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Sent:	Sunday, September 13, 2020 12:30 PM
То:	Office of Commissioner Brown
Subject:	Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

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Sincerely, Nicole Bryant Boca Raton, FL 33487

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Sincerely, Xymena Partelow 120 Charles St Edgewater, FL 32141-7308

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Dear Commissioner Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

Florida has an amazing natural resource - LOTS of pure SUNSHINE.

I installed solar panels on my house three years ago and was surprised at how well they worked. I believe it is the right of every citizen to use their property and the non-polluting resources on their property to power their family's energy needs. I relied on the state's commonsense solar policies to allow me to take control of my own energy, and choose how to power our household needs.

I complied with all state and local codes, received all necessary inspections, and FPL did the installation of my net metering system. I have all the necessary safety features to prevent backflow of electricity during an emergency - to protect the safety of line workers.

Solar panels contribute to the public good by decreasing the need for power generation by less clean means. They serve as auxiliary power stations to increase the resilience of the electric grid. During an unpredictable hurricane season, Floridians need more tools – not less – in order to weather the storms that are coming our way.

If you believe in American ingenuity, if you believe in self-reliance, if you believe in FREEDOM, please support preserving net metering here in Florida.

Sincerely, Robert Broida 1636 Shelburne Ln Sarasota, FL 34231-3026

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Sincerely, jacqueline pace Gainesville, FL 32605

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Sincerely, Mary Hoffman 1811 Sabal Palm Dr Davie, FL 33324-5928

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Please remember - you represent the public - its in your name - not the industry!

Sincerely, E Young 7013 NE 74th St Gainesville, FL 32609-1572

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Morning Consult <reply@em.morningconsult.com> Sunday, September 13, 2020 4:11 PM Office of Commissioner Brown Morning Consult Energy: Week in Review & What's Ahead

## M ENERGY

By Lisa Martine Jenkins

### Week in Review

#### **California fires**

- In light of the state's record-setting heat wave and hundreds of wildfires, California utility <u>PG&E Corp. instituted rolling blackouts</u> in the first part of the week for more than 500,000 customers in an attempt to stave off more blazes from wind storms and downed power lines. The Trump administration declared a power emergency as a consequence, allowing power plants to operate at full capacity, regardless of environmental restrictions.
- While the blackouts were resolved by mid-week, the scale and destruction of the fires in California increased drastically as the week continued, <u>spreading to Oregon</u> and even to <u>usually damp</u> <u>Washington</u>, destroying several towns and killing <u>at least 14</u> <u>people</u>. They brought <u>orange skies deemed "apocalyptic"</u> to the Bay Area on Wednesday and left much of the state with hazardous air quality by Thursday. The fire hazard has been <u>heightened by climate change</u>, and the blazes have already <u>consumed at least 3</u> million acres in California this year setting a yearly record even though the West Coast has not yet hit peak fire season.

#### Utilities

• According to an analysis by a media company, the U.S. power industry would likely be unable to meet Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden's <u>mandate of carbon-free power</u> by 2035

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without some major developments in renewables and other technologies, such as battery storage, carbon capture and advanced nuclear power. In a survey of many of the country's largest power producers, most reported that these technologies are either not yet commercially viable or are too costly to deploy.

 According to a report from the nonprofit American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, <u>communities of color spend</u> <u>significantly more on utilities than white people</u>, with Black, Hispanic and Native American households spending 43 percent more, 20 percent more and 45 percent more, respectively. Lowincome households spend three times a share of their total income on energy than others, the report said, making them particularly vulnerable to utility shutoffs.

#### **Trump administration**

- In a surprise move reversing his earlier pledge to open Atlantic waters to drilling exploration, President Donald Trump said he is <u>banning oil drilling off the coast of Florida, Georgia and South</u> <u>Carolina</u> for 10 years, a move that will likely come via a binding presidential memorandum, according to an administration official. Announced at a campaign event in Jupiter, Fla., the ban amounts to a victory for the many who are worried that oil slicks could mar beaches in the swing state, but comes as an "ambush" for industry officials hoping to expand drilling, who said the decision came out of nowhere.
- Fifteen blue states <u>filed a lawsuit against the Trump</u> <u>administration</u> over its plan to open about 1.6 million acres of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drillers. Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey (D) called the administration's move "rushed" and "incredibly flawed."

#### **Climate change**

 A report commissioned by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission found that <u>climate change poses a major threat to</u> <u>U.S. financial markets</u>, saying "a world wracked by frequent and devastating shocks from climate change cannot sustain the fundamental conditions supporting our financial system." The report - written by dozens of analysts from investment firms, oil companies, the agricultural trader Cargill, academic experts and environmental groups - is the first federal study covering a broad swath of climate change's impacts on Wall Street, and it recommends new corporate regulations and the reversal of at least one Trump administration policy.

- The United Nations found that concentrations of <u>greenhouse gases</u> <u>in the atmosphere have hit record levels</u>, despite the coronavirus pandemic-fueled dip in emissions earlier in 2020. The atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide hit 414.38 parts per million in July, up from 411.74 ppm at the same point in 2019.
- Two Senate Republicans crossed the aisle to join Democrats in <u>backing a proposed phaseout of hydrofluorocarbons</u>, chemicals used as refrigerants and in air conditioners that have a potent impact on climate change. HFCs proved a sticking point in passing a bipartisan energy bill earlier in the year, and the proposal would be offered as an amendment to the previously stalled bill.

#### Oil and gas

- Delaware became the <u>latest state to sue oil and gas companies</u> namely ExxonMobil Corp., Chevron Corp., BP PLC, Royal Dutch Shell PLC and the trade association the American Petroleum Institute - over allegations that the entities misled the public for decades about climate change through a "campaign of deception."
- BP agreed to buy a <u>50 percent stake in two U.S. offshore wind</u> <u>power projects</u> from Norway's Equinor ASA, part of the oil giant's latest move to boost its low-carbon investments to nearly \$5 billion annually. The deal involves the Empire Wind and Beacon Wind assets and is expected to close early next year.
- Activist investor Elliott Management Corp., run by billionaire Paul Singer, has <u>taken a stake in Noble Energy Inc.</u> and plans to push the company to abandon its planned sale to Chevron, according to people with knowledge of the matter. Elliott argues that Noble is better positioned to weather the recovery in oil prices on a standalone basis and thinks the deal would undervalue the oil and gas producer, they said.
- The Ukrainian state-owned gas company Naftogaz, which was involved in Trump's impeachment investigation, <u>appointed the</u> <u>U.S. oil and gas executive Robert Bensh to its board</u>, according to two people with knowledge of the decision. Former Energy Secretary Rick Perry pushed the pick of Bensh, prompting questions about Perry's role in Ukraine's energy politics.

## What's Ahead

- The Senate and House are both in session.
- The International Energy Agency will release its September Oil Market Report on Tuesday.
- The House Energy and Commerce Committee's Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee will hold a <u>hearing</u> titled "Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Opportunities for an Equitable, Low-Carbon Recovery" on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

## **Events Calendar (All Times Local)**

#### 09/13/2020

The Virtual Island Summit

#### 09/14/2020

Bloomberg Green Virtual Festival

USEA webinar: DOE-FE's Office of Clean Coal and Carbon Management's Strategic Vision through 2024

2:00 pm

#### 09/15/2020

IEA Oil Market Report - September 2020

Bloomberg Green Virtual Festival

USEA and AGP webinar: Creating Favorable Investment Climates and Economic Conditions for Natural Gas in the Indo-Pacific

MIT Energy Initiative event with IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol: Outlook for global energy and climate trends post-Covid-19

10:00 am

7:00 am

NRC public meeting: Agency's Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency	10:00 am
CSIS online event: Decarbonizing the Built Environment	10:30 am
Resources for the Future webinar: The Future of Geothermal Energy	12:00 pm
Information Technology & Innovation Foundation webinar: Gene Editing for the Climate: Biological Solutions for Curbing Greenhouse Emissions	12:00 pm
09/16/2020	
Bloomberg Green Virtual Festival	
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing: "Stakeholder Reactions: The Navigable Waters Protection Rule under the Clean Water Act"	10:00 am
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing to consider two nominations to FERC	10:00 am
WRI virtual event: The Nature of Nature: A Conversation with Enric Sala	11:00 am
EESI "Workforce Wednesdays" Briefing: Policies and Programs for a Strong, Low-Carbon COVID-19 Recovery	12:00 pm
09/17/2020	
Bloomberg Green Virtual Festival	
Third Way Fastest Path to Zero Summit II	9:00 am
USEA 2nd Annual Advanced Energy Technology Forum	9:00 am
USAID/USEA webinar: Cybersecurity Standards and Best Practices (Part 1)	9:30 am
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You can access a recording of the webinar <u>here</u> for insight into how the pandemic is transforming Gen Z's relationship with brands, and how brands should adapt to meet the changing expectations of this generation of the future.

## **Morning Consult Energy Top Reads**

1) <u>U.S. utilities say Biden plan to cut Co2 hinges on breakthroughs</u> Nichola Groom and Valerie Volcovici, Reuters

2) <u>Federal Report Warns of Financial Havoc From Climate Change</u> Coral Davenport and Jeanna Smialek, The New York Times

**3)** <u>Trump expands oil drilling moratorium for Florida</u> Ben LeFebvre and Zack Colman, Politico **4)** <u>In rare bipartisan climate agreement, senators forge plan to slash use of potent greenhouse gas</u> Juliet Eilperin and Steven Mufson, The Washington Post

5) <u>It's a Race Against Heat, and Humanity Is Losing</u> Laura Millan Lombrana et al., Bloomberg

**6)** <u>Illegal devices that bypass vehicle emissions controls spread across US</u> Eli Wolfe and Alexandra Tempus, The Guardian and FairWarning

7) <u>Orange Skies Blanket California as Fires, Blackouts Persist</u> David R. Baker and Mark Chediak, Bloomberg

**8)** <u>Why does California's power grid keep flirting with disaster? We've got answers</u> Sammy Roth, Los Angeles Times

**9)** <u>How America can leave fossil fuels behind</u> Danush Parvaneh and David Roberts, Vox

**10)** <u>EPA chief criticizes Democratic governors, vows to concentrate on</u> <u>cleaning up vulnerable communities in a second Trump term</u> Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis, The Washington Post

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Time and time again, Florida's voters have made their support for policies meant to encourage the spread of rooftop solar clear. In 2016 voters rejected the utility-driven "Amendment 1", which would have prohibited the subsidization of solar energy, and approved 'Amendment 4', which provided tax exemptions for rooftop solar customers.

Florida is in the middle of a public health and economic crisis. Undermining the rights of solar customers to receive full compensation for the power they produce will hurt jobs and take money out of people's pockets. Now is not the time to create more uncertainty by changing the fundamental economic landscape of the solar industry.

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Thank you, Elsy Shallman 17294 37th Pl N Loxahatchee, FL 33470