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From: Lorena Hollett on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 8:15 AM
To: 'mwier79@comcast.net'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20200181; Put us on a path to lower power bills through energy efficiency

Good morning, Michael Wier.

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.

Regards,

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From: mwier79@everyactioncustom.com <mwier79@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 5:28 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,

I'd like to share some of my thoughts regarding FPL and the PSC. I'm concerned with how I see the PSC and many of the state's citizens being manipulated by by FPL, their advertising and policies.

I've invested a considerable sum of my own assets to insure my family has reliable access to affordable electric energy now and into the future. My solar panels and lithium batteries don't make my home susceptible to problems from a centralized power grid. The PSC should be developing policies that provide financial incentives for other homeowners to do the same. Instead, it seems PSC's actions discourage roof top solar in favor of FPL centralized solar power. A case in point is the monthly " minimum" charge now applied to my account for power FPL doesn't even provide, adding years to the pay back time for my equipment, that FPL uses to supplement the peak energy demands of business in my area.

I have recently flown over areas of the state where FPL has established huge solar farms. First, it should occur to the PSC that concentration of this infrastructure in this way makes the power grid more susceptible to outages from local weather, tornadoes, fire or deliberate attack. Second, the vast agricultural tracts used for the solar panels removed prime arable land from food production. Third, I and others should see this for what it really is. Just another Florida real estate scam. FPL has the citizens buy them this land as they hard sell the green energy aspects of solar power through their public relations advertisements. Then FPL holds the land for some years paying a negligible tax rate on the property until it's sold for development at a huge profit as urban sprawl pushes inland.

FPL has become notorious for the underhanded methods they've employed to further their business expansion, and silence criticism. They advertise equipment for lease to their customers purported to protect the customer's own appliances from electrical surges entering their home through FPL's power lines. That should have raised some eyebrows at the PSC, as it's a blatant conflict of interest. To add further insult to its captive customers the charges FPL makes, in relation to the cost of the devices they install soon has the customer paying endless fees for something they could have purchased many times over.

I'd like to suggest the PSC, instead of providing first for FPL should explore ways for Florida's citizens to in some small way escape the clutches of this monopoly. Shared access to the electric transmission lines could allow businesses and neighborhood home owners to form their own mini utility companies, banding together to sell their own rooftop solar for something better than the pittance FPL pays under net-metering. This would strengthen and add resilience to the grid while giving the citizens of Florida the freedom to escape FPL's slavery.

cc: Governor DeSantis

Sincerely,
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