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**From:** Betty Leland  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 10:03 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Letter from Harvey Ruvn re: FEECA  
**Attachments:** LETTER FROM HARVEY RUVIN RE FEECA.pdf

Good Morning:

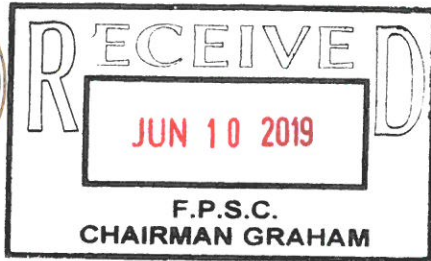
Please place the attached letter in Docket #20190015.

Thanks.

*Betty Leland, Executive Assistant to  
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#20190015

**Harvey Ruvin**  
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June 4, 2019

Mr. Art Graham  
Chairman  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Chairman Graham:

A copy of Resolution No. R-552-19, adopted on May 21, 2019, is provided to you at the request of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact this office.

Respectfully yours,

HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

By: *Linda L. Cave*  
Linda L. Cave, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

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Attachment

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

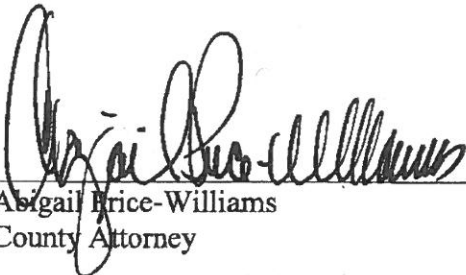
**DATE:** May 21, 2019

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida Public Service Commission to set meaningful energy efficiency goals in the 2019 Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act proceedings, including establishing a strong Energy Efficiency Resource Standard for the State of Florida, adopting a strong Demand Side Management Program that includes utility rebates, and leveraging Federal Weatherization Assistance Program funds to provide greater assistance to low income homeowners throughout Florida

Resolution No. R-552-19

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM  
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)  
5-21-19

RESOLUTION NO. R-552-19

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO SET MEANINGFUL ENERGY EFFICIENCY GOALS IN THE 2019 FLORIDA ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION ACT PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING A STRONG ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESOURCE STANDARD FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA, ADOPTING A STRONG DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES UTILITY REBATES, AND LEVERAGING FEDERAL WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS TO PROVIDE GREATER ASSISTANCE TO LOW INCOME HOMEOWNERS THROUGHOUT FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, Florida is understood to be particularly vulnerable to the effects of sea level rise, due to the state's low elevation, vast coastline, and proximity to the ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida is also vulnerable to other possible negative consequences associated with a warming planet, including stronger and more damaging hurricanes and storms, coastal flooding, extreme temperature events, increased risk and prevalence of mosquitos and widespread disease, and economic impacts associated with loss of tourism revenues, agricultural industry losses, and decreased property values; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida consequently is at the national forefront of confronting the challenges presented by sea level rise and climate change, and must be a leader in developing solutions to protect our residents, property, tourism, and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has a history of supporting and implementing policies to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, for example, Miami-Dade County was the first local government nationally to use the ICLEI (formerly known as, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) Local Governments for Sustainability advanced tools and resources to accelerate preparedness to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, Miami-Dade County has committed to a countywide reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 80 percent by the year 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, energy use among the built environment, consisting of residential and commercial buildings, is a significant contributor to GHG emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, energy conservation and efficiency programs and policies that promote behavioral and operational changes by residents and building owners can significantly reduce energy demand from the built environment, and reducing energy use through increasing efficiency is a core strategy in the Miami-Dade GreenPrint Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to reducing GHG emissions, energy efficiency is an important tool to improve affordability for our residents and businesses by reducing energy bills, while creating local jobs and economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a report by the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Florida's largest utilities tend to trail other large utilities in the southeast and throughout the nation in delivering energy savings to customers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, for example, Florida had the second to worst performance in the southeast region as a percentage of annual electricity sales, while the national average was five times higher in that same year; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, efficiency savings in California, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont in 2017 were 15-to-25 times higher than in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS) establishes specific, long-term targets for energy savings that utilities or non-utility program administrators must meet through customer energy efficiency programs; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the US Energy Information Administration, 24 States have EERS policies in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, Florida ranks 36th in per capita spending on electric efficiency projects, and ranks 23rd overall in energy efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing the growth of peak electric demand and energy consumption became a statutory objective in Florida in 1980, with the enactment of the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA); and

**WHEREAS**, FEECA focuses upon four key areas:

- reducing the growth rates of weather-sensitive peak demand and electricity usage;
- increasing the efficiency of electricity and natural gas production and use;
- encouraging demand-side renewable energy systems; and
- conserving expensive resources, particularly petroleum fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) is statutorily required to establish goals for FEECA utilities and review such goals every five years, at a minimum; and

**WHEREAS**, in turn, the utilities are required to develop cost-effective demand-side management plans that meet those goals and submit them to the PSC for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 FEECA proceedings thus present a once in every-five-year opportunity to reset and improve the energy conservation goals for the state's largest utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, improved conservation goals will generally lead to more robust energy efficiency programs and options directed at residential and commercial customers that reduce energy usage and provide economic and environmental benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the PSC should consider setting and adopting the following meaningful energy efficiency goals when conducting its five-year review in 2019:

- Establish a strong EERS for the State of Florida;
- Adopt a strong Demand Side Management Program that includes utility rebates for USEPA Energy Star appliances, high SEER rating Air Conditioners, installation of high efficiency windows and doors, and Cool Roof Rating Council low-heat absorbing roofing; and
- Leverage Federal Weatherization Assistance Program funds to provide greater assistance to low income homeowners throughout Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, this Board now wishes to urge the PSC to establish such goals for FEECA utilities in Florida,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Public Service Commission to set meaningful energy efficiency goals in the 2019 Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act proceedings, including establishing a strong Energy Efficiency Resource Standard for the State of Florida, adopting a strong Demand Side Management Program that includes utility rebates, and leveraging Federal Weatherization Assistance Program funds to provide greater assistance to low income homeowners throughout Florida.



**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the chairperson, members, and executive director of the Florida Public Service Commission.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye		
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye		
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Linda L. Cave  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

James Eddie Kirtley

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
  )  
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE    )

SS:

I, **HARVEY RUVIN**, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts, in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said county, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R-552-19 adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, at its meeting of May 21, 2019 as appears of record.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this 4th day of June A.D., 2019.



**HARVEY RUVIN**, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
Miami-Dade County, Florida

By: Olga Valverde  
Deputy Clerk