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**From:** Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 4:32 PM  
**To:** 'leighanne.boone@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** FW: Docket No. 20200176: Comment of Sierra Club Florida  
**Attachments:** Duke PSC Official Comment Letter.pdf

Good Afternoon, Ms. Boone.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200176, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

*Toni Hover*  
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**From:** Leighanne Boone <leighanne.boone@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 12:59 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20200176: Comment of Sierra Club Florida

Good Afternoon.

Please find the comments of Sierra Club Florida attached.

Best Regards,  
Leighanne



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PSC Docket No. 20200176

Emailed to [Clerk@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:Clerk@psc.state.fl.us)

Dear Public Service Commissioners,

The Florida Chapter of the Sierra Club requests that you deny Duke Energy's request for approval of their "Clean Energy Connection" Program. While the Sierra Club certainly supports the expansion of renewable energy, that expansion must be done in a just and equitable way. It must be done in a way that does not disproportionately disadvantage vulnerable communities.

This program requires all customers to pay for what is ultimately returned as exorbitant profit to participants, like Walmart, in the form of a bill credit. The Chapter would not oppose all customer's being required to pay a small surcharge if that cost savings was then returned back to *all* customers. Unlike in this scenario where all customers are required to pay, yet only big corporate participants are guaranteed to profit.

It appears that this program was created to ensure that utilities, like Duke Energy, keep the monopoly they currently enjoy to provide energy for their largest customers. As the cost of solar has significantly decreased over the past decade, many corporations have turned to producing their own energy, thus removing a customer and, in turn, profit from their respective utility. To be clear, the Sierra Club Florida supports strong distributed solar and does not support any program that would encourage utility monopoly of renewable energy production. Furthermore, we certainly do not support a program, such as this one, that requires all customers to pay the cost of renewable energy, but only guarantees to return those savings to large corporations, which results in large corporate customers profiting to the tune of \$200 million over 30 years.

Therefore, the Florida Chapter of the Sierra Club respectfully requests the Public Service Commissioners to deny approval of this program until the utility can show that not only are the costs being shared by all customers, but *also* the savings, so that our most vulnerable communities do not bare a disproportionate cost burden.

Sincerely,  
Leighanne Boone  
*Chair, Energy Committee, Sierra Club Florida*