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From: Tristan Davis on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 10:47 AM
To: 'LISA PARRISH'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: DOCKET 20250011-EI

Good Morning,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250011, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you!

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Subject: DOCKET 20250011-EI

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Dear Commission Clerk,

My name is **Lisa Parrish**, and I am an **FPL customer residing in Northwest Florida**. I am writing to formally oppose **Florida Power & Light's proposed base rate increase, Docket No. 20250011-EI**.

This rate hike is unjustified, excessive, and harmful to Florida families, particularly those in Northwest Florida who are already paying higher bills and additional surcharges compared to the rest of the state.

1. The size and scope of the increase are excessive.

FPL's proposal seeks to raise base rates by **\$1.545 billion in 2026** and another **\$927 million in 2027**, with additional increases through 2029 — totaling between **\$6.7 and \$9.8 billion** over the next four years. These increases come at a time when many households are already struggling under higher costs of living.

2. Northwest Florida customers already pay more.

According to FPL's own filings, Northwest Florida customers are subject to **storm restoration surcharges** that make their bills higher than other regions. A typical **1,000-kWh bill in January 2025 is projected at \$143.45**, compared to \$133.99 elsewhere in FPL territory. Storm recovery costs alone are adding about **\$12 per month** in 2025. To now request another base-rate hike on top of that is unreasonable and unfair.

3. FPL's profits are already healthy.

FPL's parent company, **NextEra Energy**, reported a **12.3% increase in net income for FPL in early 2025**, demonstrating strong profitability under current rates. Additionally, FPL's requested **return on equity (ROE) of 11.9%** exceeds its already generous authorized range of **9.7%–11.7%** from the 2021 settlement. The company is clearly financially stable and does not require such steep increases to maintain reliable service.

4. Consumer advocates have offered a reasonable alternative.

The **Florida Office of Public Counsel** — the state's consumer advocate — has determined that no more than **\$35.2 million in additional revenue through 2027** is warranted. This objective assessment underscores that FPL's multibillion-dollar request is disproportionate to its actual needs.

5. The timing is tone-deaf to Floridians' financial realities.

Escambia County residents and others in Northwest Florida are already dealing with increased property taxes, insurance premiums, and basic living costs. FPL's proposed increase only adds to that financial burden, with no clear justification beyond corporate gain.

Request to the Commission

I respectfully urge the **Florida Public Service Commission** to:

- **Reject or significantly reduce** the proposed base-rate increases in Docket No. 20250011-EI.
- **Deny FPL's request for a higher return on equity**, maintaining the current authorized range.
- **Consider the Office of Public Counsel's recommendation** for a much smaller, evidence-based adjustment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service to Florida ratepayers.

Sincerely,
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