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From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:07 PM
To: 'jack.merriam@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon Mr. Merriam,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200000 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you,

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From: jack.merriam@everyactioncustom.com <jack.merriam@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:00 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

RE: Net Metering

My wife and I rely on common sense solar policies to take control of our own electrical energy, and choose how we power our home on a day-to-day basis and during grid failures because of our 20 KWh Pika battery backup .

Our 11.5 KW solar panels and our 20 KWh batteries contribute to the resilience of the electric grid. This is particularly important to me since I depend on a medical device, a CPAP machine to help protect me due to my underlying cardiac issues. During hurricane season, Floridians need more tools – not less – in order to weather all the increasing storms that we are now experiencing. Our grid supply comes from a transformer that serves only 4 homes, so during Hurricane Irma we were without grid power for 2 weeks because we were a low priority for restoration of power. This prompted us to install a solar and battery storage system rather than trying to rely on a fossil fuel powered generator, which assumes that I am able to purchase fuel during or after a hurricane.

Please preserve my ability to pay for my solar system and batteries and our local economy by defending solar workers, business owners, and homeowners like myself from additional uncertainty by preserving net metering here in Florida.

Sincerely,
Jack Merriam
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