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Florida Public Service Commission
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TO: Florida Public Service Commissioners

We appreciate that the Commission is asking for comment on new carbon limits being proposed by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Unfortunately for most, we were only made aware of your request for comment very recently. We want to add our voices to this vital matter, but believe we need more time to be able to do so in an effective manner.

We respectfully ask that the comment period on the EPA Clean Power Plan be extended.

As Florida businesses, it matters how the state constructs its implementation plan including what type of process the state uses to make these important decisions. We want the opportunity and time necessary to fully address our concerns.

The business community in Florida is eager for pragmatic energy policies that can advance new technologies, increase economic development and create a more stable economy through energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions.

Energy efficiency and renewables can play a critical role in reducing carbon pollution in a low cost way.

According to a recent Natural Resources Defense Council study, Florida could create at least 10,000 jobs in energy efficiency and save businesses at least \$22 million on energy bills in 2020 if the carbon pollution standards implemented under the Clean Power Plan are strong and we take advantage of our least costly solutions.

As for renewable energy, your own 2008 report conducted by Navigant shows enormous potential for renewables such as solar, wind, ocean, sustainable biomass and waste-to-energy if proper policies are put in place to support those technologies.

As Florida businesses with a stake in energy, we want to see the limits on carbon pollution spur innovation, job creation and investment in low carbon technologies as well as new energy infrastructure and energy efficiency.

Given how key the role of the Florida Public Service Commission will be to this process, it is imperative we have ample opportunity to have our voices heard.

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