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Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

As my state's regulator, you're tasked with protecting me and other utility customers from unjust utility bills and unnecessary cost increases. That's why I'm asking you to reject the false story that new gas plants are the only option to meet an increase in electricity demand.

We have the technologies that can meet power requirements at a lower cost than dirty and dated gas plants, and thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and state leadership, we also have new investments and policy tools to get there. We just need utilities, as well as grid operators and state regulators like you, to choose reliability and affordability over false justifications for outdated energy sources.

We should not, cannot, and must not let utilities use America's economic momentum as an excuse to build more gas power plants, which would lead to a massive increase in climate pollution and costs for customers. I urge you to do everything in your power to refuse these schemes and act in accordance with what American customers want, which is more energy cost regulation, more affordable power, and utilities investing in clean energy options.

Thank you,

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