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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk **Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2019 8:58 AM

To: 'vallabha@cox.net'
Cc: Consumer Contact

Subject: RE: Set strong energy savings goals for Florida utilities; Docket Nos. 20190015 to

20190021

Good Morning, Barbara Schwartz

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket Nos. 20190015-20190021 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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From: Barbara Schwartz [mailto:Barbara.Schwartz.8523570@p2a.co]

Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 8:05 PM

To: Records Clerk

Subject: Set strong energy savings goals for Florida utilities; Docket Nos. 20190015 to 20190021

Dear Sir or Madam

I understand that you will be setting energy savings goals for the state's largest utilities, establishing for the next ten years what programs will be accessible to Florida families.

I urge you to stand up for energy customers like me by adopting energy savings goals that will help families cut energy waste and save money on bills.

We all want to make our homes more efficient, comfortable, and secure. Efficiency programs play a critical role in every family's ability to upgrade their home energy systems, allowing them to save money. Floridians want to be more energy-efficient, and the utilities are standing in our way.

Florida trails far behind other states in capturing energy savings for customers. Yet instead of proposing higher efficiency goals, many of the state's largest utilities have proposed goals of zero or close to zero. These proposals are unacceptable, and it is up to you to ensure that they do better. With Floridians like me bearing

some of the highest electric bills in the nation, the utilities' proposed goals would lock in unnecessary and debilitatingly high energy bills for hard-working families.

That's why I'm asking you to please support Florida families by setting goals that are in line with the energy savings captured by leading states. A goal of 1% is entirely attainable, and investing in energy efficiency is good, common sense that saves us all money.

Thank you for your consideration, Barbara Schwartz 3827 NE 17th Street Circle Ocala, FL 34470