# CORRESPONDENCE 8/23/2021 DOCUMENT NO. 09624-2021

## **Antonia Hover**

From: Veronica Washington

Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 11:00 AM Commissioner Correspondence To:

Docket No. 20210015 Subject:

**Attachments:** Please do not let utility companies raise my electric bill.; Stop Monopoly Utilities from

> Fleecing Customers; Stop Monopoly FPL from Fleecing Customers; Stop Monopoly FPL from Fleecing Customers; Start Holding Monopoly Utility FPL Accountable; Don't Force

Me to Subsidize the Bad Decisions of FPL; Start Holding Monopoly Utility FPL

Accountable

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20210015

**Thanks** 

# Veronica D. Washington

**Executive Assistant to Commissioner Andrew Fay** Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399 (850)413-6036

From: Ilene Elenbaum <ileneelenbaum1@icloud.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2021 10:35 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Fay

**Subject:** Please do not let utility companies raise my electric bill.

Ilene Elenbaum 36908 Pinochle Dr. Zephryhills, FL 33541

August 23, 2021

Dear Commissioner Fay,

I understand that all three of our state's monopoly utilities are asking the commission to raise electricity rates. Given the massive profits these companies rake in, I do not believe these rate increases are justified.

Not only are these companies profiteering on the backs of their Florida customers, they all have an energy mix that runs counter to current energy market trends. Today, the natural gas and/or coal generation heavily relied on by FPL, Duke Florida, and TECO is more expensive than solar paired with storage. Worse yet, as these plants age they become more costly to operate and are at great risk of becoming stranded assets.

By contrast, in parts of the U.S. solar generated electricity paired with storage is selling for between \$22 and \$26 per MWh, and that price is guaranteed for the next 20 years!!! Yet, in our "Sunshine State" we still gets less than 3 percent of our electricity from solar. Why should I be forced to pay for the poor decisions of these monopoly utilities?

The only thing that will force them to diversify with lower cost sources of electricity like solar, is if the commission does not allow them to prop up increasingly uneconomical power plants by raising our electricity rates.

There is nothing conservative about catering to monopoly utilities and the expense of ratepayers and basic free market principles. I am not alone, 74 percent of Floridians oppose these proposed electricity hikes.

Please reject all three of the rate increase proposals. Thank you.

Sincerely, Ilene Elenbaum

From: Francisco Hung <arquitron@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 10:35 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Fay

**Subject:** Stop Monopoly Utilities from Fleecing Customers

Francisco Hung 11337 Village Brook Dr Riverview, FL 33579

August 23, 2021

Dear Commissioner Fay,

I understand that all three of our state's monopoly utilities are asking the commission to raise electricity rates. Given the massive profits these companies rake in, I do not believe these rate increases are justified.

Not only are these companies profiteering on the backs of their Florida customers, they all have an energy mix that runs counter to current energy market trends. Today, the natural gas and/or coal generation heavily relied on by FPL, Duke Florida, and TECO is more expensive than solar paired with storage. Worse yet, as these plants age they become more costly to operate and are at great risk of becoming stranded assets.

By contrast, in parts of the U.S. solar generated electricity paired with storage is selling for between \$22 and \$26 per MWh, and that price is guaranteed for the next 20 years!!! Yet, in our "Sunshine State" we still gets less than 3 percent of our electricity from solar. Why should I be forced to pay for the poor decisions of these monopoly utilities?

The only thing that will force them to diversify with lower cost sources of electricity like solar, is if the commission does not allow them to prop up increasingly uneconomical power plants by raising our electricity rates.

There is nothing conservative about catering to monopoly utilities and the expense of ratepayers and basic free market principles. I am not alone, 74 percent of Floridians oppose these proposed electricity hikes.

Please reject all three of the rate increase proposals. Thank you.

Sincerely, Francisco HUng

From: LORRAINE THOMAS < lorrainethomas6478@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2021 10:25 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Fay

**Subject:** Stop Monopoly FPL from Fleecing Customers

LORRAINE THOMAS 1198 S WALNUT ST Starke, FL 32091

August 23, 2021

Dear Commissioner Fay,

I understand that Florida Power & Light is asking the commission to accept the settlement and rate increases. Given the massive profits these companies rake in, I do not believe these rate increases are justified.

Not only is FPL profiteering on the backs of their Florida customers, they all have an energy mix that runs counter to current energy market trends. Today, the natural gas and/or coal generation heavily relied on by FPL is more expensive than solar paired with storage. Worse yet, as these plants age they become more costly to operate and are at great risk of becoming stranded assets.

By contrast, in parts of the U.S. solar generated electricity paired with storage is selling for between \$22 and \$26 per MWh, and that price is guaranteed for the next 20 years!!! Yet, in our "Sunshine State" we still gets less than 3 percent of our electricity from solar. Why should I be forced to pay for the poor decisions of these monopoly utilities?

The only thing that will force them to diversify with lower cost sources of electricity like solar, is if the commission does not allow them to prop up increasingly uneconomical power plants by raising our electricity rates.

There is nothing conservative about catering to monopoly utilities and the expense of ratepayers and basic free market principles. I am not alone, 74 percent of Floridians oppose these proposed electricity hikes.

Please reject the settlement and rate increases. Thank you.

LORRAINE THOMAS

From: Virginia Panton <vinojinny17@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 10:25 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Fay

**Subject:** Stop Monopoly FPL from Fleecing Customers

Virginia Panton 1201 Riviera Dr. NE Palm Bay, FL 32905

August 23, 2021

Dear Commissioner Fay,

I understand that Florida Power & Light is asking the commission to accept the settlement and rate increases. Given the massive profits these companies rake in, I do not believe these rate increases are justified.

Not only is FPL profiteering on the backs of their Florida customers, they all have an energy mix that runs counter to current energy market trends. Today, the natural gas and/or coal generation heavily relied on by FPL is more expensive than solar paired with storage. Worse yet, as these plants age they become more costly to operate and are at great risk of becoming stranded assets.

By contrast, in parts of the U.S. solar generated electricity paired with storage is selling for between \$22 and \$26 per MWh, and that price is guaranteed for the next 20 years!!! Yet, in our "Sunshine State" we still gets less than 3 percent of our electricity from solar. Why should I be forced to pay for the poor decisions of these monopoly utilities?

The only thing that will force them to diversify with lower cost sources of electricity like solar, is if the commission does not allow them to prop up increasingly uneconomical power plants by raising our electricity rates.

There is nothing conservative about catering to monopoly utilities and the expense of ratepayers and basic free market principles. I am not alone, 74 percent of Floridians oppose these proposed electricity hikes.

Please reject the settlement and rate increases. Thank you.

Virginia Virginia A Panton

From: Keyjo Parris <keyparris2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 10:15 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Fay

**Subject:** Start Holding Monopoly Utility FPL Accountable

Keyjo Parris 1428 Operetta Ave SE Palm Bay, FL 32909

August 23, 2021

Dear Commissioner Fay,

I understand that Florida Power & Light is asking the commission to accept the settlement and rate increases. Given the massive profits these companies rake in, I do not believe these rate increases are justified.

Not only is FPL profiteering on the backs of their Florida customers, they all have an energy mix that runs counter to current energy market trends. Today, the natural gas and/or coal generation heavily relied on by FPL is more expensive than solar paired with storage. Worse yet, as these plants age they become more costly to operate and are at great risk of becoming stranded assets.

By contrast, in parts of the U.S. solar generated electricity paired with storage is selling for between \$22 and \$26 per MWh, and that price is guaranteed for the next 20 years!!! Yet, in our "Sunshine State" we still gets less than 3 percent of our electricity from solar. Why should I be forced to pay for the poor decisions of these monopoly utilities?

The only thing that will force them to diversify with lower cost sources of electricity like solar, is if the commission does not allow them to prop up increasingly uneconomical power plants by raising our electricity rates.

There is nothing conservative about catering to monopoly utilities and the expense of ratepayers and basic free market principles. I am not alone, 74 percent of Floridians oppose these proposed electricity hikes.

Please reject the rate increases. Thank you.

Sincerely, Keyjo Parris

From: Sandra Miller <Sandy6957@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 10:15 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Fay

**Subject:** Don't Force Me to Subsidize the Bad Decisions of FPL

Sandra Miller 6957 43rd Terrace N West Palm Beach, FL 33404

August 23, 2021

Dear Commissioner Fay,

I understand that Florida Power & Light is asking the commission to accept the settlement and rate increases. Given the massive profits these companies rake in, I do not believe these rate increases are justified.

Not only is FPL profiteering on the backs of their Florida customers, they all have an energy mix that runs counter to current energy market trends. Today, the natural gas and/or coal generation heavily relied on by FPL is more expensive than solar paired with storage. Worse yet, as these plants age they become more costly to operate and are at great risk of becoming stranded assets.

By contrast, in parts of the U.S. solar generated electricity paired with storage is selling for between \$22 and \$26 per MWh, and that price is guaranteed for the next 20 years!!! Yet, in our "Sunshine State" we still gets less than 3 percent of our electricity from solar. Why should I be forced to pay for the poor decisions of these monopoly utilities?

The only thing that will force them to diversify with lower cost sources of electricity like solar, is if the commission does not allow them to prop up increasingly uneconomical power plants by raising our electricity rates.

There is nothing conservative about catering to monopoly utilities and the expense of ratepayers and basic free market principles. I am not alone, 74 percent of Floridians oppose these proposed electricity hikes.

Please reject the settlement and rate increases. Thank you.

Sincerely, Sandra Miller

From: Larry Bryant < jackiedarlenebryant@me.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2021 10:15 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Fay

**Subject:** Start Holding Monopoly Utility FPL Accountable

Larry Bryant 1658 Blue Lake Circle Punta Gorda, FL 33983

August 23, 2021

Dear Commissioner Fay,

I understand that Florida Power & Light is asking the commission to accept the settlement and rate increases. Given the massive profits these companies rake in, I do not believe these rate increases are justified.

Not only is FPL profiteering on the backs of their Florida customers, they all have an energy mix that runs counter to current energy market trends. Today, the natural gas and/or coal generation heavily relied on by FPL is more expensive than solar paired with storage. Worse yet, as these plants age they become more costly to operate and are at great risk of becoming stranded assets.

By contrast, in parts of the U.S. solar generated electricity paired with storage is selling for between \$22 and \$26 per MWh, and that price is guaranteed for the next 20 years!!! Yet, in our "Sunshine State" we still gets less than 3 percent of our electricity from solar. Why should I be forced to pay for the poor decisions of these monopoly utilities?

The only thing that will force them to diversify with lower cost sources of electricity like solar, is if the commission does not allow them to prop up increasingly uneconomical power plants by raising our electricity rates.

There is nothing conservative about catering to monopoly utilities and the expense of ratepayers and basic free market principles. I am not alone, 74 percent of Floridians oppose these proposed electricity hikes.

Please reject the settlement and rate increases. Thank you.

Sincerely, Jackie Bryant