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**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2025 8:45 AM  
**To:** 'michael gaines'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Reject FPL's Rate Hike - Hold In-District Hearings for Public Input Re: Docket No.20250011 -EI

Good morning Michael R. Gaines,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250011, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Best regards,

*Charlie Smith II*

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Petition by Florida Power & Light Company for Base Rate Increase

I am writing to formally request that The Commission hold in-district hearings regarding Docket No. 20250011 (Petition for Rate Increase by Florida Power & Light Company) to ensure that the public has a fair opportunity to weigh in on this critical decision. We are asking that, at a minimum, host 5 public hearings in the panhandle of Florida - Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach/Destin, Panama City, and Tallahassee.

Some FPL customers have already seen their bills increase by 60% in the last five years, and now the company is asking to increase rates by almost \$9 billion over the next five years, all while Floridians struggle to afford basic necessities. FPL is ranked 52 out of 53 by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy of utilities nationwide in terms of helping customers reduce power bills with efficiency and conservation programs. Approving this rate hike would only reward corporate greed at the expense of millions of hard-working Floridians.

I urge you to reject this request to ensure that consumers, not corporate profits, remain your priority. Holding in-district hearings will allow impacted residents to voice their concerns and hold FPL accountable. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Gaines

CUSTOMER