

**From:** [Cindy Muir](#)  
**To:** [Mark Futrell](#); [Apyrl Lynn](#); [Braulio Baez](#)  
**Cc:** [Gabrielle McLeod](#); [Jacqueline Moore](#); [Asha Maharaj-Lucas](#); [Angie Calhoun](#); [Adam Teitzman](#); [Kelly Thompson](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Governor's Office - Request for FPL hearing in Manatee County  
**Date:** Friday, May 2, 2025 2:37:37 PM  
**Attachments:** [FW Docket #2025000.msg](#)

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Good afternoon:

We've received a request from Commissioner Amanda Ballard in Manatee County--sent to FPSC Commissioners and the Governor--to hold an in-person service hearing on FPL's rate request in Manatee County. Her letter (attached) does not mention the three virtual service hearings that are scheduled as an opportunity for customer input in her area. Did you want CAO to draft a letter on behalf of Commissioners? We will proceed as directed. I've copied Adam for inclusion in the docket file.

Thank you,  
Cindy

-----Original Message-----

From: Angie Calhoun <ACalhoun@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 2:29 PM  
To: Cindy Muir <CMuir@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Cc: Kelly Thompson <KTHOMPSO@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Shonna McCray <SMcCray@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: FW: Governor's Office - Request for FPL hearing in Manatee County

Cindy,

Please see below request for additional service hearings. It came from the Governor's Office.

Angie

-----Original Message-----

From: Ellen Plendl <EPlendl@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 2:24 PM  
To: Shonna McCray <SMcCray@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: Governor's Office - Request for FPL hearing in Manatee County

Hi Shonna,

Please see the attached correspondence from Commissioner Amanda Ballard with the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners requesting a FPL customer service hearing in Manatee County for Docket 20250011.

Please forward the request as appropriate and request a response to Commissioner Ballard or language so that we may draft a response to Commissioner Ballard.

Thank you.

RE: Inquiry 1469662c

**From:** [Governor's Office of Citizen Services](#)  
**To:** [Ellen Plendl](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Docket #2025000  
**Date:** Friday, May 2, 2025 2:14:38 PM  
**Attachments:** [FPL raterequestpdf.pdf](#)

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Please find attached email received by the Governor's Office of Citizen Services. This email is forwarded to your office for review and any response or action appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn  
Office of Citizen Services  
Executive Office of the Governor

**From:** Cindy Nelson <cindy.nelson@mymanatee.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 3:11 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Cc:** CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US  
**Subject:** Docket #2025000

Please find attached a letter from Manatee County Commissioner Ballard, District 2.

*Best Regards,*

*Cindy Nelson  
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# Manatee County Commissioner Amanda Ballard, District 2

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April 25, 2025

RE: Docket #20250011

Dear Governor DeSantis & Florida Public Service Commissioners:

Numerous residents have brought to our attention their concerns about the impending rate increases by Florida Power & Light (FPL) and the lack of an opportunity to provide meaningful public comment to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC), as deliberations and ultimate decisions on the rate case are likely to be conducted in Tallahassee and only seven in-district hearings have been scheduled, leaving many families needing to travel hours to have an opportunity to participate in-person.

The lack of accessible, in-district hearings leaves a significant financial and logistical barrier to interested and affected individuals being able to give voice on a matter of importance. At nearly \$10 billion, FPL's rate request is the largest in US history, and constituents in Manatee County deserve an opportunity to share their concerns in-person, as this testimony is evidence in these rate proceedings. Virtual hearings do not offer the same opportunity.

This body voted to transmit this letter respectfully requesting that the FPSC hold meetings in Manatee County when there are requests made by FPL to increase rates for customers and to allow the local community an open and convenient opportunity to share their perspective prior to any final decision being taken by FPSC.

Florida is in an affordability crisis, and any increases in costs to Florida families needs to be treated with the utmost care.

We thank the governor and the FPSC for your positive consideration of this request in the name of accessibility and a meaningful opportunity for public input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Ballard", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Amanda Ballard

Board of County Commissioner, District 2

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This correspondence is being sent from Amanda Ballard as an individual County Commissioner.

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