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From: Ereecy McNeal on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 9:17 AM
To: 'rab@shorecrest.org'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Stop utilities from making it harder to save money on bills; Docket Nos. 20190015 to 20190021

Good Morning, Richard Beaton

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket Numbers 20190015 to 20190021, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Have a great day,

Public Service Commission

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To: Records Clerk
Subject: Stop utilities from making it harder to save money on bills; Docket Nos. 20190015 to 20190021

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

Hi my name is RICHARD BEATON and I live in St. Petersburg.

It's foolish not to do everything possible to lower energy usage and lower energy costs. The energy companies already get a guaranteed return on their investment. It's time to pass along some of the profits in the form of energy-saving programs to households. We should be looking to increase energy efficiency programs, not reduce them for the sake of corporate profit,

I am writing to urge you to reject the request by Florida utilities to have a goal of zero (or nearly zero) on energy efficiency for the next ten years.

I am concerned that if the energy efficiency goals are abandoned, the utilities will stop providing the kinds of services that help people lower their power bills. People shouldn't have to choose between paying for food, medicine, or rent and being comfortable in their own homes.

Florida is ranked near the bottom of the nation in terms of energy efficiency — we should be increasing energy efficiency measures, not abandoning them. We know that increasing energy efficiency is one of the cheapest and easiest ways to fight the global warming that's causing neighborhood flooding and other serious problems

in Florida.

When this issue comes back before you, I ask you please to vote to strengthen our energy efficiency goals.

Regards,
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