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From: Betty Leland
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 11:47 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket #20250011
Attachments: We Can't Afford Higher Rates; FPL rate increase

Good Morning:

Please place this email in Docket #20250011.

Thanks.

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From: obtrunco@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of EDWARD LARIOS
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Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 11:10 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: We Can't Afford Higher Rates

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Dear Art Graham,

I am writing as a concerned Florida resident and customer of Florida Power & Light (FPL). I received notification that FPL intends to increase rates for their customers across the state, hurting the most vulnerable in our communities the most. We urge you to rethink this decision and not increase our bills.

This past year has been challenging and unrelenting, and folks have spent it worrying; worrying about the health and safety of their families and friends; worrying about finding work or being safe at work; worrying about the future of the business they built from the ground up; and worrying about making sure that they could keep the lights and heat on at home. For many of us, the pandemic has changed all of our lives in ways we'll still likely be grappling with long after the pandemic comes to an end.

Nevertheless, for some reason, corporate greed seems to be more important than the sustainability of our communities and our livelihood. This was evident when FPL, among several other power companies resumed closing customer accounts due to non-payment during the second wave of the pandemic. Now, they want to increase rates for their most vulnerable customers. We can't allow companies to continue taking advantage of working-class families, and luckily, you have the power NOW to stop this.

Our families need relief, real solutions to the climate crisis and fair and affordable utility rates. By raising prices, FPL is treating energy as a commodity when it's a necessity. We are demanding that Florida Power & Light halt this unfair plan and that Florida's Public Service Commission require FPL to maintain fair rates for their consumers, and prioritize the communities they serve.

Sincerely,
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Subject: FPL rate increase

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Good Evening,

I am a resident of the Gulf Coast, and I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed rate increases for FPL. According to recent reports from WEAR, the example provided for current residential bills is listed between \$134.14 and \$136.64, with an anticipated additional increase of \$2.50 per month, approximately 2%. However, these figures do not reflect the reality many of us are facing. Very few residents are seeing bills within this range; instead, many households in our community are receiving substantially higher bills, some of which are already difficult or impossible to pay.

In today's economic climate, an electric bill is just one of many essential, non-optional expenses that families must manage. Households are already stretched thin by rising costs in nearly every category such as mortgages, rent, groceries, insurance, water, trash services, childcare, healthcare, and transportation. Inflation may be slowing in some sectors, but utilities continue to rise at a pace that outstrips wage growth, leaving middle-class families like mine struggling to maintain stability. Many residents are now forced to pay their electric bills in partial installments (while paying in partial is still very hard) because paying in full has become increasingly unmanageable.

I recognize that utilities experience fluctuations in fuel costs, infrastructure demands, and grid modernization expenses. However, there must be a reasonable balance between operational needs and consumer affordability. The frequency and magnitude of these rate increases appear disproportionate to the economic capacity of the communities FPL serves. Continuous upward adjustments especially during a period when families are already dealing with higher living costs create a compounding burden that is simply unsustainable.

An additional concern is the lack of competitive alternatives for electricity in our area. As you know, a monopoly structure removes the natural price discipline that comes from market competition. When consumers have no ability to choose another provider, they are entirely dependent on regulatory oversight to ensure that rates remain fair, justified, and tied to genuine operational necessity rather than convenience or profit margin protection. This makes your oversight and decision-making on rate cases critically important for safeguarding the financial well-being of everyday Floridians.

I respectfully ask that you thoroughly evaluate the true impact these proposed increases will have on lower and middle class residents. While these changes may not significantly affect higher-income residents, they will have substantial consequences for the thousands of families who are already balancing tight budgets. For many, even a "small" increase becomes a destabilizing one when layered on top of rates that are already outrageous.

I urge you to advocate for a comprehensive review of FPL's cost structure, explore every possible method of minimizing the impact on consumers, and consider the broader economic context in which these increases are

being requested. Affordable, reliable electricity is a fundamental necessity not a luxury and policy decisions should reflect that reality.

- Cheyenne McCarty