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Good Afternoon Ms. Nelson

We will be placing Commissioner Ballard's comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250011, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you,
Nick Holmes
Commission Deputy Clerk II
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
850-413-6770

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

Best Regards,

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Manatee County Commissioner Amanda Ballard, District 2

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,

Amanda Ballard

Board of County Commissioner, District 2

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

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