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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 12:29 PM
To: 'Joseph Kirkbride'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Stop the Electric Utilities' Boondoggle (Docket 20200092-E1)

Good Afternoon, Mr. Kirkbride.

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

Thank you!

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From: AARP <aarpfl@aarp.org> On Behalf Of Joseph Kirkbride
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 10:58 AM
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.

My electric service is provided by FPL at the above address. My thoughts relate to docket number 202000092-E1.

The Storm Protection Plans are too expensive for consumers--retired and otherwise and don't do enough to significantly improve power restoration or service improvement. Perhaps the involved utilities should begin their own program of burying or strengthening or securing lines able to weather storms. But these efforts should be funded from internal cash--not substantial rate increases benefiting only a small number of customers.

Buried lines come with their own set of maintenance and repair problems. They are susceptible to conduit or piping failing, animals and people digging, flooding, insects. And these lines will require

x-ray or radar equipment to determine where any problems are located.
Additional new testing and locating equipment will be required. And there will be personnel and maintenance costs associated with the small percentage of new buried lines.
All in all, this is an overkill solution with a cost we can't afford.
Please revisit these plans for a better, less taxpayer cost.

Sincerely,

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