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To: Commissioner Correspondence
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Good Morning:

Please place this email and attached letter in Docket #20190018.

Thanks.

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Commissioner Graham,

Attached is a letter from City of Largo Mayor Woody Brown requesting your consideration in encouraging Duke Energy Florida to further its commitment to the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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(This email was sent to all members of the City Commission and the press.)

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August 1, 2019

Mr. Art Graham, Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
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Re: Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA) - Comment Submittal for
General Comment Period
Docket: 20190018-EG

Dear Chairman Graham and Members of the Florida Public Service Commission,

The City of Largo respectfully requests that you and your colleagues challenge Duke Energy of Florida's (DEF) energy efficiency goals in the upcoming Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA) review in order to ensure Florida residents are provided necessary Demand Side Management (DSM) efforts. These efforts include education, rebates, incentives, and other assistance such as weatherization, which help to lower consumer energy demand. These efforts produce tremendous benefits to the community, particularly to low- and moderate-income households as they continue to struggle to afford electricity. This aligns with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services encouragement for the Commission to continue to maintain and develop energy efficiency and conservation programs targeted towards those who are least able to afford energy efficiency improvements.

Less than 30 percent of DEF's total residential customers have participated in the program since its inception in 1981 and participation continues to fall short of DEF's stated goals. Nearly 46% of Largo residents are low-to-moderate income, over 36,000 individuals, many of whom have not participated in the program despite being eligible. The City of Largo hopes to support DEF goals and provide additional education and community engagement about the program to ensure that responsible levels of DSM are met and long-term community sustainability is achieved. By enhancing partnerships with local governments and housing non-profit organizations in this way, DEF will be able to achieve economies of scale in their DSM efforts.

The City of Largo is committed to collaborating with its partners in efforts to increase energy efficiency and promote strong regional economies. Supporting DEF's DSM efforts will build consumer confidence, provide local trade jobs, and help DEF avoid large capital infrastructure costs associated with bringing new capacities online. The strategic and responsible goal of increasing energy efficiency and conservation strengthens long-term corporate performance and community outcomes. The City is excited to provide greater assistance in DEF's efforts to achieve this goal while connecting residents with DSM programs at an increasing rate.

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Several partnership strategies exist that can accelerate DEF's engagement opportunities, including partnerships with municipal energy efficiency efforts which include Largo's Housing Rehabilitation and Rental Rehab programs. Commercial efforts may include partnerships with Economic Development departments who can incentivize energy efficiency efforts to local businesses. As of yet, no such opportunities have been realized.

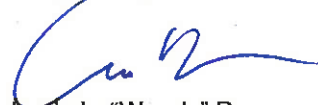
There remains a strong need for these programs in our community and beyond, and collaborating with DEF in our efforts will create a more sustainable Largo and Florida.

In addition to the clear needs of our shared community, maintaining and increasing DEF's energy efficiency goals in the FEECA review is necessary to ensure the resilience of our current and future communities by reducing levels of greenhouse gas emissions. Increasing public awareness of this program supports these efforts and can include additional neighborhood-based outreach in coordination with other agencies, strengthening partnerships with non-profits, and developing modernized forms of public engagement.

The City of Largo is certainly not an exception in our needs for increased energy efficiency efforts for our residents and businesses. In our pledge to transition to 100 percent renewable energy by 2050, Largo intends to maintain a strong relationship with DEF. The City respectfully requests support in providing our residents with the necessary tools to accomplish this important goal.

On behalf of our State's electric consumers, I thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. If you should need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or the City's sustainability coordinator, Ms. Laura C. Thomas, at (727) 586-7424.

Respectfully,



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