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Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:42 PM
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Subject: FW: Public Comment, Ceres BICEP Network, for Docket 20200181 (Proposed amendment of Rule 25-17.0021, F.A.C., Goals for Electric Utilities)
Attachments: Ceres BICEP Letter Re_ 2020 DTE IRP Process.pdf

Good Afternoon, Ms. Esteves.

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

Thank you!

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From: Brianna Esteves <esteves@ceres.org>
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To the Office of Commission Clerk:

Attached please find comments from the Ceres BICEP Network regarding Docket No. 20200181.

Thank you for the Commission's consideration of these comments. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Kind regards,
Brianna

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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:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Ceres BICEP (Business for Innovative Climate and Energy Policy) Network—a coalition of more than 60 major employers and large electricity customers across the United States, including many with significant operations, facilities, and business interests in Florida.

Businesses across Florida and the nation are increasingly setting goals to cut emissions, invest in clean energy, and reduce energy use. These commitments not only benefit public health and the environment, but they also make business sense. Indeed, a 2017 Ceres analysis shows that renewable energy and energy efficiency investments save U.S. companies \$3.7 billion a year, freeing up significant capital that they can reinvest into their operations, employees, research and development, and operations.¹ Clean energy resources also help businesses hedge against volatile fuel prices while remaining competitive in a market where customers, investors, and employees increasingly expect companies to lead on sustainability.

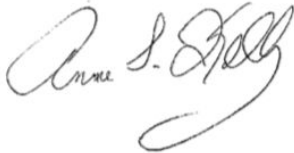
Businesses stand ready to make significant investments in reducing their energy consumption and peak demand, and well-designed utility energy efficiency policies, programs, and incentives to support these investments are critical to Florida's clean energy future.

¹ See Power Forward 3.0: How the largest U.S. companies are capturing business value while addressing climate change, <https://www.ceres.org/resources/reports/power-forward-3>

For these reasons, we welcome the Florida Public Service Commission's efforts to initiate a rulemaking to explore improvements to its energy efficiency goal-setting and program-approval proceedings. We further support the scheduling of one or more scoping workshops to give the Commission the opportunity to hear from interested stakeholders, including the business community, on the opportunities for Florida to support increased energy efficiency investment.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments. Florida businesses stand ready to work with you to support the deployment of cost-effective clean energy technologies and services that will build a more robust, efficient economy for the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne L. Kelly".

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For more information on the Ceres BICEP Network visit:
<https://www.ceres.org/networks/ceres-policy-network>

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