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From: Jacob Veaughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 9:21 AM
To: 'Donna Gellman-Rodriguez'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket no. 20200219-EI, Stop Utility Disconnections Now. Protect FL Families During COVID!

Good afternoon, Donna Gellman-Rodriguez

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: Donna Gellman-Rodriguez <dongelrod@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2020 8:31 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 Donna Gellman-Rodriguez and I live in Lakeland. As a Florida resident and ratepayer, I am of utilities taking adverse action to leave Florida families without access to electricity during the pandemic.

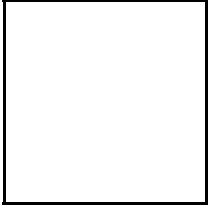
Families are already struggling to cope with the effects of a pandemic which has cost more than 200,000 lives almost 700,000 people have been infected and more than 13,500 lives have been lost to COVID since March

COVID disconnections present an immediate danger as families struggle to protect the health and safety by distancing guidelines set by public health authorities. People without electricity in their homes will have no ability to use medical devices, communicate with others, or stay warm during the winter. Electricity is an essential good; without it, people must seek shelter elsewhere, amounting to an eviction. More than 1 million people in Florida could be severely impacted.

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

Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Donna Gellman-Rodriguez ▀



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