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From: Jacob Veaughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 9:35 AM
To: 'Thomas Bazzone'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Stop the Electric Utilities' Boondoggle (Docket 20200092-E1)

Good Morning, Mr. Thomas Bazzone

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200092-E1 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

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From: AARP <aarpfl@aarp.org> On Behalf Of Thomas Bazzone
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 7:56 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Stop the Electric Utilities' Boondoggle (Docket 20200092-E1)

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Dear Florida PSC PSC,

We are in the middle of a pandemic with unemployment rampant in our state. Right now, Floridians need help making ends meet paying day-to-day expenses, including rising healthcare costs and prescription drug prices, as well as increasing rents and food costs.

What Floridians do not need now is to pay for services that benefits no more than 5 percent of ratepayers.

I see little evidence of a serious effort by Duke Power to provide for efficient restoration of electricity in my area. Our neighborhood is chocked full of wires interacting with tree branches on old large trees that would surely be affected by windstorms. I and many of my neighbors have spent upwards of \$15,000 to secure whole-house generators because we have little faith in Duke's ability to restore power after a hurricane or tropical storm. Putting more wires underground and/or freeing above-ground wires is the most effective way to minimize electrical outages due to storms and there is no evidence that's happening in older cities like Saint Petersburg. If the PSC is really serious about SPP, they need to mandate specific and effective measures to be taken by electric power companies.

Sincerely,

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