Please place our response to consumer in the consumer correspondence side of Docket 160021-EI.
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cc: Office of Commission Clerk

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Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 1:55 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: FW: To CLK Docket 160021

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Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 10:53 AM  
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From: Benjamin Legaspi  
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 8:49 AM  
To: Consumer Contact  
Subject: FW: PSC Contact Form

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]  
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 10:13 PM  
To: Webmaster  
Cc: dmblcwl@aol.com  
Subject: PSC Contact Form

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:  
Name: Donna Bahr-Landsea  
Company:  
Primary Phone: (305) 926-8934  
Secondary Phone:  
Email: dmblcwl@aol.com

Response requested? No  
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:  
I implore you to look at providing customers in Florida a choice for their electrical energy, or at a minimum one who would be a more amenable partner for renewable energy sources. No utility should be permitted to use dollars for lobbying! Further, Florida Power & Light's management is negligent in its duties, as demonstrated by the outcomes of the recent court rulings (Turkey Point and now the transmission power lines in Miami Dade County.) This is on top of their national security failures relative to nuclear plant information with the indictment against a long-tenure employee. Please do your jobs in requiring Florida Power & Light to make significant turnarounds in their operations, financial management and data security. Even better, please provide us with an alternative which would put market pressure on Florida Power & Light to be a better steward of taxpayer resources and limited energy resources. Lastly, there should be a requirement that all expenditures have full transparency—no lobbying dollars or capital expenditures without complete disclosure.
For the file.

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From: Bev DeMello
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 4:31 PM
To: 'Mark Lipsman'
Subject: RE: Docket #160021

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