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Dear Commissioner Andrew Fay,

Florida needs to move to the forefront in modernizing how the public service commission operates to make Florida a leader in not only the best efficiency retrofit program in the nation but also in modernizing the electric grid and make it easier for microgrid integration.

Most recently, Florida's use of outdated economic screens – like the two-year payback screen and the Rate Impact Measure (RIM) test, both of which penalize saving energy – led to power companies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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Dear Commissioner Andrew Fay,

Energy efficiency is the quickest, cleanest, and cheapest way to meet our energy needs while also helping Floridians to cut energy waste and driving economic growth by keeping energy dollars in local communities. We need to stop exporting Florida money to other states, like Texas, to buy fossil fuels.

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 falling behind the times. This needs to change!

Most recently, Florida's use of outdated economic screens – like the two-year payback screen and the Rate Impact Measure (RIM) test, both of which penalize saving energy – led to power companies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. This is not acceptable.

Please 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 reduce the energy burden faced by so many hard-working families.

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