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**From:** Betty Leland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 9:31 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: Push utilities to upgrade power lines

Good Morning:

Please place this email in Docket #20240000.

Thanks.

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From: Shauna Junco <sjuncopharmd@gmail.com>  
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Subject: Push utilities to upgrade power lines

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Dear Commissioner Graham,

I'm a Clinical Infectious Diseases Pharmacist who is alarmed at the lack of action addressing the current public health threats of climate change and air pollution. Climate change and its main driver, the burning of fossil fuels, are issues the medical community recognizes that we need to address now.

Florida's power lines have been using the same, outdated technology for over a century. Wildly better technology is now available that replaces heavy steel, which causes "sagging", with indestructible, sag-free carbon fiber. For new and existing lines alike, this new technology can save boatloads of money while increasing transmission capacity and preventing wildfires and other dangerous accidents.

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Shifting to this new technology is a no-brainer - but very few utilities are even considering it. Why? Because utilities are notoriously change-averse. As monopolies, they have little incentive to innovate and improve.

That's where you come in. I urge you to use your regulatory power to incentivize utilities to implement this new power line technology.

It shouldn't be a hard sell. It will save them and their ratepayers money, decrease public safety risks, and help get more clean, planet-saving energy on the grid. But utilities will not act without a strong push by regulators.

This is a critical step in securing our energy future. Please help get this powerful technology deployed in our communities.

Sincerely,

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