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From: Sarah Gardner <Sarah.Gardner.48845650@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Docket no. 20200219-EI, Stop Utility Disconnections Now. Protect FL Families During COVID!

Dear Public Service Commission:

Hi, my name is Sarah Gardner and I live in Vero Beach. 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,
Sarah Gardner

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From: P GRAEF <P.GRAEF.40144665@p2a.co>
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To: Records Clerk
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Dear Public Service Commission:

Hi, my name is P GRAEF and I live in Wilton Manors. 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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More than most, the PSC has usable resources - It's not like the PSC is a landlord having to meet a budget!

Have a heart!!!

The Golden Rule, remember?

These people who did not bring this disaster on, have less money rarely are the homeowners, than you can probably comprehend!!

C'mon, walk 100 feet in their shoes - it's too hot to walk any further - and help them with the most basic of basics! (And you do know, don't you?, if they have oxygen equipment or vaporizers or other electric equipment, they can't run them if they have no electricity!!!!)

Have a heart! Remember, there, but for the grace of God, go YOU!

Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
P GRAEF