## CORRESPONDENCE 10/31/2023 DOCUMENT NO. 05903-2023

# **Antonia Hover**

From: Ellen Plendl

Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 2:40 PM

**To:** Consumer Correspondence

**Subject:** Docket Nos. 2023000, 20230017 and 20210015

Attachments: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company; FW: ANOTHER INCREASE FROM

FPL!; ANOTHER INCREASE FROM FPL!

See attached customer correspondence and reply for Docket Nos. 2023000, 20230017 and 20210015.

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From: Shonna McCray

Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 2:38 PM

To: 'onesedona@yahoo.com'

Cc: Ellen Plendl

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

Ms. Jane C. McMurray onesedona@yahoo.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1432792C

Dear Ms. McMurray:

This is in response to your October 31, 2023 E-mails to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) regarding Florida Power & Light Company (FPL). The Governor's office also forwarded a copy of your October 31, 2023 E-mail to the FPSC.

With respect to Docket 20210015, regarding FPL's petition for an increase in its base rates, the FPSC approved FPL's general base rate settlement agreement in Order No. PSC-2021-0446-S-EI, issued on December 2, 2021, in Docket No. 20210015-EI. The settlement agreement was entered into by FPL and various parties representing consumers, including the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) who advocates on behalf of Florida consumers. The settlement agreement includes numerous provisions with regards to FPL's base rates through the end of 2025.

On December 27, 2021, an appeal was filed with the Florida Supreme Court to challenge the FPSC's final order regarding Docket 20210015. No final decision has been made in the appeal. We will add your comments to our files as a protest to the FPL's Rate Case, Docket 20210015.

You may contact the Office of Public Counsel for more information on the appeal by calling 850-488-9330 or using their contact form at this link:

### https://www.floridaopc.gov/Pages/Contact.aspx

On March 7, 2023, the FPSC approved a mid-course correction to the fuel factors and granted preliminary interim storm restoration charge for FPL.

Utilities do not earn a profit on fuel charges. The fuel and capacity cost component of customers' bills is set for each calendar year, but mid-course corrections are used when a utility's costs increase or decrease significantly in the interim. Under Commission rules, a utility must notify the PSC when it expects an under- or over-recovery greater than 10 percent.

The adjusted fuel factors reflect unrecovered fuel costs incurred in 2022. The interim storm restoration recovery charges are costs associated with named storms and will replenish each utility's storm reserve fund. Interim storm restoration charges are approved for a 12-month recovery period and are subject to refund, with interest, pending further review once the total actual costs are known for each utility.

FPL's approved charges include the new fuel factor and the preliminary approval for recovery of \$1.5 billion in interim storm restoration costs for Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, as well as the remaining costs from Hurricanes Michael, Sally, and Zeta.

The next fuel cost hearing will be held on November 1st, 2nd and 3rd. During the hearing, FPL and the other three electric companies regulated by the Florida Public Service Commission will present their projected 2024 fuel and purchased power costs, true-up previous estimates for 2023 incurred costs, and true-up 2022 costs to actual costs. Recovery of capacity, conservation, and environmental costs will also be considered. The Office of Public Counsel will represent the interest of consumers. You may watch the hearings live or afterwards by using the following link:

### https://www.floridapsc.com/watch-archive-psc-events

We appreciate you sharing your views and will add your correspondence to both Dockets 20230001 and 20230017 regarding the mid-course correction and the storm restoration recovery, respectively.

Finally, you expressed concern about advertising. Advertising related to conservation and safety is deemed to be in the public interest and the related costs are allowed to be recovered from the ratepayers. However, advertising that is considered to be promotional, institutional or goodwill in nature is paid for by the shareholders. Therefore, the advertising costs are disallowed for purposes of setting rates.

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

Sincerely,

Shonna McCray Regulatory Program Administrator Florida Public Service Commission

#### **Antonia Hover**

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:52 AM

To: Ellen Plendl

**Subject:** FW: ANOTHER INCREASE FROM FPL!

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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: onesedona <onesedona@yahoo.com> Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:49 AM

To: Shonna McCray <smccray@psc.state.fl.us>; Ellen Plendl <eplendl@psc.state.fl.us>;

GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com; mpapantonio@levinlaw.com; Diana Bailey <dbailey@levinlaw.com>

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January 27, 2022

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Ms. McCray,

Your lame response and excuse, blah blah, for FPL's hike increase and the raping of Florida residents is unacceptable! The average resident in the State of Florida would not be able to attend a public meeting to have argued this increase making it safe for you to pass. The fact that you have given "Carte Blanche" to FPL will contribute majorly to the upcoming 2nd Great Depression of our times! Your Commission can now take credit for the increase in the homeless population and higher rate of suicide to come. People are already in such dire straits with the increase in the cost of living, and now they will have to decide whether to buy insulin or pay for power over their existing cost of rent or mortgage payments. This intern will affect all small businesses as only bare necessities will be purchased. I'm sure that the FPL's stockholders have never missed a profit-sharing check. An understandable rate increase of 15% would have been expected when forewarned, but an increase of 85% was definitely not.

Feeling disheartened and betrayed by our Governor and our Public Service Commission! Jane C. McMurray

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