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Good Morning,

Please place the attached letter in Docket No. 20190038-EI.

Thank you,

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Public Service Commission

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Mr. Will Cramer
Ms. Carol Roberts
Bay County Chamber of Commerce
235 West 5th Street
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Dear Mr. Cramer and Ms. Roberts:

I appreciate you reaching out to the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission), by your letter dated April 17, 2019, regarding Bay County's needs and efforts following Hurricane Michael. The devastation left in its wake is profound, and please know that our hearts and prayers have been with you all. The Commission continues to track the restoration efforts throughout the region.

As utility regulators, we work with the electric utilities under our jurisdiction to ensure they are prepared for each hurricane season. This involves reviewing storm preparedness efforts to make sure prudent plans are in place to respond to a storm, as well as hardening programs that bolster and safeguard the electric grid. The Commission's storm hardening rules and initiatives include requirements to work with local communities to identify critical infrastructure and other local priorities. During a storm, the Commission takes part in staffing the state's Emergency Operations Center to track and disseminate outage information from utilities as a storm develops. Since Hurricane Michael, we have been working with electric and water utilities in the region to make sure they have the resources necessary to rebuild their infrastructure so that citizens will have their services restored as soon as possible. I can assure you that the Commission will continue to prioritize restoration efforts so that electric and water services will be available to all homes and businesses as they are rebuilt.

I hope you find this information to be helpful. If you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Brown".

Julie I. Brown, Commissioner
Florida Public Service Commission

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The Honorable Rick Scott, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Neal Dunn, M.D., U.S. Congress, FL District 2
The Honorable George Gainer, Florida Senate, District 2
The Honorable Jay Trumbull, Florida House of Representatives, District 6