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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:01 AM

To: Consumer Correspondence **Subject:** Docket No. 20210015

Attachments: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; Fwd Consumer Inquiry - Florida

Power & Light Company; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; FW FPL; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; FY 2122-156 Referral from PSC

OIG; Re Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

See attached customer correspondence and FPSC replies for Docket No. 20210015.

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:00 AM

To: 'Judy Robbert'

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Judith Johns-Robbert judyjrobbert@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Johns-Robbert:

Thank you for your February 14 and February 16 emails. I appreciate you sharing your additional comments. I will include your feedback in Docket No. 20210015, regarding FPL's petition.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

From: Judy Robbert <judyjrobbert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:51 AM

To: Ellen Plendl

Subject: Fwd: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Dear Ms. Plendl,

I did not receive a response that you will also include my feedback from 2-14 regarding the Anti-Trust issues I have with FPL.

All prior email were confirmed by you as being forwarded onto the petition,

Regards,

Judith Johns-Robbert

----- Forwarded message ------

From: Judy Robbert < judyjrobbert@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 12:22 PM

Subject: Re: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

To: Ellen Plendl < <u>EPlendl@psc.state.fl.us</u>>

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From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:08 AM

To: 'lisa@knickweb.net'

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Lisa Knickerbocker lisa@knickweb.net

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1390232C

Dear Ms. Knickerbocker:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your email regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). The FPSC regulates investor-owned electric, and natural gas utilities throughout the state, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the FPSC. The FPSC has authority in the telephone industry which is limited to the Lifeline Assistance Program, Florida Relay Service, and pay telephone service. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

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Customers who are experiencing difficulty in providing payment on their account can contact the following resources for financial assistance:

- * Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program --- Tri-County Community Council, Inc. at 850-981-0036
- * Elderly Electric Assistance, which provides assistance for home-energy emergencies to qualified, low-income households with at least one person 60 years of age or older. To find out about qualifications, they may contact their county's local EHEAP agency, or by calling 1-800-963-5337.
- * Our Florida offers electric assistance. The program is administered by the Florida Department of Children & Families. You can learn more information about Our Florida assistance by using the following link:

https://www.ourflorida.com/

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Sincerely,

From: Governor's Office of Citizen Services <EOGCitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 8:58 AM

To: Ellen Plendl **Subject:** FW: FPL

Attachments: Screenshot_20220215-134750_Facebook.jpg; Screenshot_20220215-134758

_Facebook.jpg; Screenshot_20220215-134806_Facebook.jpg; Screenshot_20220215-134812_Facebook.jpg; Screenshot_20220215-134824_Facebook.jpg

Please find attached email received by the Governor's Office of Citizen Services. This email is forwarded to your office for review and any response or action appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

From: lisa < lisa@knickweb.net>

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:58 PM **To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com

Subject: FPL

Mr. Desantis,

As a retired military Republican family who voted for you we are puzzled. How did our wonderful state allow these crazy rate hikes by FPL to go forward? Single parents, low income and people living pay check to paycheck are scared. How many elderly will die this summer from heat stroke because they have to choose between eating and paying a power bill? My power bill was 200kwh less than my July bill and it was still 130\$ more. Some families are seeing a huge increase from 200\$ to 650\$. I have attached just one family's story that breaks my heart. There has to be a better solution for them. The FB page now has 8.2K members all with the same story off odd meter readings, higher usage than ever before, usage up when the breakers are off. I am asking that you please hear all of us and find a solution. FPL has been pointing the finger at customers. If the HB passes solar wont a more financial sound investment either. What is happening in our state?

Lisa Knickerbocker Navarre Florida

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note20 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

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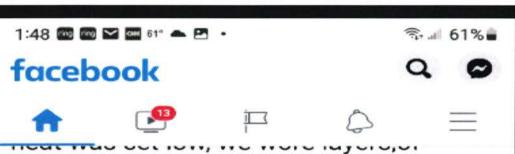


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Well reality has finally hit me, and that is I'm gonna lose power here soon, and I will admit this is the worst feeling in the world, because I have a 9 yr old Grandson, that has lived with me for the last 4 yrs, with this last being ordered by DCF, and being that I'm the only family member that was willing, are that past their background check, I now can lose him to the foster care system if I lose power, so talk about the stress this has put on me. I haven't slept, are ate in days,I cry all night, I get mad, I'm angry, it is just something so far out in left field of a reason that me the only person who has been there in his life, provided him a safe home, he never had to worry where he was gonna sleep are, was he gonna get to eat, could he bath, wear clean cloths, I promised him, I would never let anything happen to him again, that he always would be with me and over the years, he has come out his shell, relaxed, starting

being a kid, having fun, laughing, and in just 2months FPL, has sucked my ability to provide for him away, with this insane bills, that on any level are wrong, and I know this for a fact, but do you think that matters to FPL of course not. My bill went from 270 to \$630 last month, and that was me thinking I was ready for the increase in the bill, I thought I had cut back on a lot of things that I wouldn't see a big increase, so when the \$630 bill came in, and I called FPL, and was told I used that much power so pay bill are lose power, I knew something was going on with this company, than found this site and learned there was people who have had no change in their bill, and still using power like they always have, than there were others who's bill went up some, but not through the roof and they cut back on something's, but not to much, than there was my group I'm in and that's were our bills went up hundreds of dollars, tripled and we had cut back, and some like myself after having to spend other bill money, and money to live on for the month to pay last months insane bill, I cut out everything I could, and that meant heat was set low, we wore layers, of



clothing, and stayed wrapped in blankets when home, cut washing and drying cloths out completely, I go to laundromat, no outdoor lights, no watering my yard, cause I'm on well water so have pump, cook fast meals, wash dishes in record time, and shower in record time, we have 1 tv and I living room light that stays on while we're awake and no heat at all while we're sleeping so imagine how I felt when I saw my bill with a week to go was already over \$700, And know there is no way in hell I can pay that amount, and that FPL is going to disconnect me, is really breaking me mentally, and the part that is pissing me off more than anything, is FPL, telling me that I'm using that much power, and me knowing damn well I'm not, and there is nothing I can do about it. I mean yes I could make tons of phone calls, tell my story to channel 3, call and give my info to the Leven firm, but at the end of the day, I'm still going to lose power, and none of those things will change that, and if I did somehow manage to come up with it, all that would be doing is buying



me another month, and than I would be right back where I'm at now. I work a \$12 hour job at 35 to 38 hours a week, I pay all bills and provide for my Grandson, whom I have yet to receive any child support on, and yes there is a active case but FL is in no hurry so believe me I know what I,can spend on what, and I knew all about the switch over and increase in fuel prices, and I thought I was ready and had there not been something crooked going on and FPL trying to say I'm using way more power than I am,I would had been ok, but when a bill goes up over \$300 and you've cut back I already knew something was off so to go up almost\$100 more this month, and I've cut damn near everything sure enough proves to me, that FPL is doing something fishy, cause if they weren't dirty in this they would be bending over backwards to fix this issues. instead of blowing us off. I do hope somebody brings them down, but really don't see that happening, but I can wish. I will work something out, I didn't come this far and letting my grandson go into the foster care system is just not a option



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From: Shonna McCray

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:54 PM

To: 'rjmichael12@gmail.com'

Cc: Ellen Plendl

Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Rachel Michael rjmichael12@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1390205C

Dear Ms. Michael:

This is in response to your E-mail to Inspector General Tiffany Hurst, Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC), regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL). Given the nature of your concerns, Inspector General Hurst feels it would be appropriate for the specialized staff of the FPSC's Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach to respond directly to you.

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Shonna McCray Regulatory Program Administrator Florida Public Service Commission

From: Jessica Metcalf

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:15 PM

To: Ellen Plendl

Cc:Office of the Inspector GeneralSubject:FY 2122-156 Referral from PSC OIGAttachments:Inspector General Contact Form.pdf

Good Afternoon Ellen,

Our office received the attached email from Ms. Michael, regarding the Florida Power and Light Company rate increase. Could you please respond to Ms. Michael, as appropriate, and provide our office a copy of your correspondence?

Thank you!

Jessica Metcalf | Inspector Specialist Office of Inspector General Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Phone: (850) 413-6338

Email: JMetcalf@psc.state.fl.us

Website: http://www.floridapsc.com/AboutPSC/InspectorGeneral



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From: noReplyOIG@psc.state.fl.us

To: Office of the Inspector General

Subject: Inspector General Contact Form

Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:56:23 PM

First Name: Rachel Last Name: Michael

Email Address: rjmichael12@gmail.com

Telephone:

PSC Previously contacted: NO Comment or complaint:

FPSC has placed all of NWFL in an unfair situation by approving the appalling rate increases requested by FP&L. You have entire communities struggling to pay bills already in a horrible economy and a stupid virus, Now you have us deciding on heat vs. food, medication, a roof over our heads, etc. Correct me if I am wrong but FPSC, stands for Florida Public Service Commission, right? Well were the hell is the Public Service part. The public is being serviced alright, serviced with lies and deception by a monopoly that you, Desantis and the five soulless commissioners so graciously unleashed on NWFL! Your job, is to oversea the committee and make sure they do their jobs properly. I'm thinking you were asleep at your desk the day they approved this nonsense. It's pure greed by FP&L, profit over people right. We the people of NWFL are just getting started. We will get louder and louder until we are heard and Desantis, he is loosing more and more votes each day. And politicians/government wonder why the American people don't trust them.

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