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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 12:29 PM
To: 'Douglas Hough'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Stop the Electric Utilities' Boondoggle (Docket 20200092-E1)

Good Afternoon, Douglas Hough

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200092-E1 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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From: AARP <aarpfl@aarp.org> On Behalf Of Douglas Hough
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Stop the Electric Utilities' Boondoggle (Docket 20200092-E1)

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Dear Florida PSC PSC,

We are in the middle of a pandemic with unemployment rampant in our state. Right now, Floridians need help making ends meet paying day-to-day expenses, including rising healthcare costs and prescription drug prices, as well as increasing rents and food costs.

What Floridians do not need now is to pay for services that benefits no more than 5 percent of ratepayers.

Please do not approve the request for the Electric Investor's SPP. This program would be an additional hardship on the large Florida retired population. With a fixed income and Social Security Benefits COLA very rare and not keeping up

with inflation, the rise of utilities rates will be harmful to seniors. The proposal will only increase the profits of the utility providers. This SPP will benefit less than 5% of Florida's utility customers. It would be better to propose that those customers who are effected by potential storm-related outages consider other options, such as solar power, reducing grid dependence, or having a back up system, at the individual home owner's expense. Alternatively, those customers could relocate to a location with reliable utility service.

Sincerely,

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