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From: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:00 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Regulation of Methane Emissions

Good morning,

Please place the email below in CORRESPONDENCE – Consumers & Representatives in docket 20240000.

Thank you.

From: Tanya Passidore <passidore@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 11:01 PM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>
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Hello, my name is Tanya Passidore, and I'm a resident of Miami, FL. I'm writing today to express my concerns about methane pollution from our utilities and to discuss how our Public Utilities Commission La Rosa can play a key role in cleaning up our grid.

As you're probably aware, methane has 80x the global warming effect of carbon dioxide in the short term. It concerns me that methane leaks from the natural gas supply chain can actually negate the environmental benefits of using natural gas over coal. And methane poses a safety hazard due to its explosive potential.

As a concerned resident of the state of Florida, I think it's imperative that our utilities are held to the highest possible standards. We need to make sure we are doing our part to clean up this Earth responsibly.

I urge you to take stronger action in regulating methane emissions from utilities, like imposing stricter leak detection standards, efficiency requirements for aging gas infrastructure, or rate-setting and rules that help incentivize cleaner sources of electricity. You can also impose regulations that encourage the switch from gas heating and cooking to electrification.

Can the Commission share what steps are currently being taken to address methane pollution? Please feel free to call me back at 213-440-0598 or send an email.

Thanks so much for your time.

Tanya Passidore