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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 11:38 AM
To: 'kathypena009@yahoo.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Good Morning, Kathleen Pena

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

Sincerely,

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From: kathypena009@everyactioncustom.com <kathypena009@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida PSC Commissioners,

I have invested in solar for my home because I believe we should ALL do the right thing for our community as a whole. Investing in clean energy and doing our part makes sense if we care about our world and our neighbors. Living in Florida, (all my life), I obviously care about reducing green house gases because if I don't, my family and every other family around me, will need to relocate North or figure out creative ways to live on the water.

Florida is uniquely suited to solar. There are sooooo many rooftops available. Using our available space reduces the need to fill up fields to produce solar. We can all do our part.

I understand the energy companies want to make money and pay dividends to their shareholders. Who doesn't want to make money. However, this isn't all about them. We are a community and ALL stakeholders need to be considered.

The energy companies can continue to invest and promote the changes in energy use that need to happen. They can lead the way and work with the community. Not make it difficult or impossible for the average citizen to do his or her part to help the environment. The energy companies are being short sighted and selfish in trying to roll back net

metering. The energy sector is so worried about protecting their monopoly they can't see through the haze to recognize things need to change and we need new partnerships that include the community as a partner. Working together for a common goal will be the best course of action.

I am not confident this letter will be read by the commission, let alone have any kind of positive impact on this discussion. However, I have taken the time to write this in the hopes that it may. Why???? Because I care about my home. I care about my community. I care about the long term effect of not working together to increase the use of solar as a tool to reduce carbon emissions. Additionally, promoting solar can help Florida continue to provide good paying jobs to an industry that allows people to live beyond the tourist industry, not just service sector our many state administrations have promoted. As a state we need healthy diversification in our job and technology market. Promoting solar contributes to that goal.

At the start of 2020, Florida was ranked 4th in the nation for solar energy production, employing thousands of people and powering the Sunshine State with clean, affordable, homegrown energy. The economic downturn has already put many of these jobs and future solar development at risk - we don't need sudden regulatory changes in solar policies to create even more uncertainty here in Florida.

Our current net metering rule allows a number of Floridians to grow a segment of the solar market by choosing to power their homes and businesses with Florida's number one natural resource, sunshine. Florida citizens and customers overwhelmingly support the current successful net metering policy allowing compensation for the solar energy they generate and provide to the electricity grid.

Please protect the opportunity for business and homeowners to generate clean solar power and support local jobs by preserving our successful net metering rules here in Florida.

Sincerely,
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