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Good Afternoon:

Please place the attached letter in Dockets # 20190018 and #20190072.

Thanks.

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## Public Service Commission

June 17, 2019

The Honorable Louis L. "Woody" Brown  
Mayor, City of Largo  
PO Box 296  
Largo, Florida 33779

Dear Mayor Brown:

Thank you for your June 7 letter regarding Duke Energy Florida's energy efficiency goals and renewable energy development.

It is a long-standing principle in Florida utility regulation that we require utilities to provide service in the most cost-effective way. We are always aware that customers want lower rates, and that a significant number of Floridians are challenged to pay all their bills each month.

In our Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act goal-setting proceedings, a major consideration is the programs' impact on rates for all customers. While conservation programs hold down rates by putting off construction of power plants and reducing consumption of fossil fuels, the programs also have substantial costs that are imposed on customers. We will again seek to set goals that optimize savings and costs so that all customers benefit. This is done through an extensive evidentiary proceeding which establishes a factual foundation for carefully weighed choices.

Duke Energy Florida, like Florida's other investor owned utilities that generate power, is rapidly accelerating its development of solar power. The Public Service Commission currently is reviewing \$252 million in new solar installations the utility expects to bring online over the next nine months. This is a separate proceeding from the conservation goals docket.

Public Service Commissioners are not permitted to take premature positions on matters that will come before them, but your letter will be put in the docket files for both matters so all Commissioners will be able to consider your views.

Again, thank you for sharing your timely insights. Input from leaders around the state is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Art Graham".

Art Graham  
Chairman

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