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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 4:56 PM
To: 'chip@chipblack.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20200181; Modernize Florida's outdated efficiency practices

Good Afternoon, James Black

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

Sincerely,

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From: chip@everyactioncustom.com <chip@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket No. 20200181; Modernize Florida's outdated efficiency practices

Dear Florida PSC Commissioners,

Florida has been lagging behind the rest of the United States in allowing alternative sources of energy to develop and be efficiently and widely distributed to its citizens.

This is not something Florida utilities don't know how to do or are, in fact, doing in other markets in which they operate. For example, years ago, FPL purchased Central Maine Power Company. CMP has for years promoted the development and distribution of alternative sources of energy. When they purchased that utility, FPL had no choice but to continue those practices because the rules and regulations of Maine demanded that they do so. As a result, Maine industry and residents have abundant and reasonably priced energy from non-fossil fuels.

FPL and other utilities have fought tooth and nail opposing renewable energy. They have spent millions of dollars to do so. They want to maintain the monopoly they have been given for decades. It is an old model and needs to be modified to allow for the State to move into the 21st Century.

Changes might have adverse short-term effects. However, in the long-term, these changes will be good for the State, its citizens and its industries including its utility companies.

Respectfully,
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