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**From:** Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:23 PM  
**To:** 'pschlachter@comcast.net'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 20200181; Modernize Florida's outdated efficiency practices

Good Afternoon, Mr. Schlachter.

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: pschlachter@everyactioncustom.com <pschlachter@everyactioncustom.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:14 PM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: Docket No. 20200181; Modernize Florida's outdated efficiency practices

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

When new windows were installed in my home I could tell the large increase in insulation and energy efficiency. Then I had solar panels installed two years ago to help in producing energy for our home needs. All who pass by I-10 as it meets I-75 can see the large investment in solar panels by one of the Florida-based utilities. What amazes me, as a long resident in the Sunshine State, is the slowness of our utilities in supporting energy efficiency and converting to renewable energy and their ongoing reliance on fossil fuel consumption. I look to the Commission to do more than follow and applaud: I expect some pulling of our utilities toward the future and toward a livable south Florida.

We all know that energy efficiency means using energy smarter. It is the quickest, cleanest, and cheapest way to meet our energy needs while helping Floridians cut energy waste and manage power bills. Helping hard-working families make their homes more efficient, safer, and secure also keeps energy dollars in local communities and employs over 100,000 Floridians.

Yet the practices Florida utilities rely upon in setting goals haven't been modernized in almost 30 years – and that has led to Florida's largest power companies badly trailing leading utilities in the Southeast and across the nation in delivering energy savings to families and businesses. Most recently, this outdated approach led to power companies proposing goals of zero. We can do better.

The time is right to bring Florida's efficiency rules into the 21st century with a holistic approach to energy saving technologies that incentivizes utilities to bring "next generation" solutions to scale for a smarter grid.

We can do this by better aligning electric utilities' financial interests with their customers' bottom lines by rewarding them when they save customers money.

We can level the playing field so energy savings programs compete on a fair basis with capital intensive power plants.

We can move beyond the outdated cost tests we've used to evaluate efficiency programs, which take real efficiency savings off the table.

And we can put Florida's most vulnerable customers first by ensuring energy security and affordability for the elderly and low income families.

The technologies of tomorrow - cutting edge efficiency, demand response, smart appliances, electric vehicles, solar, battery storage and more - are here. Let's put them to work for Florida families, unlocking savings for all of us.

Sincerely,

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