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**From:** Ereecy McNeal on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 3:39 PM  
**To:** 'bwweide@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Don't let monopoly utilities make it harder for customers to control our energy use; Docket Nos. 20190015 to 20190021

Good Afternoon, Dr. Bruce Weide

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket Numbers 20190015 to 20190021, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Have a great day,

Public Service Commission

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From: [bwweide@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:bwweide@everyactioncustom.com) [<mailto:bwweide@everyactioncustom.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 3:24 PM  
To: Records Clerk  
Subject: Don't let monopoly utilities make it harder for customers to control our energy use; Docket Nos. 20190015 to 20190021

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

As a Florida utility customer and solar energy supporter, I'm asking you to forget who pays for political campaigns and just do the right thing for our state, nation, and planet. I am concerned about the effort by monopoly utilities to limit my ability to take control of where my electricity comes from. Utilities' request to further gut energy efficiency standards is just the latest example. I urge you to stand up for our energy rights by adopting goals that will meaningfully help families cut energy waste and save money on bills.

Florida already badly trails states across the country in capturing energy savings for customers. We pay some of the highest electric bills in the nation. For example, I live in Ohio for half the year, and pay less than half as much per KWH there as I do in Florida--and in Ohio the electricity I buy at this rate is 100% wind-generated.

We all want to make our homes more efficient, comfortable, and secure. Robust efficiency programs play a critical role for many hard-working Florida families who may not have the resources to upgrade their homes without the assistance of a utility program. Yet the most recent proposed utility goals continue an alarming trend of utilities abandoning customers on using energy smarter. Many of the state's largest utilities have proposed efficiency program goals of zero or close to zero.

Please support goals that are in line with the energy savings captured by leading states, and that will spur investments in energy efficiency to as many customers as possible. Let's not leave savings on the table.

And the direct cost issue doesn't even graze the surface. Think about how climate change is already affecting Florida by raising sea levels! How, in good conscience, can you contribute to what will be enormous costs for protecting coastal lands in our state by allowing the needless inefficiencies proposed by the utilities? Please don't let them get away with it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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