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From: Office of Commissioner Fay
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To: Commissioner Correspondence
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From: cognitas@everyactioncustom.com [mailto:cognitas@everyactioncustom.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 7:50 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: Docket No. 20200181; Modernize Florida's outdated energy savings practices

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 to cut energy waste and save money on power bills. Helping hard-working families and businesses use energy smarter employs over 100,000 Floridians, driving economic growth by keeping energy dollars in local communities.

It is distressing to know that here in our beautiful state of Florida, where we are at extreme risk from climate change impacts, we are under-performing drastically compared to the rest of the country. We can do better. And we must, or our state and our planet will become uninhabitable. It's time to stop allowing utilities to ignore the climate crisis so they can make more money. Greed is a poor planning aid.

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Most recently, Florida's use of outdated economic screens – like the two-year payback screen and the Rate Impact Measure (RIM) test, both of which penalize saving energy – led to power companies proposing goals of zero. Hardworking Floridians deserve access to programs that will help them lower their power bills – especially today.

It's time to move beyond practices that take real efficiency off the table.

You have a unique opportunity through this rulemaking process to reform practices so they reflect modern industry standards. Let's level the playing field so energy savings programs compete on a fair basis with costly new power plants.

Let's capture technological innovation and put it to work for a smarter grid, and let's protect our most vulnerable customers by aiming to reduce the energy burden faced by so many hard-working families.

A lot has changed in 30 years. Let's modernize our practices to put efficiency to work for all in unlocking savings for Florida's families, businesses, and the state.

Sincerely,
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