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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 1:29 PM
To: 'fredjonasmd@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20200181; Put us on a path to lower power bills through energy efficiency

Good Afternoon, Alfred Jonas.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket Number 20200181, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

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From: fredjonasmd@everyactioncustom.com <fredjonasmd@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 1:02 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket No. 20200181; Put us on a path to lower power bills through energy efficiency

Dear Florida PSC Commissioners,

We are paying power bills that are higher than ever. Just as we are dealing with higher housing costs and general inflation, we are being hit with record increases in charges for higher and volatile fuel costs on bills.

Paying sky-high electricity bills isn't sustainable for many Floridians – but there is an opportunity to change the course we're on. Please put us on a path to lower bills by adopting an energy efficiency rule that will provide greater access to energy saving programs for hard working families.

Access to meaningful energy efficiency programs can help customers most in need manage higher power bills. Additionally, using energy smarter saves the utility money by reducing the amount of fuel burned to generate electricity – an economic benefit for all customers. It's a win-win solution that can only be realized if you modernize your rule to discourage outdated practices that depress energy efficiency potential and reward energy waste.

Please adopt an energy efficiency rule that makes Florida a leader in capturing energy savings for families and businesses. Let's modernize our practices to put energy savings to work for Florida's families, businesses, and the state.

I have solar panels. (So do my daughter and son-in-law, who live in Massachusetts.) I produce more electricity than I use, every day. But I still get a "minimum bill." (My daughter and son-in-law get no bill, and they have fewer panels than I have.) My "minimum bill" was \$9.99, then \$10.05, and it stayed that way every month, all year, for two years, until last year. Then, it was suddenly \$30.17 -- three times the unwavering "minimum bill." The reason FPL can charge a

minimum bill, and increase it, is that the PSC allows it to do that. And the PSC is appointed by electeds who receive campaign contributions from, and are beholden to, and owned by FPL.

FPL is not motivated to improve efficiency, or find renewable ways to create electric power. All they have to do is ask the PSC for permission to charge more, and the PSC will give them the permission they request. The other possibility, of course, is that so many people get solar panels that FPL will go out of business, because hardly anyone will have to buy electricity from them. Like when the horse industry went out of business, because people started driving cars. And the brick and mortar arrangement is suffering, because people prefer to buy things online. That's life. Normally, a company or an industry, if they want to stay in business, will have to find ways to compete. FPL doesn't have to find ways to compete. They have you to protect them.

cc: Governor DeSantis

Sincerely,
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