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Mr. Braulio Baez, Executive Director  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

**Re: Docket No. 130199**

Dear Mr. Baez:

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners (Board) and the Broward County Climate Change Task Force (Task Force) encourage the Public Service Commission (PSC) to adopt meaningful energy efficiency goals in its Order in Docket No. 130199.

The Broward County Climate Change Action Plan aims for a countywide reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 17 percent below 2005 by 2020 and 82 percent below 2003 levels by 2050. The Board and Task Force believe that meaningful energy efficiency goals, consistent with those goals, are critical to reducing greenhouse GHG emissions.

The 2007 Broward County GHG emissions inventory demonstrated that electricity use accounted for 51% of our total GHG emission profile, primarily attributable to residential, commercial and industrial customers of Florida Power and Light (FPL). Next year, the PSC will set energy efficiency goals for FPL which will remain in effect for the next five years. FPL will need to deliver stronger utility-sponsored energy efficiency programs to Broward County customers to assist Broward County in achieving its GHG emission reduction targets.

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The country's leading utilities are already meeting and exceeding 1 percent annual electricity savings from utility-sponsored energy efficiency programs. There are 20 states with annual savings targets above 1 percent for their utilities; of those, over half are over 1.5 percent per year.<sup>1</sup> Florida is one of the most vulnerable states in the U.S. to sea level rise. As such, Florida urgently needs progressive energy efficiency goals to help reduce energy use and address climate change impacts.

On behalf of the Board and Task Force, I strongly encourage the PSC to set meaningful annual utility energy efficiency goals in order to achieve significant GHG reductions. These progressive goals will put Florida in stride with other leading states, on the path to significant environmental and economic energy efficiency benefits.

Sincerely,



Barbara Sharief  
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<sup>1</sup> ACEEE, *The 2013 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, November 2013, p. 35. The states include: Michigan 1%; New Mexico 1%; Oregon 1%; Arkansas 1.1%; Ohio 1.2%; Hawaii 1.4%; Washington 1.4%; Iowa 1.4%; Connecticut 1.4%; Indiana 1.5%; Colorado 1.5%; Minnesota 1.5%; Maine 1.6%; Maryland 1.6%; Illinois 1.8%; Vermont 2.0%; New York 2.1%; Rhode Island 2.3%; Arizona 2.4%; Massachusetts 2.6%.