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From: Angie Calhoun
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 4:35 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Diane Hood
Subject: FW: To CLK Docket 20210015

Consumer correspondence for docket 20210015.

Angela Calhoun

From: Leighton LeClair <lhleclairjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 4:57 PM
To: Consumer Contact <Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Fwd: Improving your service – with drones!

Dear Sirs,

I just read this press release/marketing treatise from Gulf Power about their requested rate increase to support investment in solar energy.

While I do support the concept of solar energy, I am concerned about its relative effectiveness as compared to conventional sources, especially during critical peak loads. The Texas energy crisis a couple months ago is a prime case example. Like Northern Texas, NW Florida generally has a reasonable climate; however, it does get freezes and ice storms on an all too regular basis. My understanding from the news is that the problem in Texas was because their grid converted a large percentage of their electricity from being produced by gas & coal to being produced by wind and solar. People were fleeing the state to keep from freezing. The death toll was close to 200. The bottom line is that solar does not work when the panels are covered by ice (yes we have seen days of ice in NW FL); windmills do not turn when they are covered in sleet.

The one phenomenon I've noticed that is attributed to global warming is the increase in *cold* temperature days in the southern tier.

When you are reviewing the Gulf Power plans for converting to solar, as the basis for this rate hike. PLEASE make sure that they do not make the same mistake that Texas did. The FL power grid must be able to provide sufficient electricity over a sustained period even if the power generation capacity of solar and wind drop to zero. If their plan fails to plan for this, then it is a plan to fail. Please don't let that happen. Our lives depend on it.

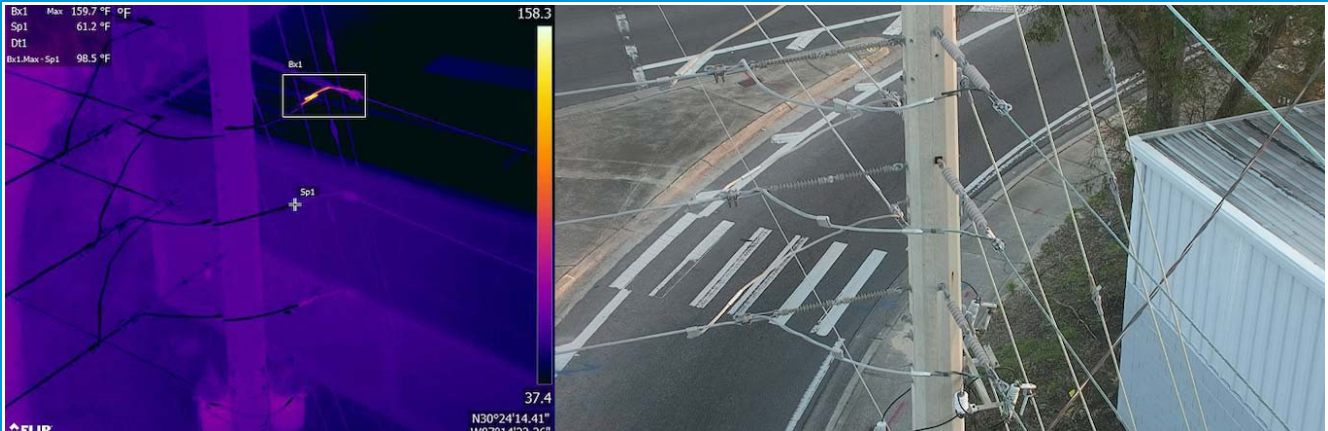
Sincerely
Leighton H. Le Clair, Jr.
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From: Gulf Power Company <account@email.gulfpower.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 7, 2021 at 11:10 AM
Subject: Improving your service – with drones!
To: <lhleclairjr@gmail.com>



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We're using drones to perform equipment assessments that will help provide even more reliable service for you in good weather and bad. Over the next few months, drones will be used to help inspect power lines in neighborhoods and identify areas of concern before outages occur.

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Alongside Florida Power & Light, we filed a request with the Public Service Commission for a new four-year rate plan, beginning in 2022, to support investments in cleaner and more reliable energy, while keeping costs low.

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We donated \$84,000 to local organizations

Nine local charitable or nonprofit organizations received grants from the Gulf Power Foundation, totaling nearly \$84,000 to support communities where we live and work throughout Northwest Florida.

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