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**DATE:** 06/09/2021  
**TO:** Office of Commission Clerk  
**FROM:** Bureau of Consumer Assistance, Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach  
**RE:** Customer Correspondence

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Please add the attached customer correspondence to Docket Correspondence-Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket 20210000.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Executive Director of the Museum of Art – DeLand, Florida, I ask for your full support of Duke Energy, Florida, in its efforts to remain an independent energy provider for our area of the state.

The Museum has an outstanding relationship with Duke Energy, cultivated over several years and based on their support of our educational programs for underserved children, particularly those from low-income minority households. Our Arts on the Grow program currently serves 15 Head Start classrooms and 4 Kindergarten classrooms at Edith I. Starke Elementary, a Title I school.

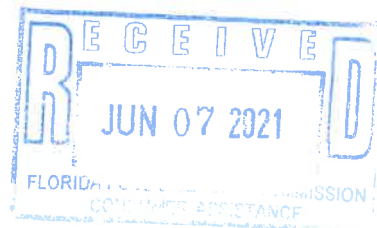
This art and literacy program, provided at no charge to the schools, would be impossible without corporate support. Our location in West Volusia County is not optimal for corporate donations as there are very few large employers in our area which is often the requisite for program donations. We have successfully applied to the Duke Energy Foundation for the past five years and value their partnership immensely. Its staff knows our community and works with us to implement our programs in local classrooms.

In the interest of the public served by your commission, please carefully consider the impact of merging utilities, not only on the energy consumer but also on the not-for-profit organizations that rely on grants that support programs that benefit the community.

Sincerely,

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Pattie Pardee  
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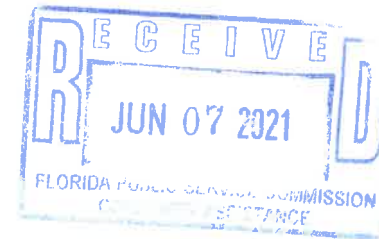
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June 1, 2021

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Dear Commissioners:

It became public recently that a Wall Street hedge fund, Elliott Management, acquired a large shareholder stake in Duke Energy and has demanded substantial changes to the company, including breaking it up. This would have severe consequences for Duke Energy and negatively impact our community, including possible rate increases and job losses. Hopefully, this can be avoided.

As the Mayor of Mexico Beach during Hurricane Michael, I saw first-hand what Duke Energy means to our community. The company is our partner in rebuilding efforts and cares deeply about our citizens. After the storm, Duke Energy Florida worked diligently to restore power to Mexico Beach, and in the aftermath, they hosted events to prevent sea erosion and led efforts to rebuild local parks.

I trust Duke Energy and hope to continue partnering with them to rebuild Mexico Beach and help our citizens receive affordable, reliable, and clean energy.

With respect,

William A. Cathey, Mayor  
City of Mexico Beach, Florida





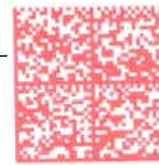
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May 28, 2021

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Dear Public Service Commissioners,

I am writing as a Florida taxpayer and business leader concerned about the possible takeover of Duke Energy by Elliot Management.

In our experience, both here in The Villages and in the surrounding area, Duke has been a tremendous partner for economic development and community growth. I'm sure others have attested to their overall record in service to Florida.

I want to focus your attention on one particular piece of that record which could be overlooked. Duke's demonstrated ability to be "flexible" – to listen, react and respond to the diverse challenges that Florida businesses face – is of critical importance.

As the Developer of a one of a kind community, we often present our partners with unique opportunities and challenges. In our history with Duke, they have been up to the task, able to adapt and take action to serve our community. That flexibility and can-do approach is key.

In addition, Duke has proven that they have the resources and scale of operation to respond to a major weather event. Florida is a big State that requires a utility partner with the horsepower to come through when big disasters strike. Duke's proven ability to mobilize assets from across the region is a huge benefit that we cannot afford to lose.

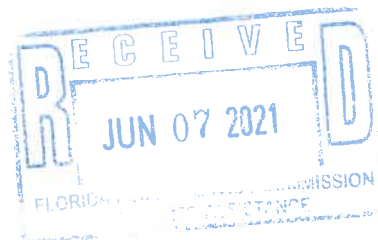
I would respectfully submit that the proposed merger be rejected and we continue to look to Duke Energy as our reliable partner with the resources and flexibility necessary to meet our State's diverse needs.

Sincerely,

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Mark Morse  
Owner & CEO  
The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc.

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June 2, 2021

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Dear Commissioners,

Florida is at risk of having one of our very important companies being taken over by a Wall Street hedge fund. According to reports, Elliott Management has invested in Duke Energy and has a plan to take control of the company and break it into parts. I am deeply concerned about what would happen to Duke Energy Florida and what that plan would mean for Floridians.

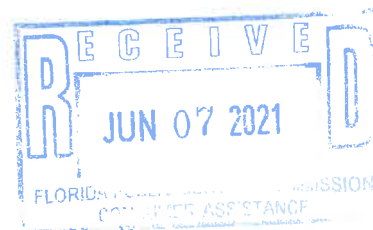
After suffering through the COVID-19 pandemic, Florida is finally starting down the path of economic recovery. The last thing the state needs right now is job losses and economic uncertainty, which is exactly what could happen if Elliott Management takes control of Duke Energy Florida.

As the President & CEO of the South Lake chamber of Commerce, I have had the pleasure of working with Duke Energy Florida and its leadership. They are an integral part of our community and have been a long time supporter of the South Lake Chamber as a Community Trustee.

I urge the Florida Public Service Commission to do what it can to prevent this take over, save jobs in Florida, and protect customers in Florida.

Sincerely,

David B. Colby  
President & CEO, South Lake Chamber of Commerce



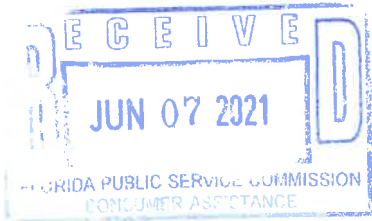




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