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From: Jacob Veaughn
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:00 AM
To: 'kellysoluri@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Vote NO on Utility Rate Increases!

Good afternoon Kelly Soluri,
My apologies for responding with the incorrect docket number, this error has been corrected.
We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200015 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.
Thank you for your patience,

Jacob Veaughn

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From: Jacob Veaughn **On Behalf Of** Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 8:17 AM
To: 'Kelly Soluri' <kellysoluri@gmail.com>
Cc: Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: RE: Vote NO on Utility Rate Increases!

Good Morning, Kelly Soluri

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20210034 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

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From: Kelly Soluri <kellysoluri@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:20 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Vote NO on Utility Rate Increases!

Dear Florida Public Service Commissioners,

As a constituent, I am appalled at the idea that FPL will increase electricity rates for Floridians. Heat is one of the most deadliest forms of disaster and every year we are getting the hottest records broken consistently. Increasing the rates of electricity will lead to more people unable to use air conditioning. Especially in a time that the cost of living has increased so much, this bill will create an even larger burden on residents. The costs of this bill, quite literally, outweigh the benefits.

My own wellbeing and life style would be affected if this bill would be passed. I would need to turn off my air conditioning to save money on my utility bills. I may have to move to a cheaper area and because rent is cheaper in more inland and concrete-based places, the heat experienced is much higher and intense. Areas that have more built environment like concrete and streets instead of natural green and blue spaces are called urban heat islands. They create even more harsh conditions for people to be outside or without air conditioning.

Florida Power & Light (FPL) is planning to increase bills for their customers, which would impact us all. In addition to profiting off unsustainable global warming polluting energy resources, FPL was one of several power companies that resumed closing customer accounts due to non-payment during the second wave of the pandemic. The heatwave in the Pacific Northwest, the California wildfires, and the Texas freeze are the alarm bells of the climate emergency. In the midst of rising temperatures, due to climate change, disconnecting people from their electricity is a matter of life and death for many Floridians. We are demanding that Florida Power & Light halt this unjust and dangerous practice and that Florida's Public Service Commission require FPL to institute a disconnection policy during extreme heat/cold days, maintain fair rates for their consumers, and prioritize the communities that are hit the hardest and on the frontlines of the climate, pandemic, and economic crisis.

The climate crisis threatens everything that Floridians hold dear, including our parks, our beaches, and our drinking water. Yet, Florida's largest utility companies want to build even more dirty fossil fuel infrastructure and raise our power bills to pay for it. This will only make seas rise higher, storms get stronger and destructive, and days hotter and more dangerous.

Floridians are just beginning to recover from a pandemic that created financial hardships for countless families and businesses. But right now, FPL is attempting the largest rate increase in Florida history locking customers into higher bills by raising rates nearly 18-20%, increasing fees and minimum monthly bills, and denying customers helpful options to make bills more affordable. Approving a \$2 billion rate increase now creates a crisis within a crisis for so many Floridians and the Public Service Commission should reject these requests.

Please prioritize Florida families and vote NO to increasing utility rates!

Sincerely,
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