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**From:** Angie Calhoun  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Cc:** Diane Hood  
**Subject:** FW: To CLK Docket No. 20200176  
**Attachments:** 082520\_Duke CEC support letter.pdf

**Customer correspondence for docket 20200176.**

Thank you,

Angela Calhoun

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**From:** Paul Smith <[psmith@ctsfl.us](mailto:psmith@ctsfl.us)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 4:16 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact <[Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US](mailto:Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US)>  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20200176 – Petition to approve Duke Energy’s clean energy connection program; City of Tarpon Springs, FL

To Whom It May Concern:

Please provide a copy of this letter of support to the Commission for the subject Docket item.

Thank you in advance,  
Paul Smith

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August 25, 2020

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Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Docket No. 20200176 – Petition to Approve Duke Energy’s Clean Energy Connection Program

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the City of Tarpon Springs Public Services Department to support Duke Energy Florida’s proposed Clean Energy Connection Program currently under review by the Florida Public Service Commission.

As a municipality with our own focus on sustainability, we are pleased to have the opportunity to participate in a voluntary, renewable energy program. The City’s Sustainability Committee reviewed this proposed program with City staff and unanimously supports it for up to 100% subscription of eligible City electrical usage. Based on that recommendation, our City Commission approved such on August 11, 2020.

Duke Energy Florida’s Clean Energy Connection allows us to participate in a solar program at a utility scale, leading to cost-effective renewable energy capacity without the traditional barriers of our own development in highly urbanized Pinellas County. This program complements our efforts to increase renewable energy capacity. The City is hopeful that this program will serve as a foundation for promoting long term renewable generation in the state.

Respectfully, we encourage you to approve the Duke Energy Florida Clean Energy Connection Program and we are eager to participate.

Sincerely,

Paul Smith, P.E.  
Public Services Director

cc:/ Mark LeCouris, City Manager