From: Jennifer Brownfield

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 2:15 PM

**To:** Commissioner Correspondence

Subject: Docket No. 20200000

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Good afternoon,

Please add the attached emails to Docket No. 20200000.

Thank you,

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Florida Public Service Commission
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From: jradin2000@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jonathan Radin <jradin2000

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 12:50 PM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown

**Subject:** Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

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Sincerely, Jonathan Radin 12720 Frank Dr S Seminole, FL 33776-1726

From: gomerlu11@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elsy Shallman < gomerlu11

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Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 12:52 PM

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Sincerely, Elsy Shallman Loxahatchee, FL 33470

From: segreen2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of STEVEN GREEN <segreen2

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 12:55 PM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown

**Subject:** Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

I would like to voice my opposition to any changes to the current net metering policy in place in Florida. I have invested in a rooftop solar array to power my home under the premise that I will be reimbursed for the electricity I send back to the grid at a set rate. As you are likely aware, this initial investment is expensive and any change to the net metering policy that eliminates or reduces the return on that investment would be financially devastating. I urge you to consider this issue with fairness in mind. Please do not allow the utility companies to pull the rug out from under us.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
STEVEN GREEN
612 Bainbridge Loop Winter Garden, FL 34787-2418

From: mg142@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maralyn Grosswald <mg142

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely, Maralyn Grosswald 14251 SW 99th Ave Miami Miami, FL 33176-6713

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Sincerely, D H Fort Pierce, FL 34945

From: jjscott9@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Scott < jjscott9

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Scott
17280 Whitewater Ct Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931-5307

From:

soleral@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Al Soler

<soleral@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

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Sincerely, Al Soler Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

From: e\_eade@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emily Lapham

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Sincerely, Emily Lapham 1621 Ferris Ave Orlando, FL 32803-1809

From: helokitys1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sonja Hathaway <helokitys1

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Sincerely, Sonja Hathaway 2727 US Highway 441 SE Lot 9 Okeechobee, FL 34974-7339

From: kaitlinbockmeyer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kaitlin Bockmeyer

<kaitlinbockmeyer@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely, Kaitlin Bockmeyer 4796 Eastchester Dr Sarasota, FL 34234-3729

From: genejongsma@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gene Jongsma

<genejongsma@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:14 PM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown

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Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

As a Florida resident and voter who powers his home with solar, I hope you will consider home solar users.

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Sincerely, Gene Jongsma 8724 51st Ter E Bradenton, FL 34211-3741

From: tgonzale@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tomas Gonzalez

<tgonzale@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:21 PM

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Sincerely, Tomas Gonzalez 9254 SW 180th St Palmetto Bay, FL 33157-5754

From: pennykbw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Penny Birch-Williams

<pennykbw@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:22 PM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown

**Subject:** Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

I am a lifelong Florida resident of 60 years. We hope to install solar panels on our roof in the near future and we are strongly in favor of the current solar policies that help citizens. I urge the Commission to resist the power companies pressure to change policies to benefit the companies and their stockholders. Protect the citizens rights to solar energy benefits! Please!

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Sincerely,
Penny Birch-Williams
2025 San Marino Way S Clearwater, FL 33763-4136

From: fsumatt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Matt Conrad

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Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:16 PM

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Sincerely, Matt Conrad 840 Bainbridge Loop Winter Garden, FL 34787-2419

From:

joecollins9@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joseph Collins < joecollins9

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Sent:

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Joseph Collins
1724 Golfside Dr Winter Park, FL 32792-5142

From: eaf5054@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth France <eaf5054

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:31 PM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown

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Sincerely, Elizabeth France 1629 Cleveland St Clearwater, FL 33755-6102

From: jamesj47@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jim Jackson < jamesj47

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:31 PM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown

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Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

Florida should be a leader in expanding solar energy. I am a voting citizen of this state. As such, I have the right to generate solar energy on my property and offer any excess energy to go back on the power grid. I am opposed to electric utility companies and organizations dictating what I can and cannot do. The United States was founded on the principle of freedom and individual rights to all citizens. It was not founded to pander to corporations. You can check that out by reading history books.

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Sincerely, Jim Jackson 115 E Lauren Ct Fern Park, FL 32730-2217

From: brobson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Robson Jr

<brookson@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:33 PM

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Sincerely, Denise Hosta Fort Myers, FL 33913

From: alicekarow@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alice Karow

<alicekarow@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:42 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Brown

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Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

Here are my thoughts to add to the comments below:

Florida is in a unique position to benefit from solar power since we enjoy so much sunny weather - and Florida also has steeply increasing electricity needs due to the influx of population and industry to our state, as well as increased popularity of electric cars.

Rooftop solar panels, photovoltaic glass in windows, skylights and footpaths, and any other new technologies that produce electricity from solar power should be required in all new buildings (both commercial and residential) and older buildings should be transitioned to solar with incentives such as tax credits and subsidies.

It's confusing to me that Florida isn't already a leader in developing universal solar power - but now there's no excuse. The cost of photovoltaics as well as storage batteries has come down; the appearance is much more acceptable (solar roof shingles that are indistinguishable from conventional roofing), etc.

IF all buildings were converted to rooftop solar, there would not be the need to create "solar farms" on wild land -- and we need to preserve our wild lands and continue restoring them, especially the Everglades and the areas from Orlando and Lake Okeechobee south that feed the Everglades. Human life cannot continue without wildlife, all the way from insects that pollenate our food crops to scavengers who feed on what otherwise would rot all around us, to the plants that feed wildlife and filter water that becomes our clean drinking water, to the trees and grasslands that take carbon out of the air and produce the oxygen we need to breathe.

Over the last century, the electric utilities have profited abundantly from providing power which has become a necessity and not a luxury. And, in recent decades, for-profit entities have become degraded by the race for profits, at the expense of their workers, communities and environment, and producing the current extremes of wealth inequality.

Encouraging roof top solar power and energy self-sufficiency is a matter of national security and community security in many ways.

First of all, power outages, disrupting the electric grid remain a target of the US's enemies and rogue terrorists - not to mention hurricanes, natural disasters, heat waves. Having roof top solar assures homeowners, businesses and essential services like hospitals, TV/radio broadcasters, fire stations and police that their power will not go out, AND allows for the excess generated to go to the utilities relieving the excess need.

Secondly, civil unrest over financial crisis is now a real threat. Allowing for energy self sufficiency allows peace of mind for all of us.

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