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Subject: RE: Public Comment, Southeast Sustainability Directors Network, for Docket 20200181 (Proposed amendment of Rule 25-17.0021, F.A.C., Goals for Electric Utilities)

Good Afternoon, Meg Jamison

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200181 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

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Greetings,

Please find comments attached for Docket 20200181 from the Southeast Sustainability Directors Network.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration of these comments.

Thanks!
Meg

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Re: Docket No. 20200181 – Proposed amendment of Rule 25-17.0021, F.A.C., Goals for Electric Utilities

Dear Chairman and Members of the Florida Public Service Commission:

The Southeast Sustainability Directors Network (SSDN) appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments on the scope of and process for the rulemaking to consider modifications to the Commission's energy efficiency goal setting and program approval processes.

Specifically, SSDN supports the scheduling of one or more initial workshops to inform the scope of the rulemaking and to provide an opportunity for local governments and their constituents to share input and recommendations for the Commission's consideration.

SSDN is a network of local governments in the southeastern United States that works together to advance sustainability initiatives in the region. As part of this work, SSDN supports the efforts of more than 40 local Florida governments.

Local governments are increasingly prioritizing energy efficiency investments within their communities and within their own facilities as a means to reduce costs, create jobs, strengthen the local economy, ensure cleaner air to breathe and cleaner water to drink, and build healthier, more resilient communities. Despite their best efforts, they are often constrained in how much energy efficiency they can actually implement due to numerous barriers, including the need to obtain the necessary capital to fund building improvements.

As such, cities and counties have a strong interest in the efficiency programs and services of their utility service providers and finding ways to systematically improve the processes and policies by which these programs are designed, reviewed, approved, and evaluated. In fact, during the Commission's most recent Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA) goal-setting proceeding, numerous local governments and their representatives from across the state filed comments supporting the approval of more robust utility efficiency offerings, including:

1. Boca Raton¹
2. Broward County
3. Coral Gables²
4. Dunedin³
5. Largo⁴
6. Miami Beach⁵
7. Miami Dade County⁶
8. Miramar⁷
9. Orange County⁸
10. Sarasota⁹
11. St. Petersburg¹⁰

Given the significant local government interest in these initiatives, SSDN encourages the Commission to schedule one or more initial workshops to inform the scope of its rulemaking and provide an opportunity for local governments and their constituents to share input and recommendations for the Commission's consideration.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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¹ <https://www.floridapsc.com/library/filings/2019/08844-2019/08844-2019.pdf>

² <https://www.floridapsc.com/library/filings/2019/06181-2019/06181-2019.pdf>

³ <https://www.floridapsc.com/library/filings/2019/04799-2019/04799-2019.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.floridapsc.com/library/filings/2019/04767-2019/04767-2019.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.psc.state.fl.us/library/filings/2019/06690-2019/06690-2019.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.floridapsc.com/library/filings/2019/04787-2019/04787-2019.pdf>

⁷ <https://www.floridapsc.com/library/filings/2019/07590-2019/07590-2019.pdf>

⁸ <https://www.floridapsc.com/library/filings/2019/09098-2019/09098-2019.pdf>

⁹ <https://www.floridapsc.com/library/filings/2019/05144-2019/05144-2019.pdf>

¹⁰ <https://www.psc.state.fl.us/library/filings/2019/06952-2019/06952-2019.pdf>