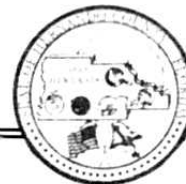


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Re: Emergency Energy Plan for Electrical Utilities

Dear Mr. Tribble:

I am pleased that staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) is proposing to require electrical utilities to submit and have on file a formal emergency energy plan. It is my understanding that the plan would address specific action for Florida's electric utilities to implement during anticipated capacity shortfalls due to extreme hot or cold weather. At the local level, I am diligently working to provide a coordinated approach between county staff and electrical utilities to ensure that key water and sewerage facilities and critical health care facilities have uninterrupted power during extremes of hot or cold weather. It would appear that this could be accomplished by a coordinated plan as proposed by FPSC staff.

Energy shortages have occurred twice within the past year in Hernando County, the Christmas Freeze of 1989, and Summer 1990. During those periods, electrical power was discontinued to water wells and major sewage lift stations for temporary periods of time without notice to our Utilities Department. Discontinuing electrical power, without notice and at random, could have seriously affected the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, if the energy shortage had occurred over a longer period of time. I am also concerned that critical health care facilities be notified of impending power shortages and that electric power not be discontinued, even temporarily, to hospitals, nursing homes, convalescent centers, dialysis centers, etc., unless adequate backup power sources are available.

I wholeheartedly endorse and support establishing an emergency plan for all electrical utilities to follow particularly during extreme hot or cold weather. I would appreciate being placed on your mailing list and being kept advised of this rule-making.

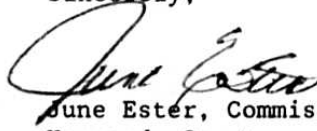
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If I can be of further support, please do not hesitate to call me at (904) 754-4000 or write to me at the above address.

Sincerely,



June Ester, Commissioner
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