

**Brian Schultz**

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**From:** Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020 5:06 PM  
**To:** 'William Platt'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Stop the Electric Utilities' Boondoggle (Docket 20200092-E1)

Good Afternoon, William Platt

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200092-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz  
Commission Deputy Clerk II  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
850.413.6770

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From: AARP <aarpfl@aarp.org> On Behalf Of William Platt  
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 4:33 PM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: Stop the Electric Utilities' Boondoggle (Docket 20200092-E1)

Sep 22, 2020

Florida PSC PSC PSC  
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Dear Florida PSC PSC,

We are in the middle of a pandemic with unemployment rampant in our state. Right now, Floridians need help making ends meet paying day-to-day expenses, including rising healthcare costs and prescription drug prices, as well as increasing rents and food costs.

What Floridians do not need now is to pay for services that benefits no more than 5 percent of ratepayers.

Please note that I am AGAINST granting this increase.

My Provider is Florida Power and Light. Ref: docket number  
20200092-E1

I have "copied and pasted " the following correspondence I received from AARP. I agree totally with their stand on this issue.

Thank you.

William Platt

4510 Sheridan Avenue  
Miami Beach, FL 33140

Dear William

AARP has been closely following developments at the Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding Florida electric utilities' Storm Protection Plans (SPPs). Florida's for-profit monopoly utilities are using the opportunity and incentives provided by a recently-enacted SPP state law to make massive and largely ineffective investments in Florida's electric grid. The plans anticipate rate increases of \$18 to \$29 per customer, per month by 2029, though there is no way to measure post-storm restoration performance, and no way to hold utilities accountable for proposed improvements.

On Aug. 10, in rubber-stamp hearings which were part of rushed regulatory proceedings, PSC commissioners unanimously approved the four utilities' Plans (Florida Power & Light/FPL, Duke Energy Florida, Tampa Electric Company, and Gulf Power Company). AARP members should know these facts:

AARP estimates Florida electric customers will pay \$40 billion for the Plans by 2059, including an estimated \$12 billion in profits for utilities.

All customers will subsidize a tiny few. Despite the SPPs massive size, few customers will experience shorter storm-related outages. For example, just 4% of FPL's residential customers and 5% of Duke Energy's will get their overhead power lines undergrounded.

The Plans are not strategic, and do not consider any modern options for reducing grid dependence, like solar, batteries, or a more decentralized electricity system.

None of the SPPs complied with the PSC's own Rules (25-6-030) for such Plans.

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Sincerely,

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