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**Youth Plaintiffs Expand Climate Lawsuit Against Florida Public Service Commission,  
Adding New Voices to the Fight for a Safe Future**

**Miami, FL** — The youth plaintiffs behind *Reynolds v. Florida Public Service Commission*, yesterday announced the [filing](#) of an amended complaint, adding five new plaintiffs to join lead plaintiff Delaney Reynolds in the fight for a safe energy future in Florida. The case challenges the Florida Public Service Commission's (PSC) systemic approval of fossil fuel-dependent energy plans, asserting that the Commission's conduct violates the constitutional rights of Florida's youth to a safe and livable future.

The lawsuit, originally filed in October 2024 by 25-year-old Delaney Reynolds, a fourth-generation Floridian from Miami-Dade County, contends that the PSC's years of rubber-stamping long-term energy plans from Florida's electric utilities—plans that rely heavily on fossil fuels—have exacerbated the climate crisis and endanger the lives of young people who are growing up in Miami-Dade County.

The new plaintiffs—youth from diverse communities in Miami-Dade County—bring fresh urgency and a broader perspective to the case, reinforcing the need for the PSC to facilitate the transition of Florida's energy system toward renewable sources and away from dangerous fossil fuels. This is particularly critical as Miami-Dade County is ground zero for climate change impacts, with rising seas, extreme heatwaves, and more frequent and intense storms threatening the state's infrastructure, health, and way of life.

"We are incredibly proud to stand alongside this new group of courageous young plaintiffs, all of whom are directly impacted by the climate crisis in Miami-Dade County," said Andrea Rodgers, lead attorney to the plaintiffs. "Their decision to join Delaney in this case amplifies the voices of Florida's youth, who are demanding that the PSC do its job: ensure a safe, sustainable, and renewable energy future for all Floridians."

The Florida Public Service Commission, which oversees the state's energy planning, is responsible for reviewing and approving the 10-Year Site Plans submitted annually by Florida's largest electric utilities. Despite the availability of cleaner and more affordable renewable energy options, and that Florida's largest utilities have committed to zero emissions, these plans have continued to prioritize fossil fuels like natural gas, locking Florida into a future of worsening climate pollution and dangerous impacts. The amended complaint argues that the Commission's persistent approval of these fossil-fuel-heavy plans violates the plaintiffs' constitutional right to life.

"I am honored to be part of this fight for our future along with my fellow youth plaintiffs, and I am especially grateful to those bravely joining us in the amended complaint," said Delaney Reynolds, lead plaintiff in the case. "We know that the PSC has the designated power to transform Florida's energy trajectory towards sustainability, and I am excited to stand together with other young Floridians to demand it upholds its obligation. Our future, and I dare say Florida's future, is depending on us."

"Being born and raised in Miami, I have seen the accelerating impacts of climate change in my community first-hand. I have experienced record-breaking temperatures and lived through unprecedented hurricane and flooding events," said plaintiff Julie T. "Climate change is the defining crisis of our time, and we are in a defining moment. I'm proud to be part of this case to hold the Florida Public Service Commission accountable for locking our state into fossil fuel dependency and violating our constitutional rights to life."

The case comes on the heels of unprecedented climate impacts felt in Miami-Dade County, including record-breaking heatwaves, devastating hurricanes, and the accelerating effects of sea-level rise. In Miami-Dade County, where the plaintiffs live and are growing up, climate-related flooding, extreme heat, and the destruction of critical ecosystems such as coral reefs have intensified in recent years.

"The stakes have never been higher. The Florida Public Service Commission is at a crossroads," said Mitchell Chester, attorney for the plaintiffs. "The climate crisis and the need for clean energy solutions are not partisan issues. They are essential for the well-being of all Floridians. This lawsuit is not just about challenging an agency—it's about protecting the rights of young Floridians to live in a state that values their health, safety, and futures. The science is clear: Florida's current path is dangerous. We must move swiftly to renewable energy, or we risk condemning future generations to a future of climate catastrophe."

The youth plaintiffs, supported by world-renowned experts in climate science and energy policy, are asking the court to declare that the PSC's actions in approving these fossil fuel-reliant energy plans violate the Florida Constitution, which guarantees the right to life and to enjoy and defend life. The lawsuit demands a court order telling the Commission that the law requires them to move Florida toward renewable energy solutions that protect public health, reduce climate pollution, and provide a safer and more equitable future for all.

As Florida's energy sector remains heavily reliant on fossil fuels, the plaintiffs argue that the Commission can't take actions that stand in the way of prioritizing clean energy alternatives, such as solar, wind, and battery storage, which are economically viable and increasingly accessible. Transitioning to renewable energy would not only help mitigate the effects of climate change but also drive economic growth, create jobs, and enhance energy security for all who live in Miami-Dade County.

"The climate crisis is very real, and those who are most responsible for its acceleration have to be held accountable if we're to expect any meaningful change," said plaintiff Gabriela B. "Many in my community and home state are already feeling the impacts, so I hope that this case puts enough pressure on the Commission to prioritize the right things. There is still time to prevent as much as we can and ensure a safe and livable climate in Florida."

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