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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

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

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Dear Commissioners:

Florida is at risk of having one of our very important companies 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. We are deeply concerned about what would happen to Duke Energy Florida and what that plan would mean for Floridians.

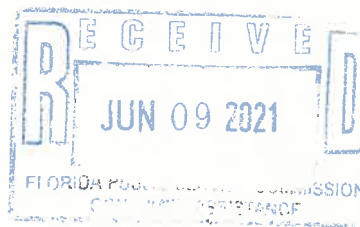
After suffering through the COVID-19 pandemic, Florida is finally starting down the path of economic recovery. The last thing the state needs right now is job losses and economic uncertainty, which is exactly what could happen if Elliott Management takes control of Duke Energy Florida.

As Director of the Polk Education Foundation, I have had the pleasure of working with Duke Energy Florida and its leadership. Duke Energy is an integral part of our community and has employees working as volunteers all over our county, and, are large contributors to Polk County's non-profit community.

I urge the Florida Public Service Commission to do what it can to prevent this take over, to save jobs all over the state, protect Duke Energy customers and preserve the treasure our communities have in the support Duke Energy gives so many.

Sincerely,


Susan A. Copeland
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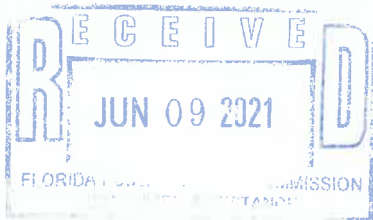
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Dear Commissioners:

As the University of Florida continues to rise among the top 10 public universities in the country, it has developed a strong working relationship with Duke Energy Florida. They continue to provide excellent service to our main campus in Alachua County and throughout their service territory at our numerous UF/IFAS research facilities. During my more than 30 years of experience in university operations, I have seen the importance of partnering with a reliable electric service provider and Duke Energy Florida is that partner.

The loss of power to a major research facility could disrupt our operations for hours or days, and these have been the times when our partnership with Duke Energy Florida has been most beneficial. Weather we are facing bad weather or other elements of nature they have always been ready to assist us with our needs.

I write today to encourage you as Public Service Commissioners to consider supporting Duke Energy as they work to reject a proposal by a Wall Street hedge fund to break up their company. The proposal from the Elliott Management hedge fund could mean job losses for Duke Energy Florida and with job losses, we believe their excellent customer support could also be jeopardized.

It is our hope that you can weigh in on this matter in a manner and support Florida customers, including our many growing businesses and successful institutions.

Thanks for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Helms'.

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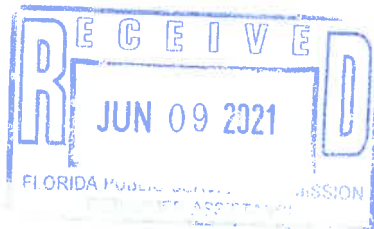
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