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The Honorable Kristin D. Jacobs
Chair, Broward County Climate Change
Task Force
Broward Governmental Center
115 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301-1801

Re: Docket No. 080407 - Review of Numeric Conservation Goals

Dear Chair Jacobs:

Thank you for your letter dated October 1 encouraging the Commission to adopt meaningful energy efficiency goals for our electric utilities. This issue is scheduled to be heard at the October 27 Agenda Conference. This letter will be placed in the docket file and distributed to all parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Andrews Bane".

Mary Andrews Bane
Executive Director

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cc: Ann Cole, Commission Clerk ✓

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October 1, 2009

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Re: Docket No. 080407

Dear Ms. Bane:

The Broward County Climate Change Task Force (Task Force) encourages the Public Service Commission (PSC) to adopt meaningful energy efficiency goals in its upcoming Order in Docket No. 080407. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners, along with 77 Florida municipalities, has signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement which calls for governments to enact polices and programs to meet or exceed the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7% below 1990 levels by 2012. The Task Force believes that meaningful energy efficiency goals, consistent with achieving the U.S. Mayors’ goal, are critical to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The 2007 Broward County GHG emissions inventory demonstrated that electricity use accounted for 51% of our total GHG emission profile, primarily attributable to residential, commercial and industrial customers of Florida Power and Light (FPL). In October, the PSC will set energy efficiency goals for FPL which will remain in effect for the next five years. FPL will need to deliver stronger utility-sponsored energy efficiency programs to Broward County customers to achieve GHG emission reduction targets.

The country’s leading utilities are already meeting and exceeding a 1% annual efficiency target. Of the 14 states that have set goals, all but three have set minimum goals of 2% annually.¹ Florida is one of the most vulnerable states in the U.S. to sea level rise. As such, Florida urgently needs a progressive efficiency standard to address climate change impacts.

On behalf of the Task Force, I strongly encourage the PSC to set annual utility energy efficiency goals to achieve greenhouse gas reductions of 7% below 1990 levels by 2012. These progressive goals will put Florida in stride with other leading states, on the path to significant energy efficiency benefits.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Kristin Jacobs
Chair, Broward County Climate Change Task Force

¹ ACEEE, *Laying the Foundation for Implementing a Federal Energy Efficiency Standard*, March 2009. The states include: VA-2.2%; VT-2%; IL-2%; CA-2%; NJ-2%, CT-2%; WA-2%; MA-2%; OH-2%, RI-2%; MI-1.5%; NY-1.5%; IA-1.5%; MD-3.3%.

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