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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2023 8:20 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20220000
Attachments: new year power outages!; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company;
electrical infrastructure tragedy!

See attached customer correspondence and reply for Docket No. 20220000.

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From: Beatrice Balboa <beatricebalboa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 2, 2023 1:05 PM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: new year power outages?!
Attachments: Power outage in Lee County impacts over 1,000 customers.pdf

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my ongoing deepest disappointment that the electrical utility industrial sector continues to mismanage the electrical infrastructure throughout the State of Florida despite given unfettered access to elected and appointed government officials and agencies in the furtherance of policies and agendas, which consist of pursuing poorly thought out sourcing of energy resources and a decidedly anti-consumer stance with the rate-paying public across the board. Ongoing investigations continue undercover the long-standing practices by these captains of industry to extract ever larger fees and electrical rates to aggrandize their oversized ambitions by direct and indirect political arrangements in backrooms.

The attached documentation clearly indicates the ongoing conditions of the electrical infrastructure in the State of Florida as well as the lengths to which these captains of industry try to influence governmental policy makers.

Please place these observations and articles in the appropriate docket to underscore the overwhelmingly calculated cold-hearted manner that these captains seem to influence the very elected/appointed representatives that should, instead, be seeking to comfort their constituents day-to-day hardships to pay for the aggrandizement of these out sized economic sectors.

Thank you for your time in these matters and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,
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Power outage in Lee County impacts over 1,000 customers

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GULF COAST TOWN CENTER

Over 1,000 customers lost power Sunday afternoon in Lee County.

According to Florida Power and Light, at about 4:30 p.m. 1,085 customers have been affected by the power outage.

The power did come back on at about 5:30 p.m., early Sunday evening.

The outage was seemingly caused by a transformer blowing out, although WINK News is waiting to get that confirmed by FPL.

Multiple people at Gulf Coast Town Center have said the building they were in lost power.

Cigar Bar had to kick people out because they can't legally serve people without power.

The lights went out at PF Chang's in Gulf Coast Town Center.

Miller's Ale House in Gulf Coast Town Center was also out.

FPL says a power restoration specialist is in the area and working to restore the power.

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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2023 8:19 AM
To: 'Beatrice Balboa'
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Beatrice Balboa
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Dear Ms. Balboa:

This is in response to your January 2 & January 4 emails to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL).

We will add your feedback and the articles you shared to our public record.

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



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Subcontractor for FPL electrocuted while working on power lines in SW Miami-Dade

Y MARISELA BURGOS

JANUARY 4, 2023

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SOUTHWEST MIAMI-DADE, FLA. (WSVN) - Tragedy struck on the job when a South Florida man was electrocuted.

According to Miami-Dade Police, this all happened Wednesday at around 10 a.m., along Southwest 162nd Terrace and 107th Avenue.

"We do know electricians are routinely inspecting and checking lines. The circumstances of how this happened, we do not know," said MDPD detective Luis Sierra.

The victim, who was in his 30s, was a subcontractor for Florida Power and Light, and was working on power lines that came into contact with his truck, setting it on fire.

Rescue crews responded and treated the victim on the scene.

"I see the guy on top of the machine doing his job. He fell down. He caught on fire. He started shaking, and he caught on fire again," said Kshido Kahanburrows, who called 911. "Then they pulled him away with the gloves and all that and told everybody to stand back and they kept doing CPR until the police arrived."

"I was hoping that he was OK, praying that he was OK," said Kahanburrows. "I called 911, and I stayed on the phone until the ambulance arrived."

He was rushed to Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he later died.

"I feel very bad, sad. I send my sympathy to his family," said Harry Brice, a witness.

"These line workers, my hat's goes off to them," said Sierra. "It is a very dangerous job. I know they always practice safety. Unfortunately, today is just a tragic event."

The incident remains under investigation.

FPL Contractor Dies After He's Electrocuted in SW Miami-Dade

The incident happened in the area of Southwest 107th Avenue and Southwest 162nd Terrace

By **Brian Hamacher** and **Willard Shepard** • Published January 4, 2023 • Updated 2 hours ago

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A contractor for Florida Power and Light has died after he was electrocuted while working in southwest Miami-Dade Wednesday morning, officials said.

The incident happened around 9:40 a.m. in the area of Southwest 107th Avenue and Southwest 162nd Terrace.

Miami-Dade Police officials said the worker was electrocuted by power lines that came in contact with his truck, which caused the vehicle to catch fire.

Footage from the scene showed multiple work trucks with one severely damaged by the fire.

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"I seen the guy on top of the machine doing his job. He fell down. He caught on fire —he caught on fire," said Kshido Kahanvurrows, who witnessed the incident. "He started shaking and he caught on fire again. The other workers that work with him they ran over there to help him out."

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue responded to treat the worker and said the worker was taken to a local trauma center, where he later died. His identity hasn't been released.

Police spokesman Luis Sierra said they're trying to determine how the worker, who was in his 30s, came in contact with the power line.

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"We do know that electricians are routinely inspecting and checking lines. The circumstances of how this happened we do not know," Sierra said.

Power lines were down in the area and traffic lights were out. Traffic was also being diverted in the area.

"I was dying of the heat and the fan was off," said Tiffany Herrero, a resident of the neighborhood. "When I came outside I realized that there were helicopters flying everywhere and just there was essentially no power. All the neighbors were outside."

Another neighbor, Julius Hall, looked at the scene not far from his home and commented to NBC 6 on how the morning that started out rather ordinary took such a tragic turn.

"[The contractor] went to work to provide for his family and he's not going home and that's very sad," Hall said. "So, with the power going out, it's a minor inconvenience for what that guy's family is fixing to go through."

"We are aware of a serious incident in Miami-Dade County involving a contractor who came into contact with a power line. Our thoughts and deepest condolences go out to the family of the individual," FPL said in a statement Wednesday.

No other information was immediately known.

FPL contractor dies after coming in contact with live wire in SW Miami-Dade



BY PETER D'OENCH
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MIAMI - A Florida Power & Light contractor died Wednesday afternoon after coming in contact with a power line.

The unidentified worker in his 30s was rushed to a hospital as a trauma alert after receiving a powerful electric shock while working on a line.

Kshidokahan Burrows, a witness, said "I saw the guy in the truck and he fell down. He was shaking and he caught on fire. He was shaking and I hoped he would be ok. I called 911 and stayed on the scene until the ambulance arrived."

Miami-Dade Police Detective Luis Sierra told CBS4's Peter D'Oench "Miami-Dade Fire Rescue treated the worker on the scene and he was taken to the hospital where he, unfortunately, passed away. We do know that electricians check the lines but we do not know how this happened."

Miami-Dade Police say the truck came in contact with live power lines.

Sierra said, "My hat goes off to these workers. This is a dangerous Jon. I know they always practice safety. Unfortunately, this was a tragic event."

It happened Wednesday morning in the area of SW 107th Avenue and 162nd Terrace.

The electrical charge sparked a fire on the worker's FPL truck, which torched the cab and left a charred and gaping hole along the hood.

Harry Brice, a neighbor, said "This makes me so sad. I see these people coming around here every day working and they do a good job. I feel very bad and I am sorry and I have sympathy for his family."

FPL released the following statement:

"We are aware of a serious incident in Miami-Dade County involving a contractor who came into contact with a power line. Our thoughts and deepest condolences go out to the family of the individual."

Neighbors said their power was knocked out for several hours and some traffic lights were also knocked out of service nearby for a while.

FPL contractor suffers fatal electric shock in Miami-Dade, police say

Liane Morejon, Reporter

Andrea Torres, Digital Journalist

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, Fla. – A man who was working for a Florida Power & Light subcontractor died of electrocution on Wednesday in south Miami-Dade County after live wires made contact with his work truck, police said.

A witness said he called 911 after he saw the man fall, shake and catch on fire in the Palmetto Estates neighborhood. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue personnel responded to the intersection of Southwest 162 Terrace and 107 Avenue.

“The truck came into contact with this line and the truck did catch on fire,” said Detective Luis J. Sierra, a spokesman for the Miami-Dade Police Department.

Fire Rescue personnel rescued the worker near FPL bucket trucks and power lines and rushed to Jackson South Medical Center's Ryder Trauma Center. Firefighters extinguished the bucket truck fire.

Shawn Johnson, a spokesman for FPL, released a statement confirming Sierra's report by also saying the contractor "came into contact" with a power line.

"It's a dangerous job," Sierra said.

The residents in the area reported power outages.