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Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 1:16 PM
To: 'Mary Gutierrez'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Subject: Request for Public Hearings on Florida Power & Light Rate Case - Docket #: 20250011

Good Afternoon, Mary Gutierrez.

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.

Thank you!

Toni Hover

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Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Earth Ethics, Inc. and our members (2,200+) within Florida Power & Light (FPL) service areas, we urge the Public Service Commission (PSC) to hold multiple public hearings regarding the proposed rate increase. We are asking that, at a minimum, the PSC host 5 public hearings in the panhandle of Florida - Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach/Destin, Panama City, Port St. Joe, and Tallahassee.

Earth Ethics is particularly concerned about the additional financial burden on consumers and communities across the state. At a time when many families are already struggling with the rising cost of living, higher utility bills will only add to their economic hardships, forcing difficult choices between essential expenses like food, healthcare, and housing. In addition, small businesses, which are the backbone of Florida's economy, will also feel the strain as increased operational costs make it harder to stay competitive. For low-income households and fixed-income seniors, this rate hike could be particularly devastating, further deepening energy insecurity and financial distress. Beyond individual consumers, entire communities will suffer from the ripple effects of

higher energy costs. Nonprofits, schools, and local government services could face budget shortfalls, reducing their ability to provide critical programs and support to those in need.

it is critical that the PSC provides ample opportunities for public input. We appreciate your attention to this matter and strongly urge you to prioritize broad community participation.

With gratitude-

Mary Gutierrez, she/her/ella
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We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children - First People Proverb

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