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Please add the attached letter to docket 20260000. Thank you.

**Chairman Mike La Rosa**  
**Florida Public Service Commission**  
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**RE: Formal Request for Investigation — ATK Energy Group / One Source Restoration (OSR) Revolving Door Hiring Practices Involving Former Utility Officials — Potential Systematic Fraud Upon Florida Ratepayers**

Dear Chairman La Rosa and Members of the Commission:

I am a Florida taxpayer and utility ratepayer writing to formally request that this Commission open an investigation into a pattern of hiring practices by One Source Restoration (OSR) and its subsidiary ATK Energy Group that I believe constitutes a serious threat to the integrity of utility contractor relationships — including on the Florida Power & Light and Duke Energy Florida system — and may represent a systematic fraud upon the ratepayers of this state.

**The Pattern of Conduct Requiring Investigation**

One Source Restoration and its subsidiary ATK Energy Group are storm response contractors and aggregators that have operated across multiple major utility systems throughout the United States. It has come to my attention that these entities appear to engage in a deliberate and repeated practice of hiring senior utility officials who previously held decision-making authority over storm response contractor selection — doing so immediately following those officials' departures from positions in which they directed ratepayer-funded work.

Two documented instances illustrate this pattern clearly:

First: John Huber, the former Director of Emergency Storm Response at FirstEnergy Corporation — based at FirstEnergy's corporate headquarters in Akron, Ohio — held oversight authority over emergency storm response contracting across FirstEnergy's multi-state operations in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. ATK Energy Group received ratepayer-funded storm response contracts on the FirstEnergy system while Mr. Huber held this authority. Following his departure from FirstEnergy, Mr. Huber accepted what is reported to be a senior, high-compensation position at ATK Energy Group.

Second: Laura Vieira, the former Manager of Emergency Planning for National Grid Massachusetts, held direct authority over or material influence on emergency planning and contractor engagement for National Grid's Massachusetts operations. She has since been hired by One Source Restoration. National Grid Massachusetts serves hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts customers on a system funded by ratepayer dollars.

These two transitions are not isolated. Together, they describe a pattern — a business strategy by OSR and ATK Energy Group of systematically recruiting utility officials who previously controlled or influenced storm response contractor selection on systems where OSR has sought or

obtained work. The central question this pattern raises is whether these employment offers function as deferred compensation — effectively paid by ratepayers through inflated or preferentially awarded storm response contracts — in exchange for favorable contracting decisions made while those officials still held positions of public trust.

### **The FirstEnergy HB 6 Bribery Scandal — Why No Commission Can Ignore This Pattern**

The conduct described above must be evaluated in the context of what FirstEnergy — one of the utilities directly connected to this complaint — has already been proven to have done. Between approximately 2016 and 2020, FirstEnergy and associated entities orchestrated what federal prosecutors described as the largest bribery scheme in Ohio history. Approximately \$61 million was channeled through dark money organizations to corrupt public officials in Ohio in exchange for the passage of House Bill 6 — legislation providing over one billion dollars in ratepayer-funded nuclear subsidies. Former Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder was convicted of federal racketeering. Multiple associates pleaded guilty. FirstEnergy paid \$230 million to the U.S. Department of Justice and admitted to using customer money to corrupt the democratic process. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio subsequently found multiple statutory violations and imposed tens of millions of dollars in additional fines.

This history demonstrates that private financial arrangements — whether through political bribes, dark money payments, or deferred career rewards — can penetrate utility operations at the highest levels, funded invisibly through ratepayer dollars. The OSR hiring pattern described in this letter is structurally identical: a private benefit flowing to a utility official from a contractor that benefited from that official's authority, funded by ratepayers who never knew it was happening. The HB 6 precedent establishes beyond question that these arrangements are not hypothetical — they occur, they are concealed, and they cost ratepayers enormous sums.

### **Why This Matters to Florida Ratepayers**

Florida ratepayers face some of the most significant storm response costs of any state in the nation. The integrity of the contractor selection process that determines how those restoration dollars are awarded is of paramount importance. FPL has recently received approval for rate adjustments, and any contractor costs embedded in those rates that may have been influenced by private employment arrangements would represent a direct harm to every Florida family paying their electric bill.

Florida Power & Light — America's largest electric utility, serving over 12 million people — and Duke Energy Florida both operate under this Commission's jurisdiction. Florida's hurricane exposure means that storm response contractor relationships represent billions of dollars in costs that flow directly to ratepayers following each major storm event. This Commission has a direct obligation to ensure that contractor relationships on systems it regulates are free from exactly the kind of private arrangements described in this complaint. If any Florida utility official who held authority over storm response contractor selection has been hired by OSR or ATK Energy Group following a tenure in which those entities received contracts, Florida ratepayers may have been defrauded.

### **What This Commission Must Do**

I formally request that this Commission take the following actions:

1. Conduct a comprehensive investigation into whether One Source Restoration, ATK Energy Group, or any related entities have performed storm response or emergency restoration work on any utility system regulated by this Commission — and if so, under what contracting terms, at what cost to ratepayers, and whether those contracts were competitively bid.
2. Investigate whether any current or former official of any Florida-regulated utility who held authority over storm response contractor selection has accepted employment at One Source Restoration, ATK Energy Group, or any related entity — and if so, whether any communication, understanding, or arrangement regarding that employment was made while that official still held contracting authority.
3. Subpoena all relevant contracting records, invoices, competitive bid documentation, and communications between any Florida-regulated utility and OSR / ATK Energy Group, as well as any communications between former utility officials and OSR / ATK Energy Group regarding employment or compensation.
4. Coordinate with the public utility commissions and Attorneys General of Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Massachusetts — each of which has been separately notified of this matter — to determine whether a multi-state coordinated investigation of OSR's hiring practices and contracting conduct is warranted and to share relevant findings.
5. Require all Florida-regulated utilities to audit their storm response contractor relationships and post-employment ethics policies, and to certify to this Commission that no official with contractor-selection authority has accepted employment at a storm response contractor without appropriate ethics review and cooling-off period compliance.
6. Make all findings publicly available, and pursue all appropriate regulatory and remedial action — including ratepayer refunds, fines, and enhanced contractor oversight requirements — wherever the evidence supports them.

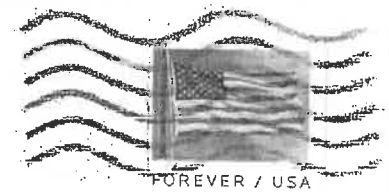
This Commission was created to protect Florida utility customers. The pattern I am describing — if it has touched any system this Commission regulates — represents exactly the kind of abuse of ratepayer trust that this agency exists to prevent and remedy. I am asking this Commission to exercise its full investigative authority, to follow the facts wherever they lead, and to ensure that the people of Florida are not silently funding private career arrangements through their utility bills.

Respectfully and with urgency,

**cc:** Florida Attorney General; Florida Legislature; Florida Power & Light Company; Duke Energy Corporation; Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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