

Contact Information:
Representative Alex Andrade, District 2
Katie Doughty, Legislative Aide
Katie.Doughty@myfloridahouse.gov
(850) 595-0467



For Immediate Release

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELGATION SENDS NOTICE TO EMERALD
COAST UTILITY AUTHORITY**

Escambia County, Fla. – On Wednesday, the Escambia County Legislative Delegation sent a letter to the Emerald Coast Utility Authority (“ECUA”) requesting they address findings from a review of their operations by Florida’s office of Public Counsel.

The review identified three areas related to ECUA’s accounting of expenditures, its replacement rate of equipment and its methods for setting rates for residential and commercial customers. According to the letter, ECUA is requested to respond with its findings and/or a plan to correct the findings by November 30, 2021.

“No utility is perfect, and a utility like ECUA, which has experienced serious upheaval in its executive offices in recent years, certainly isn’t expected to be perfect. That being said, the findings from the Public Counsel were serious enough to merit a response from ECUA. I’m confident ECUA will address the findings with a focus on providing the best, most reliable value and service to customers in my district that they can,” said Representative Andrade, whose office sent the letter.

Representative Salzman says she is looking forward to seeing the response from ECUA saying, “I am concerned about some of the findings, but look forward to seeing ECUA’s response addressing these concerns.”

Senator Broxson stated the following on the issue, “As most of us know, ECUA has faced some challenges and concerns from the public in previous years. We continue to seek third party input and work with ECUA on how they can better function as a public trust.”

The Delegation will meet in November for its annual, pre-Session, Delegation meeting. It is likely that policies related to ECUA will be a topic of discussion.

###