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From: Office of Commissioner Fay
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To: Commissioner Correspondence
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Please place the email below in Docket No. 20200181

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Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:10 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Fay
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Dear Commissioner Andrew Fay,

We know that energy efficiency is the quickest, cleanest, and cheapest way to meet our energy needs while also helping Floridians cut energy waste and save money on power bills. Helping hard-working families make their homes more efficient, safer, and secure also keeps energy dollars in local communities and drives economic growth and job creation.

Yet the practices the Commission relies upon in setting goals for the state's largest utilities 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, economic screens - used only in Florida - like the 2-year screen and the Rate Impact Measure (RIM) test led to power companies proposing goals of zero. Your practices should not penalize efficiency measures that meaningfully reduce energy waste for homes or businesses. That doesn't serve the best interest of customers or the state.

Let's consider ways to encourage utilities to do more on efficiency, in particular for low-income customers and people with disabilities who can benefit from the cost-savings on energy by reallocating the funds towards assistive technologies and other needs.

You have a unique opportunity through this rulemaking process to reform practices so they reflect modern state industry standards. The scope of this rulemaking should be broad enough to inform you about approaches used in other states - and how they might be adapted for Florida.

A lot has changed in 30 years, our state rules on helping customers use energy smarter should keep up as well.

Sincerely,
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