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See attached customer correspondence for Docket 20250011.

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From: Ben Nottingham <wewe777bn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 7:16 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Floridians Need Diverse Energy Generation PSC Docket 20250011

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I've written to you before on this matter & I thank you for listening but I've learned much more (eg., Nuclear Power) that I wanted to share with you.

I am a FL. homeowner (25 yrs) who strongly favors reliable 24/7, low cost, and low footprint electricity. **I urge you to exert your influence to oppose the PSC Docket 20250011 by FP&L, Duke Energy, and TECO who have proposed a \$9 billion rate hike (the largest ever in FL history) for solar energy development.** FP&L, TECO, and Duke Energy believe it's best to support the FL Renewable Energy (ie., solar) mandate from 2004. But alot has happened since then, and continues each day, where refinements in other energy sectors such as nuclear power and biofuel power, now support prudent changes to a highly diverse energy array.

This proposal is not acceptable because of FP&L's overextension in solar power; and FPL isn't increasing low-cost energy alternatives (natural gas), nor are they supporting FL's long-term economies and wise land use; and they are **not promoting a diversity of energy types.** The large space needed for this Docket proposal (192,000 acres) is beginning to infringe on Florida's longstanding cattle production, citrus farming (w/ my family history), wildlife habitat, & crop production in the So. FL landscape. Solar farms will simply take up too much land space in the place of what appears as open landscape (ie., ag lands & wildlife habitat). Solar power generation in FL. is maximally efficient for **only 5.1 hrs** of the day (DOE Berkeley Natl Lab). And to the detriment of our State & National economy, solar power components are largely made in China & invariably this drives up my overall electric bill. In the last 5 yrs., Europe & Australia have faced rolling "blackouts" due to an overreliance on solar power. Florida has excellent potential for expanding Artificial Intelligence (AI) development with its current land area and a low business tax framework. However, AI absolutely requires a highly dependable, 24-hr power grid which can only be met with **a rich and stable power diversity.** Hence, Florida's public power providers **should be working to diversify its array of power generation.** Thankfully, Pres. Trump has ordered a **reform of nuclear power permitting** that should be operational in the very near future. This reform and the refinement of small module (nuclear) reactors have unleashed high hopes for future nuclear power development.

Duke Energy, TECO, and FPL must be given a clear signal to redevelop a proposal that promotes nuclear and low-carbon emission, fuel sources for power development. This action would fulfill the PSC's own recommendations identified in the April 2025 Feasibility Report to advance Nuclear Power in FL. I appreciate your influence for support this additional evaluation on nuclear power. The 2024 Workshop on Nuclear Feasibility engaged numerous state and federal officials including those with technical expertise in nuclear power and it aligns well with Florida's energy policy (F.S. 377.602). Your leadership as Governor necessitates that public utilities and all FL utilities should also be developing

more diverse power sources with more natural gas plants built with US components and sources...all of which are cost efficient and American made.

In summary, **I urge you to not advocate this proposal (20250011) and to recommend these public utilities to redesign their proposal to develop more reliable and abundant, low-cost power diversity alternatives** which will benefit FL businesses, our environment, and current and future ratepayers.

Sincerely,

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