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**From:** Ereecy McNeal on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2019 2:54 PM  
**To:** 'mkbuhler@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Stop utilities from making it harder to save money on bills; Docket Nos. 20190015 to 20190021

Good Afternoon, Melissa Buhler

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 Melissa Buhler and I live in St. Petersburg.

I'm concerned that many low income energy consumers in Florida are living in the edge with rents too high. Energy discounts, which will be off the table now with this new rule, can be a godsend for these folks. Your stockholders likely will not notice.

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,  
Melissa Buhler  
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