

## Crystal Card

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**From:** Ellen Plendl  
**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 9:29 AM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket 130200-EI  
**Attachments:** RE ; RE To CLK Docket 130200 - Solar - response requested

See attached customer correspondence and PSC reply for correspondence side of Docket 130200-EI.

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**From:** Mark Futrell  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5:25 PM  
**To:** 'sunup4jack@yahoo.com'  
**Cc:** Randy Roland; Rhonda Hicks; Ellen Plendl  
**Subject:** RE: To CLK Docket 130200 - Solar - response requested

Dear Mr. Bechtold,

Thank you for your comments regarding renewable energy.

Florida law requires investor-owned electric utilities, such as Duke Energy, Tampa Electric and Florida Power and Light, to provide adequate, reliable electric service at reasonable rates. These utilities must select resources to meet customer energy needs that are cost-effective. The utilities annually review all resources, including energy efficiency and conservation, renewables, purchased power from other entities, and traditional fuel sources. The utilities identify the mix of resources that will maintain reliable service and are cost-effective.

Florida's utilities have made investments in renewables and entered into contracts to purchase energy from renewable sources. Data and information on the utilities' current resource mix, including renewables, as well as plans to meet customer energy requirements is available in this report prepared by the Florida Public Service Commission:

<http://www.floridapsc.com/publications/pdf/electricgas/TYSP2014.pdf>

I hope this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely,  
Mark Futrell  
[mfutrell@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:mfutrell@psc.state.fl.us)

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [contact@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us) [<mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 05, 2015 11:50 AM  
**To:** Webmaster  
**Cc:** [sunup4jack@yahoo.com](mailto:sunup4jack@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:  
Name: Jack Bechtold  
Company: CitizenRe  
Primary Phone: 727 372-2541  
Secondary Phone: 727 992-1399  
Email: [sunup4jack@yahoo.com](mailto:sunup4jack@yahoo.com)

Response requested? Yes  
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:

My background includes 7 years as a consultant with a solar power rental company called CitizenRe. Although I abhor the idea that Duke is able to pass its' failed nuclear costs on exclusively to its' customers, I am concerned that net metering will be detrimental to their profits.

I had Emailed Duke Florida recently as to what, if anything, they were planning to exploit solar energy. Today, I got a returned call from Joe telling me that most of the recommendations I made were being implemented by Duke having been sanctioned by the PSC.

My suggestion was made several times over the past years and in particular to Charlie Crist when he was Governor. My idea was to have the utilities construct a "multi power source" farm on the ocean's edge where solar, geothermal, wind and tides complement each other.

At that time Crist's person misled me by saying the concept was being implemented.

Why do I care if Duke Florida, FPL and TECO collaborate on renewable energy? Its a no brainer... in order to remain viable and make a profit. Net metering reduces that profit. It is aesthetically undesirable to have PV panels on all homes. This renewable energy idea significantly reduces our pollution footprint and our use of fossil fuels.

I still intend to send my Email to Governor Scott for his thoughts.

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**From:** Governor Rick Scott <Rick.Scott@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2015 4:19 PM  
**To:** Jack Bechtold  
**Cc:** Sunburst  
**Subject:** RE:

Dear Mr. Bechtold:

Thank you for contacting Governor Rick Scott's Office and sharing your concerns about state energy policies and the decisions of investor-owned utilities. The Governor wants to know how people feel about the many critical issues we face and asked that I respond on his behalf.

As you may know, the Office of Energy housed within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is the primary organization for state energy and climate change programs and policies. The office holds a variety of responsibilities, including administering financial incentive programs; administering the provisions of the Florida Energy and Climate Protection Act; performing or coordinating the functions of any federal energy programs delegated to the state; and providing recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. The office works cooperatively with other state entities, including the Florida Public Service Commission and the Florida Energy Systems Consortium, to develop state energy and climate change policies and programs. You may wish to share your concerns and ideas with the Office of Energy by writing to the address below.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Energy  
600 S. Calhoun St., Ste. 251  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
(850) 617-7470  
(850) 617-7471 Fax  
Energy@FreshFromFlorida.com

To ensure they are aware of your concerns about the policies of Duke Florida, an investor-owned utility regulated by the Florida Public Service Commission, I forwarded your email to the Commission for their review. Contact information for the Commission is provided below.

Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850  
(850) 413-6100

Thank you again for taking the time to contact the Governor's Office. Your input is important to him. Please do not hesitate to write again to share your concerns and ideas about issues that are important to you.

Sincerely,

Warren Davis  
Office of Citizen Services  
Executive Office of the Governor

-----Original Message-----

From: Jack Bechtold [mailto:sunup4jack@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 2:17 PM

To: Governor Rick Scott  
Subject: Fw:

Dear Governor Scott, today I received a call from Duke Florida in response to an Email I sent them regarding their plans for the exploitation of "farm" generated solar energy. In that Email I detailed the nomenclature of the farm. The gentleman from Duke who called informed me that Duke Florida has initiated a plan quite similar to that contained in my Email. He also informed me that Duke's solar farm plan was sanctioned by the PSC. I went on their website today but could not find the material associated with the Duke plan.

Florida is third among states blessed with abundant sunlight. And, it rates a paltry 13th in efforts to exploit clean renewable energy. The Duke rep made a mistake on why Florida should not be called the sunshine state... because Florida rates 15th among states with the most sunlight. I told him he was wrong!

To be successful this strategy must be driven by the state. Ugly PV panels on every home is not the answer. Concentrated multi-source renewable farms feeding the utilities' grid is.

May we have your response, please?

Thank you,  
Jack and Gail Bechtold  
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New Port Richey, Fl 34655  
727 372-2541  
sunup4jack@yahoo.com <mailto:sunup4jack@yahoo.com>

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Jack Bechtold <sunup4jack@yahoo.com>  
To: "Rick.Scott@eog.myflorida.com" <Rick.Scott@eog.myflorida.com>  
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2014 6:57 PM  
Subject:

Dear Governor Scott. This past week there was an article on renewable energy. Representative Dudley was mentioned as a driver of this long overdue legislation. Following is my response to the article.

Subject: Dudley proposes energy overhaul

Having been in the renewable energy business for years and having read many pros and cons on the exploitation of particularly solar power, I can only hope that the educated public will seek to oust those who remain antagonists in favor of the status quo. How much hope does "energy point man" Adam Putnam elicit when he says "we are not going to follow other states leads". Please, Mr. Putnam, Florida need not follow anybody... we, being the Sunshine State, should be leading the charge. Several years ago during Charlie Crist's tenure I was encouraged by one of his staff who told me that he had a renewable energy plan. Where is that plan today?

Perhaps the only remaining hurdle is new technology energy retention, (storage). The latest energy storage technology is being developed at Harvard University. The "flow" batteries are not the storage media. They are fed from tanks of chemicals where the energy is stored. The main reason for storing solar/wind/wave energy is the Public Utilities' needs to "smooth" the power flow to their electricity grid in sunless hours.

The state must seek higher ground and set a clear and achievable plan for floating solar farms using, for example, Nanopillars Cells that trap more sunlight than photovoltaic panels. The farms would be located in the ocean. Given a proper site you have 2 other power opportunities, wind and tides.

One last laughable uttering came recently from a Duke Florida executive when he said solar is not viable in the state power mix because there are too many cloudy days. One more feeble attempt to avoid the inevitable and return to the status quo mentality.

Governor Scott, We would like to see you provide leadership on this vital new direction for our state. It appears that, for what ever reason, you have thus far been reticent to do so.

Your response, please.