated FPL would be approaching the Public Service Commission to allow them to surcharge each CMP user to rebuild the fund and pay off the additional debt which came to fruition from the COM massive destruction. CTR I, as a citizen and a payer to FPL for its monopolist rights beseech you, not to allow this ECR additional pass through to occur. The electric power companies in this state are really GCL an oligopoly. OPC I am also in a sense paid by a monopoly in my field of business. I can not request from MMS them any increase to help me to rebuild my business and to offset the destruction of my RCA assets. Their response is the fees to my companies business are set, and I have to assume any loss which takes place. SCR SEC

OTH \_\_\_\_\_\_Perhaps FPL should have taken out catastrophic insurance,,, instead of being "self \_\_\_\_\_\_\_insured", they would have lost premium dollars, but not have to worry about the risk.

Additionally, if there would have been hurricanes this season, and nor for the next few seasons, would they ceased to collect the funds which they were stockpiling (creating an company asset) and returned the funds back to the customers who had paid the excessive funds to them, or would they have only issued a credit to the current users rather then those who paid the funds?

FPL is a publicly traded company on the stock exchange, any loss should reflect in their stock as a decrease in total stockholder equity, rather than a mechanism to increase the net worth of the stock company by increasing the user fees.

I hope this will be taken into consideration, when they ask for either special fees or special assessments against each account holder. If it is placed into effect, I hope you as a commission will place it based upon usage of account and not just against an account number. A company like Marriott Hotels, or a University definitely uses more power then I do, and yet if it is levied against the account equally, I would be paying a far greater percentage then either of the two above mentioned entities, yet they would utilized much more power then I ever could.

Sincerely **ARTHUR HASPEL** 

#### Matilda Sanders

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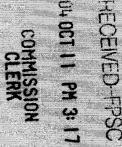
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Dear Commission,

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We have lived in Jupiter Farms, Florida for eight and one half vears and always had electrical problems with F.P.L. Our electric blinks off and on at lease once a month if not more. Other times it just goes off, sometimes up to one hour. When I called FPL one time I received the must asinine answer. The reason for my lights blinking on and off was squirrels are running on the wires which causes the circuit breakers to reset. Not that FPL does not trim branches away from the wires, so went the wind blows the branches the electricity is cut off. I also called FPL one time when our electricity was off for over one half hour to report the outage and the person to whom I was talking to asked me if I were sure because no one else reported the outage. Now tell me if that was not a stupid reply.

My husband heard that FPL's request for their increase has been turned down. (FOR NOW)

Why should we have to get another increase on our eletric bill to help FPL recover their loses. They are a company that has share holders and as we understand their share holders get stock dividend checks. If FPL loses money they should show a lose like every other big corporation. If Ford or General Motors loses money they raise the price of their cars. We the public have right to check out other car companies when purchasing a car. But with FPL we have no rights. Tell the CEO's of FPL not to increase their income

for a few years. FPL has poor management. Show FPL they can't keep asking for increases everytime they have to spent a few bucks to recover their bad management loses. Remember JUST SAY NO! What happened to free enterprise.

I am keeping a record, everytime the lights go off or blink off and on. You will probably get another letter with my record of electrical failures. I just had to let you know what I think of FPL, a company that I did not choose and getting bad service. I don't know how much influence you have on FPL's management but CMP \_\_\_\_\_\_ needs to be investigated.

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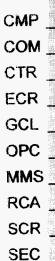
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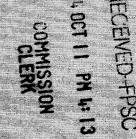
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Florida Public Santice Commission Division of RCA

Mr. Kim W. Richardson 1028 NE 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave Okeechobee, Fl 34974 (863) 357-4656 Home

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RCA \_\_\_\_\_ SCR \_\_\_\_\_ SEC \_\_\_\_\_ OTH To Whom It May Concern.

This is a two-part complaint against FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT.

First to start with is the estimated bill FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT sent out regarding my bill for their socalled service! Their explanation was that their meter readers were assisting with the clean up efforts of Hurricane Frances. The estimated bill was for the amount of \$146.48. One would think they would take you billing history, total the bottom line, and divided by twelve months or in our case, nine months. Not FP&L, they take the highest month and add \$16.00 plus dollars for their estimate, if this not fraud, it is at least a scam! One I guess our states current governing body concurs with.

\*Info: 624507C

Second, is their boasting of their own self imposed deadline for full restoration! They have stated that they beat their restoration deadline for all paying customers in the PALM BEACH POST, RAIDO, and now on TELEVISION, (dollars spent that should be kept for better programs, one comes to mind, STORM RESTORATION). Florida Power & Lights Key Stone Cop approach to storm restoration should not be tolerated by the customers and certainly not the states governing body. To start with I would hope a survey of some kind would be held. A good place to start would be with contractors and other Power Companies who worked down here under FPL's management's skit team. In speaking with some of the workers from out of state, you would not believe some of the disturbing stories I myself and others have heard. Our nation's effort in Vietnam was pitiful, but their attempt with storm restoration rates right there with that nightmare. Now the newspapers report that they are planning an appeal to the Florida Public Service Commission for a rate hike to pay for their blunder and cost of the restoration of service. Amassing concept! From the numbers I read from past annual reports they need to secure these dollars from their bottom line number. Stop the 3 / 5 % pay raises along with the massive bonuses to management they seem so eager to hand out, and get back to serving the public, just a thought!

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Right before Pike came into our area for restoration efforts I noticed that one of the legs feeding my service had pulled in the clear. Instead of call their 800's and local numbers (which were under staffed) I climbed the stub poll and reconnected the service it myself. At least it is done, no waiting period!



**FPSC-COMMISSION CLERK** 

#### **Matilda Sanders**

From:Ruth McHargueSent:Tuesday, October 12, 2004 10:59 AMTo:Matilda SandersSubject:FW: E-Form Outages - 15139

Please add to docket file. Thanks

From: Consumer Contact Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2004 10:58 AM To: Ruth McHargue Subject: FW: E-Form Outages - 15139

To CCA: re FPL Docket 041057-EI. FYI: I filed information request 624380C.

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Diana

From: Consumer Contact Sent: Monday, October 11, 2004 11:52 PM To: Consumer Contact Subject: E-Form Outages - 15139

#### TRACKING NUMBER - 0015139 October 11, 2004

#### SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number: 561 622-3456 816 0459 Business Account Name: Name: Ben Henry Address: 126 Lost Bridge Dr City: Palm Beach Gardens Zip: 33410 Service Phone: 561-622-3456

#### CUSTOMER INFORMATION

COM	Name: Ben Henry
	Address: 126 Lost Bridge Dr
CTR _	-City: Palm Beach Gardens
ECR 1	State: FL
	Zip: 33410
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- SCR Utility Name: TL720 BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
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Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

#### PROBLEM INFORMATION

Problem Type: Outages Complaint Detail:

What type of outages have you experienced? Extended

Approximate shortest time of an outage: 3days

Approximate longest time of an outage: 6 days

Approximate number of outages in the past 30 days: 2

Approximate number of outages reported in the past 30 days:

Date the utility stated the outage would be repaired: 09/11/2004

#### **Complaint Details:**

Our phones went dead during both Hurricane Frances and Jeanne. Service was not restored for 5 days during Frances and 3 days during Jeanne.

We live 3/4 mile from the frame/DSLam office. The lines are fiber optic to a converter outside our development and copper to the house which is 3 streets into the development. All lines are underground. There are 416 homes here, all without phones during and long after the hurricanes.

Bellsouth refused to tell me what the reason for bad service was. One person from the corporate office said, when I did not get a satisfactory answer and I said I'd pursue an answer "I'm sure you will." Her supervisor said "You and I do not have the credentials to understand the reason." That represents the cavalier corporate attitude.

I had a serious medical emergency and wanted to reach emergency rescue during the first night of "Frances" but was unable to. (Cellular was also out).

I think Bellsouth is too reliant on FPL and is negligent in failing to provide standby power.

I am requesting that you do not allow Bellsouth to receive any rate increases and a rollback of fees for a substantial amount of time as punishment for the punishment they have meted on their customers and for the condescending way they treat their customers.

My phone number is 561-622-3456 Thank you.

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#### Kay Flynn

From: Sent: To: Subject: Consumer Contact Thursday, October 21, 2004 4:48 PM Consumer Contact General Comment/Question

October 21, 2004

Contact Information:

Name: frederick woodruff Company: none Primary Phone: 954-429-1683 Secondary Phone: none E-mail: fwoodruff@bellsouth.net

Comments:

Hello.

I usually dont do things like this but I gotta say something,F.P.L., wants a rate increase and they want us joe public to pay them for fixxing there equipment because of the hurricanes,well,thats just wrong,the electric bills are to high now and we the people having to pay them to fix there power lines and such is wrong,F.P.L. has gotten away with this type of money gouging for years I think it needs to be stopped,cost of doing business,cost of equipment repair is on them not us the public,we allready pay way to much to them for there service{I know I do what about you} have you looked at your'e electric bill latley it's scarry to me and now they want more you gotta be kidding.please tell them no.

No response is necessary

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Consumer Contact Friday, October 22, 2004 10:20 AM Consumer Contact Other

October 22, 2004

**Contact Information:** 

Name: Michael Hartley Company: Primary Phone: 954-971-0717 Secondary Phone: 954-491-5640 E-mail: mhartley@comsolusa.com

#### Comments:

I am writing you to vigorously oppose Florida Power and Light's request to recoup charges in excess of what has been accumulated in it's hurricane reserve fund. According to todays Sun-Sentinel, the shortfall is anticipated to be Approximately \$351M.

Although on the face of it this is a large sum, I would like to point out that it represents only just over ONE QUARTER's worth of earnings for the utility. With all due respect, business's frequently absorb unexpected expenses of that magnitude. I would also like to point out that the citizen's of this state have already offset approximately half of the anticipated costs through the funds that FPL has accumulated over the past decade to offset storm losses.

I find it hard to stomach that the public should have to completely shield and protect shareholders from any related losses when the company will still turn a healthy profit for the year. Absorbing this type of loss for what many experts, including Mr. Duhurst of FPL, argue is a "100 year event" seems to be a more than acceptable return on risked capital.

Aside from this, I would also like to request that you look at the age of the lines and other infrastructure that was destroyed. Even if they were not scheduled for replacement yet and were still functioning for power delivery and were up to date on maintenance, I am fairly certain that the majority of what was destroyed was not new either. If we are required to pay for their damages, it should only be at an amount that reflects the depreciated value of what has been destroyed. We should not be required to pay "in full" for FPL to replace aged equipment and infrastructure with brand-new. I am sure that FPL has taken the benefit of depreciation on it's income statement and replacement with new equipment at no real cost to the company would be patently unfair to the consumers of this state.

Thank you for your time. I hope that you will take these comments into consideration before rendering any decision in FPL's favor.

Yes, I wish to be contacted

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Consumer Contact Friday, October 22, 2004 3:37 PM Consumer Contact General Comment/Question

October 22, 2004

**Contact Information:** 

Name: Michael Poveromo Company: Primary Phone: 772-878-1552 Secondary Phone: E-mail: mpov147@aol..com

Comments: Dear Sir,

I heard on the radio this morning that FP&L is going to ask the Regulatory Commission for a rate increase due to the 650 million dollars incurred from the hurricanes our state suffered. This dollar needs to examined due to the fact of my first hand knowledge of out of state power crews doing maintenance work after Hurricane Jennie, that I reported back in June of 2004.

Thank You, Michael Poveromo Port St. Lucie, Fl.

Yes, I wish to be contacted

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From:Consumer ContactSent:Friday, October 22, 2004 8:01 PMTo:Consumer ContactSubject:E-Form Other Complaints - 15379

#### TRACKING NUMBER - 0015379 October 22, 2004

#### SERVICE ADDRESS

Account Number: Business Account Name: Name: Edward Rothberg Address: 926 Hamlin Drive City: South Daytona Zip: 32119

#### **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Name: Edward Rothberg Address: 926 Hamlin Drive City: South Daytona State: FL Zip: 32119 E-mail: erothberg@cfl.rr.com Contact By: E-mail Address

#### **COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Utility Name: EI802 Florida Power & Light Company Did customer previously contact the utility?: Did customer previously contact the PSC?:

#### **PROBLEM INFORMATION**

Problem Type: Other Complaints

Complaint Detail: I read that FPL is seeking a rate increase because their "reserve funds" have been depleted due to recent hurricanes. This increase should not be passed onto consumers whose "reserve funds" have been similarly depleted by these storms. Instead, federal disaster funds should be solicited for this purpose. FEMA has been supplying funds to individual homeowners and small businesses impacted by the storms; why shouldn't the utility companies be similarly funded? They had no way of anticipating 4 storms in one season.

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10/29/2004

From:Ruth McHargueSent:Monday, October 25, 2004 5:08 PMTo:Kay FlynnSubject:FW: FPL Storm Reserve: Docket 041057-EI

Docket correspondence

From: Diana Falise Sent: Monday, October 25, 2004 8:50 AM To: Ruth McHargue Subject: FPL Storm Reserve: Docket 041057-EI

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#### Matilda Sanders

From: Sent: To: Subject: PattiZellner Monday, November 08, 2004 4:14 PM CCA - Orders / Notices Order / Notice Submitted

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Please issue CONSUMMATING ORDER.

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