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From: Jacob Veaghn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 9:15 AM
To: 'Richard Taylor'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Florida Electric Utilities' Storm Protection Plans

Good afternoon, Richard D. Taylor

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

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From: Richard Taylor <rdt1251@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Florida Electric Utilities' Storm Protection Plans
Importance: High

Mr. Adam Teitzman
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Dear Mr. Teitzman,

With this message I am joining other Florida citizens in commenting unfavorably regarding developments at the Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding Florida electric utilities' Storm Protection Plans (SPPs). Florida's for-profit utilities appear to be using the opportunity and incentives provided by a recently-enacted SPP state law to make massive and very likely largely ineffective investments in Florida's electric grid, especially regarding residential customers. My understanding is the plans anticipate rate increases of \$18.00 to \$29.00 per customer per month by 2029. However, according to AARP Florida, there is currently no way to measure post-storm restoration performance, and no way to hold utilities accountable for proposed improvements. In my view, such factors constitute a flaw and a "disconnect" that should prevent these plans from going forward in their present form.

On August 10, 2020, during hearings that were part of regulatory proceedings (described by some as "rubber-stamped" and "rushed"), PSC commissioners unanimously approved the four utilities' SPPs: Florida Power &

Light (FPL), Duke Energy Florida, Tampa Electric Company, and Gulf Power Company. According to AARP Florida, these approvals as currently stated contain the following flaws and implications, none of which bode well for residential customers of those companies:

- Florida electric customers will pay \$40 billion for implementation of the plans by 2059, including an estimated **\$12 billion in profits for utilities**.
- All customers will subsidize a tiny few. Despite the SPPs massive size, few customers will experience shorter storm-related outages. For example, just four (4) percent of FPL's residential customers and five (5) percent of Duke Energy's customers will get their overhead power lines moved underground.
- The SPPs are not strategic, and do not consider any modern options for reducing grid dependence, such as: solar, batteries, or a more decentralized electricity system.
- None of the SPPs complied with the PSC's own Rules (25-6-030) for such plans.

AARP Florida recommends the steps listed on page two of the document listed below be taken in response to the aforementioned approval. I support these steps and request the Public Service Commission to do likewise. **(docket number 20200092-E1)**

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Sincerely,

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