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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk Friday, March 14, 2025 8:40 AM 'Eric West' Consumer Contact RE: Docket No.20250011: Reject FPL's Rate Hike and Hold In-District Hearings for Public Input

Good morning Eric West,

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.

Best regards,

Charlie Smith II Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 850-413-6770

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Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I am writing to formally request that the Commission hold an in-district hearing in my county for 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.

FPL wants to raise rates by nearly \$10 billion over the next four years, burdening over 5 million households in its monopoly-service area. In the last five years, FPL customers have already seen their bills rise by over \$400 annually, and if this latest proposal is approved, we'll be paying hundreds of dollars more each year. FPL's request to increase returns to shareholders while Florida families are suffering is unconscionable.

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, Eric West 229 S Ridgewood Ave APT 101 Daytona Beach, FL