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From: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 1:36 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence - 20250011
Attachments: Reject FPL's Rate Hike – Hold In-District Hearings for Public Input; Reject FPL's
Unprecedented \$10 Billion Rate Hike – Protect Florida Families; Reject FPL's
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Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in CORRESPONDENCE – Consumers & Representatives in docket 20250011.

Thank you.

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From: blairgalupa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Blair Gilfillan
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Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 8:04 AM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: Reject FPL's Rate Hike – Hold In-District Hearings for Public Input

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Dear Commissioner Mike La Rosa,

Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk
Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No.20250011 -EI

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.

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,
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From: isabell.benedetti001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Isabella Benedetti
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Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 12:30 PM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: Reject FPL's Unprecedented \$10 Billion Rate Hike – Protect Florida Families

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Dear Florida Public Service Chair Mike La Rosa,

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject Florida Power and Light's (FPL) proposed \$10 billion rate hike—the largest in U.S. history. Approving this increase would be a devastating blow to Florida families, many of whom are already struggling with rising living costs. This past year, this Commission has already failed residents by allowing TECO's rate hikes, and we cannot afford another reckless decision that prioritizes corporate profits over public well-being.

Electricity is not a luxury—it is a life-saving necessity in Florida. With extreme heat, hurricanes, and severe weather events, access to affordable power is essential for survival. A rate increase of this magnitude would force seniors, low-income families, and working-class residents to choose between paying their electric bills and affording food, rent, or medical care. No one should have to make such impossible choices just to keep the lights on.

Beyond the financial hardship, this increase also carries serious environmental consequences. Instead of investing in clean, affordable renewable energy, FPL continues to expand its reliance on fossil fuels, worsening extreme weather patterns and increasing pollution. These impacts disproportionately harm low-income communities and communities of color, who already experience higher energy burdens and environmental health risks. If FPL truly needed more funding, it should focus on sustainable energy solutions, not passing costs onto struggling residents.

The Florida Public Service Commission has a responsibility to serve the public, not corporate monopolies. FPL is a monopoly, meaning Floridians have no choice but to pay whatever rates are approved. If this rate hike is allowed, it will set a dangerous precedent, opening the door for further unchecked increases that will push even more families into a financial crisis.

I urge you to reject this historic \$10 billion rate hike and stand with the people of Florida. The residents of this state deserve fair and affordable electricity—not price gouging from utility giants.

Sincerely,

Ms Isabella Benedetti

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From: seijasmichael78@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Seijas <seijasmichael78@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 11:10 AM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
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Mr. Michael Seijas

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