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From: Jacob Veaughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 8:44 AM
To: 'miamied14@aol.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket no. 20200219-EI, Stop Utility Disconnections Now. Protect FL Families During COVID!

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Good afternoon,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200219 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

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From: Ed Nunez <Ed.Nunez.373331316@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket no. 20200219-EI, Stop Utility Disconnections Now. Protect FL Families During COVID!

Dear Public Service Commission:

Hi, my name is Ed Nunez and I live in Miami. As a Florida resident and ratepayer, I am extremely concerned about the prospect of utilities taking adverse action to leave Florida families without access to electricity during the pandemic.

Families are already struggling to cope with the effects of a pandemic which has cost more than 200,000 lives and infected millions. In Florida, almost 700,000 people have been infected and more than 13,500 lives have been lost to COVID since March.

COVID disconnections present an immediate danger as families struggle to protect the health and safety by staying home and abiding by the social distancing guidelines set by public health authorities. People without electricity in their homes will have no ability to stay cool, power medical devices, communicate with others, or

stay warm during the winter. Electricity is an essential good; without it, people cannot stay in their homes and must seek shelter elsewhere, amounting to an eviction. More than 1 million people in Florida could be severely impacted by utility disconnections.

It's time for the Public Service Commission to exercise its authority to ensure that Florida families are protected from disconnections during the pandemic. The PSC must issue an emergency order preventing utility companies from taking adverse action against struggling Florida families. Disconnections will exacerbate an already severe public health crisis.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Ed Nunez ■

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From: Jacob Veauhn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 12:49 PM
To: 'ellabellasuthard@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket no. 20200219-EI, Stop Utility Disconnections Now. Protect FL Families During COVID!

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Good afternoon, Ellen Suthard

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From: Ellen Suthard <Ellen.Suthard.304576339@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket no. 20200219-EI, Stop Utility Disconnections Now. Protect FL Families During COVID!

Dear Public Service Commission:

Hi, my name is Ellen Suthard and I live in St. Petersburg. As a Florida resident and ratepayer, I am extremely concerned about the prospect of utilities taking adverse action to leave Florida families without access to electricity during the pandemic.

Families are already struggling to cope with the effects of a pandemic which has cost more than 200,000 lives and infected millions. In Florida, almost 700,000 people have been infected and more than 13,500 lives have been lost to COVID since March.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Ellen Suthard ■

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From: Jacob Veughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 12:02 PM
To: 'jls_schmidt@yahoo.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket no. 20200219-EI, Stop Utility Disconnections Now. Protect FL Families During COVID!

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Good afternoon, Jan Schmidt

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From: Jan Schmidt <Jan.Schmidt.82882994@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket no. 20200219-EI, Stop Utility Disconnections Now. Protect FL Families During COVID!

Dear Public Service Commission:

Hi, my name is Jan Schmidt and I live in Sarasota. As a Florida resident and ratepayer, I am extremely concerned about the prospect of utilities taking adverse action to leave Florida families without access to electricity during the pandemic.

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companies from taking adverse action against struggling Florida families. Disconnections will exacerbate an already severe public health crisis.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Jan Schmidt ■

Jacob Veaghn

From: Jacob Veaghn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 1:19 PM
To: 'Margaret Zak'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: PSC Shut-Offs

Good afternoon, Margaret Zak

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From: Margaret Zak <margaretzak1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 8:09 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: PSC Shut-Offs

Docket#20200219-EI

Dear Staff and Members of the Public Service Commission:

First and foremost, thank you for all you do to serve the public of Florida.

It would be a *grave disservice to the people of Florida* for the PSC to permit any Florida utilities to disconnect the power of any Floridians who have fallen behind in their monthly electric bill payments. Our people are hurting economically during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as in every other way. Many have lost jobs and income through no fault of their own. You all know that the big Florida utilities are permitted very healthy profit margins on their asset bases, that their annual profits are in the billions of dollars, and that they can easily absorb payment delays and losses during this pandemic.

You all know that it is simply not right to cut off electricity to struggling Floridians during this difficult time - how would you and your families like to have the power to your own homes arbitrarily shut off? Nor is there any valid economic or policy reason to permit the utilities to take such an extreme and cruel step.

Thank you for doing the right thing and using your emergency rulemaking authority to prohibit Florida utilities from shutting off power for delinquency in bill payments, until such time as this pandemic has abated, the economy has recovered, and Floridians are able to pay their utility bills.

We must swim together through this difficult time, or we will surely sink separately.

Sincerely,

Margaret Zak
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