Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	June 17, 2008
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging the Florida Public Service Commission not to approve a 16 to 19 percent rate increase for electricity proposed by FPL

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

_____ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

_____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

_____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

_____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

_____ Budget required

_____ Statement of fiscal impact required

_____ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

_____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

_____ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

✓ No committee review

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NOT TO APPROVE A 16 TO 19 PERCENT RATE INCREASE FOR ELECTRICITY PROPOSED BY FPL

WHEREAS, Florida Power & Light, Inc. (FPL) recently announced that on July 1, 2008 it would ask the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) to approve a fuel adjustment that will result in a 16 percent rate increase for residential electricity and a 19 percent increase for electricity for non-residential customers starting in August and continuing through the end of calendar year 2008; and

WHEREAS, FPL is requesting these increases because of a 32 percent increase in the past year in the price of natural gas and a 54 percent increase in the cost of fuel oil; and

WHEREAS, during these difficult economic times, a 16 to 19 percent increase in electric rates will present significant challenges for individuals, small businesses, schools, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, individuals and small businesses have faced an economic downturn and increased unemployment; and

WHEREAS, gasoline prices have roughly doubled in the last five years increasing travel and commuting costs and eroding the money that consumers have to spend; and

WHEREAS, declines in property values and reductions in state revenues have necessitated budget cuts for schools and local governments; and

WHEREAS, a 16 to 19 percent increase in electric bills could further exacerbate the economic downturn by taking still more disposable income away from individuals and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, a 16 to 19 percent increase in electric bills could also necessitate deeper budget cuts for local governments and schools; and

WHEREAS, the PSC should decline to allow FPL a rate hike at this time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Public Service Commission not to approve a fuel adjustment on July 1, 2008 as proposed by FPL that will result in a 16 percent rate increase for residential electricity and a 19 percent rate increase for commercial and industrial electricity.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chair and Members of the Public Service Commission, with copies to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of June, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

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