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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 11:24 AM
To: 'Bernie Albrecht'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Proposed Underground Installations

Good Morning, Bernie Albrecht

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200071 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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From: Bernie Albrecht <balbrecht007@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 6:21 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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Subject: Proposed Underground Installations

To the Florida Public Service Commission,

I would like to voice my concerns and objection to the "Rubber Stamping" of the proposed UnderGound installations. I retired from a major Electric Utility in New Jersey after 32 1/2 years, many spent designing, overseeing installation, and repair / maintenance of the Underground Distribution System and can advise you first hand it is a very expensive system to install and maintain.

Underground installations usually are estimated to cost 10 times what a similar Overhead System costs.

In a pure inner city environment, redundant Underground Systems are the only feasible way to go, but outside of the city, Overhead is always better since tracking down failures and problems is very straightforward and simple compared to an Underground System. Repair is also much easier and simpler and cheaper.

As almost all systems come out of an Electrical Substation Overhead in their origins, and then "dip" into the Underground at some point, so there are always poles and wires to deal with.

In almost all cases the Overhead System is cheaper and faster to restore, unless the customer requests pure Underground from the Substation out, which is very expensive, and the ratepayers should not be purdonded with this cost.

As my past experience has shown me, Overhead is cheap, easier to repair and maintain, and should be fortified and made stronger in opposition to putting it Underground, and I highly recommend the Commision not allow the Utility to push a costlier method onto the ratepayers.

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