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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 4:30 PM
To: 'Aria McKenna'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Subject: Docket Nos. 20200053, 20200054, 20200055, and 20200056

Good Afternoon, Aria McKenna

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket Nos. 20200023-20200056 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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From: Aria McKenna <ariamck@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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You have an important decision before you tomorrow, July 7th when you consider approval of proposed energy efficiency programs for the state's biggest power companies – including efficiency programs for low-income customers.

Given the economic fallout from the COVID-19 crisis and the high energy burden our low-income neighbors are suffering, we must place an even greater value on cutting energy waste. After all, it's the cheapest, quickest and cleanest way to meet our energy needs. As people stay home during the pandemic and resultant economic recession, utility bills are rising, and household incomes are falling. More families are being forced to choose between cooling their homes and paying for necessities such as food, medicine, and child care.

It is unconscionable that PSC staff is recommending scaling back proposed programs. I strongly oppose this shortsighted recommendation. Instead, I urge you to direct the utilities to expand programs to meet the needs of the many hard-working Florida families.

The staff's recommendation would block proposed programs that are proven to deliver real savings to customers and are, in fact, readily available all across the country. Even further off the mark, the recommendation that low-income programs be scaled back is particularly cruel. With Covid-19 and the economic downturn, helping customers slash unaffordable energy bills is more important than ever. During a long and blistering heat wave, having access to these resources can be the difference between life and death. Now is not the time to abandon our families.

Therefore, I ask that you reject your staff's recommendation and ensure that each utility is putting forth robust energy efficiency programs – especially for its most vulnerable customers.

Sincerely,
Aria McKenna

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