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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 7:29 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20210015
Attachments: FW Florida Power and Light harmful policy; Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

See attached customer correspondence and reply for Docket No. 20210015.

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From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 1:15 PM
To: Ellen Plendl
Cc: Shonna McCray
Subject: FW: Florida Power and Light harmful policy
Attachments: FPL Minimum-Base-Bill.pdf

Customer emailed the Governor. DHood

From: Jelena Shalonina <reliablemail1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 1:10 PM
To: The.Secretary@hq.doe.gov; eereic@ee.doe.gov; GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com; Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Florida Power and Light harmful policy

Dear Department of Energy,

Please assist me in finding the right person/department and means to correct harmful policies of FPL.

I am a customer of Florida Power and Light. I have installed a solar system on my roof in November 2019, and it became operational in January 2020. I am happy with the way my system operates, and the net metering agreement that FPL provides. The system is designed to bring my bills (in its essence- my non-renewable energy consumption) close to \$0. All excess production is minimally paid for by FPL in January of the next year after yearly production/consumption is calculated. My monthly electric bill typically is about 10\$ to cover FPL expenses of electricity delivery/meter maintenance etc.

In June 2022, however, FPL changed its billing practices. In addition to 10\$ base charge FPL started charging 16\$ (minimum base charge) monthly to the customers who do not consume a minimum amount of energy established by FPL. I would like to receive an explanation to the FPL policy that states "As energy usage increases, the minimum base bill charge decreases"?

In light of the world-wide movement to reduce energy consumption, why is FPL allowed to "encourage" its customers to consume more instead of stimulating a lower consumption?!

Why is FPL allowed to charge customers, especially those invested in renewable energy production, a fee when consuming little energy?

Please kindly respond to my inquiry at your earliest convenience.

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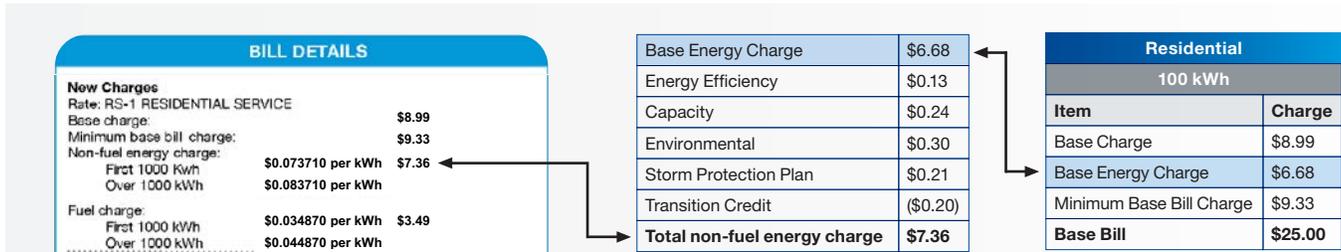


Minimum Base Bill

FPL continues to invest in infrastructure, clean energy and innovative technology to deliver customers clean, reliable and affordable electricity they can depend on. FPL's \$25 minimum base bill is intended to ensure all customers contribute toward fixed system costs, which do not vary with electricity usage.

What customers see on their bill

In addition to taxes and fees, FPL's bill shows customers their **base charge, minimum base bill charge**, as well as the **non-fuel energy charge and fuel charge**. The non-fuel energy charge includes the base energy charge, which applies to the minimum base bill, and other charges that do not apply to the minimum base bill. For that reason, when the minimum base bill applies, line items on customer bills subject to a minimum base bill will not add up to \$25.



Calculating a minimum base bill

A minimum base bill applies to the base electric portion of a customer's electric bill, which is comprised of the base charge and base energy charge. The minimum base bill does not apply to other aspects of a bill, including fuel, other cost recovery clauses or taxes and other fees.

Base charge: A fixed monthly amount to cover the cost of the meter, billing and providing customer service. It is applicable whether or not electricity is used in a given month.

Base energy charge: The costs other than fuel to produce and deliver electricity, including the cost of operating power plants and maintaining the grid.

Examples

Residential	
100 kWh	
Item	Charge
Base Charge	\$8.99
Base Energy Charge	\$6.68
Minimum Base Bill Charge	\$9.33
Base Bill	\$25.00

200 kWh	
Item	Charge
Base Charge	\$8.99
Base Energy Charge	\$13.37
Minimum Base Bill Charge	\$2.64
Base Bill	\$25.00

240 kWh	
Item	Charge
Base Charge	\$8.99
Base Energy Charge	\$16.04
Minimum Base Bill Charge	\$0
Base Bill	\$25.03

General Service	
100 kWh	
Item	Charge
Base Charge	\$11.91
Base Energy Charge	\$6.74
Minimum Base Bill Charge	\$6.35
Base Bill	\$25.00

150 kWh	
Item	Charge
Base Charge	\$11.91
Base Energy Charge	\$10.11
Minimum Base Bill Charge	\$2.98
Base Bill	\$25.00

195 kWh	
Item	Charge
Base Charge	\$11.91
Base Energy Charge	\$13.15
Minimum Base Bill Charge	\$0
Base Bill	\$25.06

As energy usage increases, the minimum base bill charge decreases

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From: Shonna McCray
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 4:31 PM
To: 'reliablemail1@gmail.com'
Cc: Ellen Plendl
Subject: Consumer Inquiry - Florida Power & Light Company

Ms. Jelena Shalonina
reliablemail1@gmail.com

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1412136C

Dear Ms. Shalonina:

This E-mail is in response to your inquiry to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) regarding Florida Power & Light (FPL) and the minimum bill charge. We appreciate the opportunity to respond directly to you.

Under Rule 25-6.065, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), net metering is defined as “a metering and billing methodology whereby customer-owned renewable generation is allowed to offset the customer’s electricity consumption on-site.” The rule states that “[d]uring any billing cycle, excess customer-owned renewable generation delivered to the investor-owned utility’s electric grid **shall** be credited to the customer’s energy consumption for the next month’s billing cycle” (Rule 25-6.065(8)(e), F.A.C., emphasis added). Further, excess energy credits produced by the customer “**shall** accumulate and be used to offset the customer’s energy usage in subsequent months” (Rule 25-6.065(8)(f), F.A.C., emphasis added).

The net metering rule requires utilities to offset customer energy consumption during each billing cycle with excess renewable energy credits accumulated by that customer. For some customers, the requirement on the utility to offset the customers’ energy consumption with accumulated credits may result in a monthly bill that falls below \$25. If that is the case, the new minimum monthly bill charge will be applied to bring the monthly bill up to \$25. Some customers have suggested that the utility only offset consumption to the point that they stay at or above a \$25 monthly bill, thereby reserving the credits that would bring them below the minimum bill. However, the net metering rule does not provide the utility with discretion to offset “some” of the customer’s energy consumption in order to not go below \$25. The utility is required to apply energy credits to the customer’s consumption until either the credits or the consumption reach zero.

The Florida Public Service Commission approved Florida Power & Light Company’s (FPL) 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.

FPL’s net metering program will continue to function as it always has. Credits for kWhs delivered to the grid, compared to the kWhs taken from the grid will be calculated as they have been historically. The only change is that customers who have a bill under \$25 after net metering in any given month will now receive the minimum bill of \$25. Commission staff has confirmed that FPL continues to implement net metering practices pursuant to the requirements of the net metering rule.

FPL explained that the minimum bill provision was included in the settlement agreement to ensure that all residential and general service non-demand customers contribute towards fixed costs of maintaining the electric system, costs which exist as a result of serving even limited amounts of energy to customers. The Commission approved the

settlement agreement as being in the public interest when taken as a whole, and providing a comprehensive and balanced resolution to FPL's original petition for a base rate increase that provides rate stability for FPL's customers.

Your concerns were added to our files as a protest to the FPL's Rate Case, docket 20210015. You may review all the information filed for Commission consideration in docket 20210015 by accessing the FPSC website at <http://www.floridapsc.com>. Under the Clerk's Office tab at the top of the page, click on Dockets. Type in the docket number 20210015. Click the Search button. Then select Document Filings Index for a list of all filings in the docket. This procedure allows you to view all of the information filed by the utility and other parties in the docket.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Ellen Plendl at 1-800-342-3552.

Sincerely,

Shonna McCray
Regulatory Program Administrator
Florida Public Service Commission