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The Florida Public Service Commission
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Dear Florida Public Service Commissioners,

I am contacting you today to strongly urge you to uphold the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FS Sections 366.80-366.85 and 403.519). The act states:

“The Legislature finds and declares that it is critical to utilize the most efficient and cost-effective energy conservation systems in order to protect the health, prosperity, and general welfare of the state and its citizens. Reduction in, and control of, the growth rates of electric consumption and of weather-sensitive peak demand are of particular importance.... The Legislature directs the commission to develop and adopt overall goals and authorizes the commission to **require each utility to develop plans and implement programs for increasing energy efficiency and conservation** [emphasis added] within its service area, subject to the approval of the commission.”

Nowhere in the statute does it indicate that the Public Service Commission should allow a reduction or elimination of energy efficiency and conservation.

Considering the impact of climate change to Florida, energy efficiency and conservation have never been more important. It is ludicrous that Florida’s major power providers are seeking to reduce or eliminate these measures (an action I expect that would further increase their profits at the expense of their customers), and it would be folly for the Public Service Commission to allow. If the Commission is truly about “public service,” then it should insist that power providers ramp up their efforts at energy efficiency and conservation, not reduce or eliminate them. They would find, as power companies in other states have, that this actually saves them money, creates jobs, and is good for the economy.

Please uphold the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act, FS Sections 366.80-366.85 and 403.519, and require Florida’s power providers to provide plans that **increase** energy efficiency and conservation.

Regards,



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