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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2020 8:14 AM
To: 'deerwoman8@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket no. 20200219-EI, Stop Utility Disconnections Now. Protect FL Families During COVID!

Good Morning, Maria Minno

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200219-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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From: Maria Minno <Maria.Minno.373148581@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2020 10:03 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket no. 20200219-EI, Stop Utility Disconnections Now. Protect FL Families During COVID!

Dear Public Service Commission:

Hi, my name is Maria Minno, and I live in Gainesville and have property in Grove Park. As a Florida resident and ratepayer, I am extremely concerned about the prospect of utilities taking adverse action to leave Florida families without access to electricity during the pandemic.

Families are already struggling to cope with the effects of a pandemic. COVID disconnections present an immediate danger as people without electricity in their homes will have no ability to stay cool, power medical devices, communicate with others, or stay warm during the winter. Electricity is an essential now that homes are designed to have it constantly running. Without electricity, homes become un-liveable, so people cannot stay in their homes and must seek shelter elsewhere, amounting to an eviction. More than 1 million people in Florida could be severely impacted by utility disconnections.

It's time for the Public Service Commission to exercise its authority to ensure that Florida families are protected from disconnections during the pandemic, and a pandemic recovery period. The PSC must issue an emergency

order preventing utility companies from taking adverse action against struggling Florida families. Disconnections will exacerbate an already severe public health crisis.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Maria Minno ■