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**DATE:** March 1, 2022

**TO:** Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

**FROM:** Margo A. DuVal, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel *MD*

**RE:** Docket No. 20210138-PU - Proposed adoption of Rule 25-18.020, F.A.C., Pole Safety, Inspection, Maintenance, and Vegetation Management.

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Please place the following document in Docket No. 20210138-PU as Parties & Interested Persons Correspondence. Thank you.

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**From:** Lewis, Eve <ELewis@coconutcreek.net>  
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**To:** Margo DuVal <mduval@psc.state.fl.us>  
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**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 20210138-PU - Agenda Participation

In an effort to give you the comments I would share, if given the opportunity – please see my shorthand notes below:

1. Coconut Creek has historically worked very well with public utilities in securing the safety and longevity of that infrastructure, especially in the context of vegetation management – the original landscaping code was codified in 1986;
2. Localities are a major stakeholder in preserving that infrastructure not only in storm conditions (as we are the first responders for debris collection for safe roadway travel, etc.) but also on a daily basis as residents immediately call localities when essential services (i.e. electricity) goes down; We have a vested interest that aligned with the PSC;
3. Responsible pruning is always permitted and we have urban foresters on staff to assist in all manners;
4. Coconut Creek's Landscape Code is roughly 45 pages, including tables listing type of plant material (invasive species, etc.), definitions, and minimum standards for zoning districts;
5. Throughout that Code there are at least 4 references to trees being "acceptable to FPL"

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And my comments could go on. But you've just recommended striking the sentence relating to local ordinances.

Thank you,


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