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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 5:08 PM
To: 'Rita Montano'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Stop the Electric Utilities' Boondoggle (Docket 20200092-E1)

Good Afternoon, Rita Montano

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200092-E1 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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From: AARP <aarpfl@aarp.org> On Behalf Of Rita Montano
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Stop the Electric Utilities' Boondoggle (Docket 20200092-E1)

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Dear Florida PSC PSC,

We are in the middle of a pandemic with unemployment rampant in our state. Right now, Floridians need help making ends meet paying day-to-day expenses, including rising healthcare costs and prescription drug prices, as well as increasing rents and food costs.

What Floridians do not need now is to pay for services that benefits no more than 5 percent of ratepayers.

We have been told that storm protection plans will speed electricity restoration minimally, for very few customers, with dramatic rate increases for all.

AARP estimates Florida electric customers will pay \$40 billion for the Plans by 2059, including an estimated \$12 billion in profits for utilities.

All customers will subsidize a tiny few. Despite the SPPs massive size, few customers will experience shorter storm-related outages. For example, just 4% of FPL's residential customers and 5% of Duke Energy's will get their overhead power lines buried underground.

The Plans are not strategic, and do not consider any modern options for reducing grid dependence, like solar, batteries, or a more decentralized electricity system.

None of the SPPs complied with the PSC's own Rules (25-6-030) for such Plans.

Sincerely,

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