DATE: February 27, 2018

TO: Carlotta S. Stauffer, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM: Rosanne Gervasi, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel


Please place the attached 4 letters in Docket No. 20170215-EU.
Mr. Brewster Bevis
Senior Vice President of State and Federal Affairs
Associated Industries of Florida
516 N. Adams Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Comments

Dear Mr. Bevis:

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wesley Taylor at: wtaylor@psc.state.fl.us
DATE:           December 19, 2017

TO:             All Interested Stakeholders

FROM:           Wesley Taylor, Office of the General Counsel

RE:             Docket No. 20170215-EU – Review of electric utility hurricane preparedness and restoration actions – Request for Comments

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Mr. Frank Walker  
Vice President of Governmental Affairs  
Chamber of Commerce  
136 S. Bronough St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Comments

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Mr. Davin Suggs  
Director of Public Policy  
Florida Association of Counties  
100 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  

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Ms. Rebecca O’Hara  
Assistant General Counsel  
Florida League of Cities  
301 South Bronough Street, Suite 300  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

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