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From: Jacob Veaughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 11:11 AM
To: 'Peg Frith'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Storm Protection Plans Docket NO. 20200092-E1

Good afternoon, Peggy C. Frith

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200092 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

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From: Peg Frith <frith.cakescakes@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 11:01 AM
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I am against the proposed SPP open docket number referenced above. It is my understanding that all Floridians would be paying a percentage on their utility bills to only benefit four electric utility providers and none of those utility companies are my provider. I also understand that these electric utility companies would, in the long run, make around \$12 billion dollars in profit. As consumers, we pay for a product, and that should be all we are expected to pay for. I live in an area deeply impacted by Hurricane Michael and against my wishes, I already pay a monthly fee for hurricane recovery. I am an older woman looking to retire soon. Even now, before retiring, electricity costs are a concern. I only heat and cool 2 rooms (about 350 sq. ft), have 1 refrigerator, 2 freezers, and only turn my hot water heater on for 1 hour per day and still my electric bill is around \$95.00 per month. Most of my appliances/units are energy star rated. There is no set rate for electric costs; it fluctuates each month so I can not even attempt to control my electrical costs. I already feel that the electrical utility company is robbing me and this new proposal only adds to that feeling.

I also understand that the storm protection plan itself is very limited and does not include any alternatives to greener energy such as solar. Many people are now very interested in greener energy options, but Florida is way behind on being in tune to what it's people want and is failing them by not providing cost-effective options for going solar . I would love to go solar, but since I live in a mobile home it is not cost effective for me. Also, I receive my power from West Florida Electric Cooperative and they are not very friendly towards customers who wish to go solar. In fact, they do not even meet the industry standard on buy back rates. We need cost effective, viable options that allow for consumers to go solar if they choose. In fact, I would love to go totally off-grid and that is why electrical utilities hate the idea of solar and fight against it.

In summary, storm damage cannot be assessed before a storm and Florida electric utilities' storm protection plans may speed electrical restoration minimally for a very few customers but will dramatically increase rates

for all Florida electricity consumers. The for-profit electric utilities' plans are all about utility profits, not storm protection. It is time for the FPSC to take action and protect all Florida electric consumers. Do not let this docket pass.

Sincerely,

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