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Sent: Monday, July 08, 2019 8:10 AM
To: Adam Teitzman
Subject: FW: FPL machinations?!

Please place this on the correspondence side of the FPL Storm Docket, Docket No. 20180049-EI.
Thanks,
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Subject: Re: FPL machinations?!

I noted additional issues with FPL (attached documentation). Please continue to keep an extremely close eye regarding FPL machinations with these issues as FPL ratepayers should NOT be "footing the bill" on FPL and/or NextEra out-of-state investment strategies, solar power "monopolization" and "pollution" activities. FPL should be devoting all their energies in meeting and/or exceeding the 2017 National Electrical Safety Code® (NESC®) standards (which sets the ground rules and guidelines for practical safeguarding of utility workers and the public during the installation, operation, and maintenance of electric supply, communication lines and associated equipment) for storm hardening of the State of Florida electrical infrastructure. FPL should NOT be devoting all their energies requesting and lobbying for more storm hardening fees and rate increases that should have already been completed after both Hurricane Andrew (1992) and Hurricane Irma (2017).

I look forward to your offices taking the necessary actions to address hardworking taxpayers citizens' concerns from the City of Pompano Beach, Broward County, State of Florida. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,
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FPL objects to hearing request on solar program

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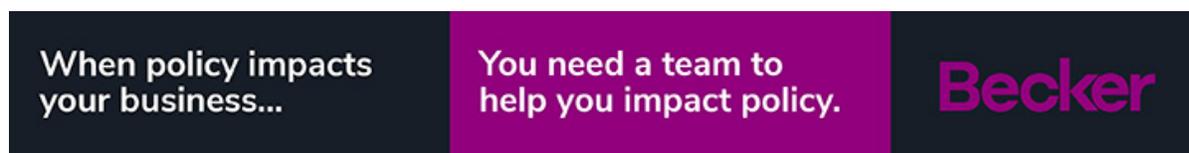
Calling arguments by the state Office of Public Counsel “premature, unnecessary and baseless,” Florida Power & Light is asking regulators to deny a request for an administrative hearing on a proposal that includes adding 20 solar-power plants.

The Office of Public Counsel, which represents consumers in utility issues, filed a request last month asking for a detailed hearing before the Public Service Commission decides whether to approve FPL’s proposed “SolarTogether” program.

Commission staff members are scheduled July 25 to make a recommendation about the proposal under a process that doesn’t require a full hearing.

After receiving the staff recommendation, the commission then could decide whether to approve the proposal.

FPL on Wednesday filed a nine-page document arguing that an administrative hearing at this point is unnecessary. It said, in part, the Office of Public Counsel could request a hearing in the future if it objects to the commission’s decision on the SolarTogether proposal.



“First, it is premature for OPC (the Office of Public Counsel) to conclude that its concerns will not be addressed,” the document filed Wednesday said. “It is possible that, based on the PSC’s (Public Service Commission’s) decision, no hearing will be desired or necessary. If, however, OPC still has objections after the commission issues the notice of its proposed agency action, and has adequately addressed conflicts in its role as counsel for all FPL customers, OPC will have a point of entry, i.e., the right to file a protest of the proposed agency action and request a hearing.”

In its request, the Office of Public Counsel pointed to the size of the proposed program and complex engineering and financial issues and said issues raised “have generated concern and interest from numerous persons and entities across Florida.”

FPL filed a petition March 13 seeking approval of the program.

The proposal, at least initially, seeks to build 20 solar plants that would generate 1,490 megawatts of electricity, with a projected cost of \$1.79 billion, according to the petition.

The filing said FPL projects long-term savings of \$139 million because the increased use of solar would allow it to avoid costs related to natural gas or other types of power plants.



Customers would be able to voluntarily participate in SolarTogether, paying a charge each month and receiving credits for savings produced by the program.

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