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The PSC should disqualify itself from looking into the failure of FPL and other electricity providers during the last hurricane season. The reason for this is found in the Commission's own mission statement which I quote here:

The mission of the Florida Public Service Commission is to promote the development of competitive markets - as directed by state and federal law - by removing regulatory barriers to competition, and by emphasizing incentive-based approaches, where feasible, to regulate areas that remain subject to rate of return regulation. Once markets become sufficiently competitive, the Florida Public Service Commission will eliminate regulatory involvement to the extent permitted by law.

The stated goal of this Commission is to eliminate regulatory involvement. While this may make sense in markets where technology is providing competitive alternatives, for example telephony, it makes no sense where there is no logical alternative, such as the transmission of electricity which can only be done with wires. The Commission should turn this effort over to a grand jury which is not bound up by efforts to exit regulatory responsibility.

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