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From:Jacob Veaughn on behalf of Records ClerkSent:Monday, February 8, 2021 8:11 AMTo:'rlynn@environmentflorida.org'Cc:Consumer ContactSubject:FW: Statement regarding DOCKET NO. 20200181Attachments:Environment Florida PSC Rulemaking Petition.pdf; Florida PSC 2021 Rulemaking<br/>Comments.pdf

### Good Morning, Ryann Lynn

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200181 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

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From: Ryann Lynn <rlynn@environmentflorida.org>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 5:09 PM
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Subject: Statement regarding DOCKET NO. 20200181

Hello Public Service Commission,

Attached you will find an organizational comment from Environment Florida regarding the FEECA rulemaking workshops as well as a petition signed by some of our members.

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# Public comments submitted on behalf of Environment Florida supporters

**Proposed rule:** 2020-12-15: Proposed Amendment Of Rule 25-17.0021 , F.A.C., Goals For Electric Utilities

**Comment:** One of the easiest ways to reduce energy waste and greenhouse gas emissions is to set higher efficiency standards that ensure utilities are generating, transmitting and using energy in the most efficient way possible. Unfortunately, Florida is using extremely outdated efficiency standards that it has failed to update for almost 30 years.

Our energy efficiency standards are so antiquated that no other state uses them. We are trailing behind the rest of the country, and, as a result, our planet and our pocketbooks are suffering.

I want Florida to update flawed and outdated economic screening practices and create a rulemaking process that promotes energy efficiency in our state rather than discouraging it. It's time for us to catch up to the rest of the country and embrace the cleanest form of energy there is: the energy we never use in the first place.

### Number of comments submitted: 169

The above comment is submitted on behalf of the 169 undersigned.

Brian Ainsley, Altamonte Springs John Dervin, Apopka Mary Ledford, Apopka James Forero, Boca Raton John Fernandez, Boca Raton Lauren Devine, Boca Raton Carolyn M Murphey, Bokeelia Abe Levy, Bonita Springs Edward Tedtmann, Boynton Beach Christian Camphire, Bradenton Barb Morrison, Clearwater Rita Garvey, Clearwater Eric Schonberger, Clearwater Doretta Miller, Clearwater Stephen Dickstein, Clermont James Stahl, Cocoa Kay Stahl, Cocoa Maudie Valero, Coral Gables Gilda Levinson, Coral Springs Michael Wagner, Davie Stephanie Witkoski, Davie Gary Pollack, Deerfield Beach Jesse Green, Delray Beach Wendy Weldon, Delray Beach Alex Savory, Delray Beach Sandy Walters, Enterprise Pablo Sabio, Fort Lauderdale Diane Kossman, Fort Lauderdale Norman Lewis, Fort Lauderdale Richard Bouche, Fort Myers Beach Jennifer Scott, Fort Myers Beach Dennis Hall, Fort Pierce Kathleen Grossman, Fort Pierce Nancy Stamm, Fort Pierce Albert R. Matheny, Gainesville Sarah Harrison, Gainesville Dan Peterson, Gainesville Diane Schulbach, Gainesville BJ Trivedi, Gainesville Susan Murray, High Springs

Virginia Mendez, Hollywood Jennifer Ehrenfried, Hollywood Mary Walls, Jacksonville Greg Gaucher, Jacksonville Jackie Mills, Kissimmee Gregory Esteve, Lake Wales Karen Heesch, Land O Lakes Kimberly San Juan, Largo Pat Rose, Largo Nataliya Yakovleva, Largo Randi Justin, Lauderdale Lakes Martha Robertson, Leesburg James Helmers, Longwood Mary Helmers, Longwood Cheryl Gaiefsky, Longwood Elsy Shallman, Loxahatchee Morley Schloss, Loxahatchee David Nielsen, Marietta Marianne Lazarus, Melbourne William McKinney, Melbourne Fran Teders, Merritt Island Esther Garvett, Miami Nancy Sadowsky, Miami Wendy Joffe, Miami Enrique Baloyra, Miami Yvonne Grams, Miami Thomas Murray, Miami Esteban E, Miami Mario Velarde, Miami Lakes Aubrey Kessler, Miami Shores Stephen Stadler, Naples Harriett Barrett, Naples Darlene Wolf, Naples Cheryl DeShaies, Naples Lea Derence, Naples Alicia Orr, New Port Richey Martha Waltman, Newberry Heather Braut, Nokomis Lee White, Ocala Laurie Hein, Ocala

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February 4, 2021

Via Electronic Submission to: DOCKET NO. 20200181

Commissioner Andrew Giles Fay, Commissioner Art Graham, Commissioner Gary F. Clark, Commissioner Julie I. Brown and Commissioner Mike La Rosa Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Commissioner Fay, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Brown and Commissioner La Rosa,

We urge the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC") to update its <u>proposed amendment to Rule</u> <u>25-17.0021</u> which sets goals for electric utilities. The current draft would lock-in antiquated economic screening practices that contribute to energy waste, increased emissions and higher utility costs for Floridians. We, along with 169 of our members, ask the commission to use this opportunity to amend the way we set efficiency standards to promote practical energy programs that will protect our planet and our pocketbooks.

It is becoming increasingly clear that we need to change the way we produce and consume energy as dirty greenhouse gas emissions are polluting our air and water, harming our health, and changing our climate in dangerous ways. Researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health have found a link between pollution from the burning of fossil fuels and an increased rate of deaths from COVID-19, adding to the long list of negative health consequences associated with dirty energy. At the same time, temperatures and severe storms are on the rise in Florida and across America.

Fortunately, one of the easiest ways to reduce energy waste and greenhouse gas emissions is to set higher efficiency standards that ensure our homes, businesses and utilities use energy in the most efficient way possible.

However, Florida is using outdated energy efficiency cost-effectiveness and screening tests that have not been updated for almost 30 years. For instance, our state's utility companies still use the Rate Impact Measure (RIM) test -- a method that counts consumer energy savings as a cost rather than a benefit -- to set annual efficiency goals. As a result, practical and cost-effective measures to help Floridians cut energy waste are ignored in favor of programs that reap higher profits for utilities.

It's time for Florida to catch up to the rest of the country and embrace energy efficiency. We urge the PSC to update flawed and outdated economic screening practices and create a rulemaking process that promotes energy efficiency in our state rather than discouraging it.

Remedying this process will allow us to save energy, protect Florida's environmental and public health and lower utility bills for Floridians. It will allow us to finally take advantage of the cleanest form of energy there is -- the energy we never use in the first place -- to move our state towards a cleaner, healthier and more vibrant future.

Respectfully signed,

Ryann Lynn

Climate and Clean Energy Advocate Environment Florida