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From: Jacob Veaghn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:36 PM
To: 'tombrown417@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon, Thomas Brown

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.

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From: tombrown417@everyactioncustom.com <tombrown417@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 4:11 AM
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 am a proud owner of a photovoltaic array on my roof. Far and away the most common question I get from friends semi-interested in putting solar on their own roof is- "how long does it take to recoup the investment." I would've put the solar on my roof even if there were no net metering in place- but I am a fierce environmentalist who worries about what life will be like for my kids and future generations. The reality though is that so many will not consider it unless the excess energy generated gets them some money back.

As we struggle with a global pandemic, an economic crisis, and an active hurricane season, it is not the time to create more uncertainty by signaling a change in solar policies that are helping to make our state a leader in clean solar power and providing good paying local jobs.

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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