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From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: Please remove roadblocks to energy efficiency in Florida; Docket No. 20200181;
Modernize Florida's outdated energy savings practices; Docket No. 20200181;
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Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200181.

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From: cognititas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diana Cowans
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Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 7:50 PM
To: Office of Chairman Clark
Subject: Docket No. 20200181; Modernize Florida's outdated energy savings practices

Dear Chairman Gary Clark,

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Most recently, Florida's use of outdated economic screens – like the two-year payback screen and the Rate Impact Measure (RIM) test, both of which penalize saving energy – led to power companies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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From: windhauserbret@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bret Windhauser
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Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 12:45 PM
To: Office of Chairman Clark
Subject: Docket No. 20200181; Modernize Florida's outdated energy savings practices

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Sincerely,
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From: Heather Maio <h.maio@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 1:39 PM
To: Office of Chairman Clark
Subject: Please remove roadblocks to energy efficiency in Florida

Dear Public Service Commissioner Clark,

Florida's largest utilities badly trail leading utilities in the Southeast and across the nation in delivering energy savings to customers. That's short-sighted because energy efficiency is the quickest, cheapest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and tackle climate change -- but outdated practices in setting state energy efficiency goals are holding us back. Let's fix that through this rulemaking process.

As you consider changes to your goal setting rule, I ask that you reform the cost-effectiveness and screening practices that previously led many utilities to propose goals of zero to this Commission. I understand that Florida is the only state that relies primarily on these practices.

Energy efficiency programs have taken on new importance in light of the economic fallout from the COVID-19 crisis. Florida families should not have to make a choice between paying a power bill or buying essentials like food and medicine. Now is the time to remove the roadblocks to energy savings in order to provide more and better energy efficiency programs to customers.

It's time to use the new rulemaking to update your decades-old practices, and consider ways to get utilities to do more on efficiency, in particular for low-income customers. Please use this opportunity to get input from the public and experts in this field before rushing to revise the rule on conservation goal-setting.

Regards,
Heather Maio
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