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**From:** Angie Calhoun  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2020 3:22 PM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Cc:** Diana Vizcarrondo  
**Subject:** Fwd: To CLK Docket No. 20200176 - Petition to Approve Duke Energy's Clean Energy Connection Program  
**Attachments:** TNC Duke Letter 11-12-20final.pdf

Correspondence for docket 20200176.

Angela Calhoun

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**From:** Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

**Date:** Nov 13, 2020 3:15 PM

**Subject:** To CLK Docket No. 20200176 - Petition to Approve Duke Energy's Clean Energy Connection Program

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**From:** Janet E. Bowman <janet\_bowman@TNC.ORG>

**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2020 3:08 PM

**To:** Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

**Subject:** Comment on Docket No. 20200176 - Petition to Approve Duke Energy's Clean Energy Connection Program

Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached are the comments of the Florida Chapter of the Nature Conservancy on the Petition to Approve Duke Energy's Clean Energy Connection Program.

Please include this letter as a customer comment in the docket.

Thanks so much for your assistance,

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Janet Bowman  
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November 13, 2020

Gary F. Clark, Chairman Florida Public Service Commission  
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*Re: Docket No. 20200176 –Petition to Approve Duke Energy’s Clean Energy Connection Program*

Dear Chairman and Members of the Florida Public Service Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments on Duke Energy Florida’s Clean Energy Connection (CEC) program. The Nature Conservancy is a non-profit conservation organization whose mission is to preserve the land and waters on which life depends. The Nature Conservancy is a customer of Duke Energy who provides electricity to our Tiger Creek Preserve in Polk County.

As a nonprofit conservation organization, the opportunity to participate in Duke Energy’s Clean Energy Connection Program will help the Florida Chapter of The Nature Conservancy achieve its internal goal to achieve net zero carbon emissions in our chapter operations by providing an affordable option to accessing renewable energy through participation in the subscription program.

In addition, our conservation work involves supporting regional climate collaboratives including the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact and the East Central Florida Regional Resiliency, where we participate on their respective steering committees, the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition, the Northeast Florida Regional Resilience Committee and an emerging resilience coalition in Southwest Florida. These climate collaboratives have adopted or encouraged member local governments to adopt renewable energy goals. We believe Duke Energy’s proposed Clean Energy Connection Program and Tariff provides an important tool for local governments, among other customers, to establish and meet renewable energy goals for both government operations and to meet community-wide goals. Numerous local governments, including the cities of Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Dunedin, New Port Richey, Tarpon Springs, Deland, Treasure Island and Pinellas and Orange counties have filed letters in the docket expressing the importance of the program to achieving their renewable energy and carbon reduction goals.

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We appreciate the set-asides for local government, commercial and industrial uses, small business and residential customers. The solar subscription option allows renters and residents of multifamily housing the opportunity to purchase renewable energy where it is not financially or physically feasible to install solar on the premises. The provisions directed at low-income customers are particularly important in ensuring that renewable energy options are available for all customers at an affordable cost.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Greg Knecht  
Deputy Director