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From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 4:35 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: Please remove roadblocks to energy efficiency in Florida; Docket No. 20200181;
Modernize Florida's outdated efficiency practices

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200181.

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From: Maria Gonzalez <mariaguard88-politics@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 2:37 PM
To: Office of Chairman Clark
Subject: Please remove roadblocks to energy efficiency in Florida

Dear Public Service Commissioner Clark,

Florida's largest utilities badly trail leading utilities in the Southeast and across the nation in delivering energy savings to customers. That's short-sighted because energy efficiency is the quickest, cheapest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and tackle climate change -- but outdated practices in setting state energy efficiency goals are holding us back. Let's fix that through this rulemaking process.

As you consider changes to your goal setting rule, I ask that you reform the cost-effectiveness and screening practices that previously led many utilities to propose goals of zero to this Commission. I understand that Florida is the only state that relies primarily on these practices.

Energy efficiency programs have taken on new importance in light of the economic fallout from the COVID-19 crisis. Florida families should not have to make a choice between paying a power bill or buying essentials like food and medicine. Now is the time to remove the roadblocks to energy savings in order to provide more and better energy efficiency programs to customers.

It's time to use the new rulemaking to update your decades-old practices, and consider ways to get utilities to do more on efficiency, in particular for low-income customers. Please use this opportunity to get input from the public and experts in this field before rushing to revise the rule on conservation goal-setting.

Regards,
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Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:42 PM
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Subject: Docket No. 20200181; Modernize Florida's outdated efficiency practices

Dear Commissioner Gary Clark,

We all know that energy efficiency means using energy smarter. It is the quickest, cleanest, and cheapest way to meet our energy needs while helping Floridians cut energy waste and manage power bills. Helping hard-working families make their homes more efficient, safer, and secure also keeps energy dollars in local communities.

Yet the practices you rely upon in setting goals for the state's largest utilities haven't been modernized in almost 30 years – and that has led to Florida's largest power companies badly trailing leading utilities in the Southeast and across the nation in delivering energy savings to families and businesses. Most recently, this outdated approach led to power companies proposing goals of zero. We can do better.

As you set out to revisit the energy efficiency goal setting rules, please update the economic screening practices so they no longer penalize efficiency measures that meaningfully reduce energy waste for homes or businesses. Isn't the whole idea of an efficiency program, to reduce energy use to meet demand and help customers lower power bills?

It's time to use the rulemaking process to modernize your decades-old practices and consider ways to get utilities to do more on efficiency, in particular for low-income customers. The rule is outdated, we must get it right.

Sincerely,
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