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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2026 1:04 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Renewable power and batteries have changed the model for electric utilities the PUC needs to change their model for planning and rates

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20250011 and 20260064. Thank you!

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Dear Commissioner Gary Clark,

Like many Floridians, I am outraged by my monthly power bills. Energy bills that were already a burden have become a crisis — and the clean, low-cost alternatives that could fix this are being sidelined to protect utility profits and political favors.

The facts are simple: clean energy is now the most affordable and quickest to deploy. Solar, wind, and energy efficiency improvements lower costs, reduce pollution, and make the grid more resilient. Continued investment in fossil fuel infrastructure does the opposite, but ratepayers like me are being forced to fund it.

I am expecting you to:

- 1) Reject rate increases that prioritize FP&L and Duke Energy profits over customer reliability and affordability
- 2) Hold the PSC accountable first to the public interest — not utilities or data centers
- 3) Stop letting FP&L and Duke Energy rely so heavily on gas plants and hand us the bill when fuel prices spike
- 4) Set aggressive, binding targets for solar and energy efficiency measures that lower costs for Floridian families

None of this is experimental. None of this requires waiting. What it requires is leadership — and the political will to prioritize ratepayers over shareholders. Floridians like me are watching, and we expect you to act like you work for us.

Sincerely,

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