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From: Lorena Hollett on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:19 PM
To: 'Bruce Higgins'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Dockets #20230001, #20230010, and #20200181

Good afternoon, Bruce Higgins.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20230001, 20230010, and 20200181, and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Regards,

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From: behiggins=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io <behiggins=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io> **On Behalf Of** Bruce Higgins
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:18 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Dockets #20230001, #20230010, and #20200181

Dear ,

We need your help to stop the endless electricity rate hikes in Florida and save consumers money by fixing the energy efficiency rule.

On March 7th, you will hear requests from investor-owned utilities to once again raise the electricity rates for Florida consumers. We urge you to deny the mid-course fuel corrections, minimize storm recovery costs, and fix the energy efficiency rule to meet the national standards.

Florida utilities have been charging consumers for the costs of their continued unsustainable reliance on dirty fossil fuels. This Commission has approved rate hike over rate hike that takes all risk away from these for-profit institutions and shifted the burden to Floridians. That needs to stop.

Utilities need to invest in clean, renewable energy infrastructure from solar, wind and tides and stop wasting our money on dirty fracked gas, coal, and nuclear infrastructure. They aren't doing this, though, because every hike they ask for gets approved. Where is their incentive to do what's best for Florida's energy systems and Florida ratepayers when they never have to foot the bill?

The mission of the PSC is "To facilitate the efficient provision of safe and reliable utility services at fair prices." Our current fossil fuel energy system is not safe or reliable, and the prices are definitely NOT fair.

Many folks have to decide between paying their electricity bill or paying for other essentials like rent, food, and medicine. That's not right, and we need your help to change things.

Please help to end Florida rate hikes and pass cost-saving measures for Floridians.

On March 7th, I urge you to:

- Deny the midcourse fuel corrections. (Docket #20230001)
- Minimize the storm recovery costs to only those storms that impacted the service area. (Docket #20230010)
- Fix the energy efficiency rule to meet national standards that will reduce the burning of fossil fuels and save consumers money. (Docket #20200181)

Sincerely,

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