



Florida Electrical Workers Association

Electric Utility De-Regulation Plan Opposed by Electrical Workers

The Florida Electrical Workers Association (FEWA), representing more than 20,000 members strong, at its state conference on May 4, 2019, formally adopted opposition to the deceptive electric utility deregulation scheme called “Energy Choice” amendment to the Florida Constitution.

The conference, attracting key electric utility leadership from throughout Florida, was an opportunity for experts on the issues to present their analysis of the amendment. Following the presentations and discussion, the FEWA agreed to initiate a vigorous campaign to inform the public of the many dangers of the “Energy Choice” proposal.

“The de-regulation amendment would dismantle the currently affordable and reliable electric grid and industry all to give electric utility market profiteers a chance to get a financial advantage at the risk of leaving electricity customers without their current reliable and safe providers who they now turn to when service is needed.” stated Brian Thompson, Vice President of the IBEW 5th District.

Randall King, FEWA President, reported “Studies have revealed many short comings of utility de-regulation including unproven capacity to provide adequate power, weakened customer relations, disruption of progressive solar energy construction and higher prices for residential customers.

The FEWA members are at work every day, even through storms and hurricanes, operating the very complex generation, transmission and distribution of Florida’s electric utilities. The “Energy Choice” amendment would literally dismantle the industry and lead to high prices and less reliability for customers. The FEWA has elevated the defeat of the “Energy Choice” amendment to among its highest priorities.

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