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**From:** Betty Leland  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 11:44 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: Letter-Commission Review of Net Energy Metering  
**Attachments:** Commissioner Graham.pdf

Good Morning:

Please place this email in Docket #20200000.

Thanks.

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**Sent:** Friday, October 09, 2020 7:39 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Letter-Commission Review of Net Energy Metering

Good morning Commissioner Graham,  
Please find the attached letter on behalf of Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings that was submitted to the docket yesterday. Mayor Demings wanted to send a letter to you directly as well.  
Let me know if you require any additional information in order for our letter to be read into the record.

**Jeff Benavides**, LEED AP O+M, GGP, ISSP-SPC, NABCEP-PVA  
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ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

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October 8, 2020

Commissioner Art Graham  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Commission Review of Net Energy Metering, Docket No. 20200000

Dear Commissioner Graham:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Florida Public Service Commission's review of net energy metering policies. In 2007, Orange County adopted its first Climate Protection Campaign that outlined strategies to support energy conservation and the growth of renewable energy in our region. In 2020, I appointed Jeff Benavides as the County's first Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer to demonstrate my commitment to build a community of the future. Orange County is in the process of creating a roadmap that significantly increases access to clean, renewable energy and storage throughout the county.

Increasing solar energy and storage in our region's energy portfolio is a critical step along the difficult, but necessary path to achieve 100 percent clean energy. We encourage the Commission to promote and expand access to energy efficiency, as well as solar and energy storage systems. These systems make our region more resilient to natural disasters and less vulnerable to fossil fuel price fluctuations.

It is my vision to build a community of the future that includes clean, reliable energy accessible for our many critical community assets such as water supply and treatment plants, schools, and hospitals. Our residents, non-profit organizations, businesses, and local governments want increased access and expanded options. This includes micro-grids, community solar, and other distributed energy systems for residents and businesses who choose not to install a system due to financial or other limitations.

Retention and expansion of the state's existing net metering policies would ensure that more solar energy projects remain financially accessible and feasible for all. While examining the expansion of energy efficiency, we encourage the Commission to continue working with local governments and private sector providers for innovative solutions.

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Orange County is committed to a future that embraces clean energy and energy conservation for our residents and future generations. I appreciate your consideration of my comments. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Orange County Government Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer, Jeff Benavides, at (407) 836-7389 or e-mail: [jeff.benavides@ocfl.net](mailto:jeff.benavides@ocfl.net) .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry L. Demings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

Jerry L. Demings  
Orange County Mayor

c: Orange County Board of County Commission