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From: Office of Chairman Clark
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 4:58 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Florida Power & Light
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Good afternoon,

Please place the attached letter in Docket No. 20210015.

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Dear Commissioners,

Please read the attached letter.

Thank you very much!

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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Florida Power & Light Request to Increase Rates (Docket No. 20210015-EI)

Dear Commissioners:

FP&L raised its fuel charge 18% in May 2021. While it proclaims it is producing more electricity by solar panels, why didn't the fuel charge go down? What is FP&L doing about climate change? Burning more fuel and cutting more trees that absorb CO₂. Oh, yes, it is using 25% more paper since February 2021.

I have had solar panels on my roof since August 2015. Because I am not allowed to be free-standing, I have a two-way meter. At the end of last year, FP&L credited me for the excess electricity my system had sent to the grid during the year. It credited me at \$0.015/kWh. Because it charges \$0.226/kWh, I essentially sent FP&L a free gift of \$63.00.

While Florida's per kWh rate may be competitive, it has among the highest average residential electric bills. (Out of 50 states, Florida is the 37th highest in residential electrical costs.) Florida also saw among the largest increases in bills (20%) according to a report issued July 2021 [<https://www.saveonenergy.com/learning-center/post/electricity-bills-by-state/>].

FPL continues to be the only major utility with no absolute carbon emissions reduction goals, instead committing only to a reduction of carbon "intensity." Ironically, NextEra (FPL's parent) invests in clean energy projects around the country.

Since the company is making a VERY good profit some 10+% on their investment, I can think of no good reason to approve an increase in the rates it charges its captive customers. My experience with FP&L is that it takes very good care of its investors and puts as pleasing a face on its exterior as creative advertising writers know how. FP&L could have been the leader in installing, maintaining, and improving solar energy. As far as I know, it has no research and development department. It could have been out renting roof space on large factories,

warehouses, MetroRail stations, garages, parking lots and putting up panels – rather than buying up agricultural land or oozing into the Everglades. It could have become the supplier, installer and maintainer of back-up solar batteries so that people would not be polluting our environment with fuel burning generators during times of lengthy blackouts. If there were enough batteries around, there would be no black-outs. [What need would there be for storm-strengthening poles and wires? What need would there be for massive structures carrying massive wires through the Everglades and by people's residences?]

Please do not approve any significant increase in FP&L's electrical charges. Please do not approve different rates for residential users and businesses. Please do not approve any measures that will discourage people from investing in solar panels and/or back-up batteries.

Thank you for your attention and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sally B. Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

P. S. South Miami has plans to put solar panels on all the City buildings that can support them. The City cars are hybrid, and the free within-City transportation is electric vehicles. The City has passed an Ordinance that requires new residences and ones that are being 75% remodeled to have solar panels on the roofs. There are other environmentally conserving actions that the City has already taken and will be taking.

To conserve paper, time, and postage, I will be sending this letter to each of your email addresses.