

Brian Schultz

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2024 8:59 AM
To: 'cognitas@msn.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Energy efficiency measures are a proven means to reduce household energy bills.

Good Morning,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 2024000-OT and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz
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Florida Public Service Commission
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From: cognitas@everyactioncustom.com <cognitas@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 4:51 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Energy efficiency measures are a proven means to reduce household energy bills.

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Dear PSC Clerk,

Florida is at a key crossroads for improving energy affordability. We are the Sunshine State and we should be the leader in moving to solar power. Our utilities do not appear to be working for the people's benefit but instead for their own.

Electric utility rates in our state have increased sharply in the last few years, due largely to the increased cost of natural gas needed to produce much of our electricity. This has led to higher energy bills that strain household finances. And unless preventative measures are taken, extreme heat increases will hit households already struggling to afford these bills the hardest.

Energy efficiency measures are a proven means to reduce household energy bills. These measures put more money back into the pockets of Floridians while also contributing to safer and healthier housing, grid stability through peak load reduction, good-paying trade jobs, and decreased air pollution from power generation.

Currently, there are unprecedented opportunities to advance energy efficiency but many Floridians can't handle the up-front cost alone. Our utilities can lead the way in helping customers to take advantage of efficiency measures, from which everyone will benefit.

I ask that the PSC reconfigures how cost-effectiveness analysis is done and requires utilities to implement more robust energy efficiency programs to save people like me, a Florida ratepayer and a taxpayer, money in the years to come.

Sincerely,
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