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From:

Cristina Slaton

Sent:

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 12:08 PM

To:

**Commissioner Correspondence** 

Subject:

**Docket Correspondence** 

**Attachments:** 

Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000; Protect net metering; I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket 2020-0000; I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State -

Docket 2020-0000; Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in CORRESPONDENCE-Consumers & Representatives in docket 20200000-OT.

Thank you,

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From: dsells55@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diana Sells <dsells55

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Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 11:57 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Polmann

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

Dear Commissioner Donald J. Polmann,

Amid a public health and economic crisis, it's clear that Florida's electric utilities should be doing a whole lot more to promote rooftop solar - a known job creator that keeps money in families' pockets.

Before COVID-19, "solar installer" was the fastest growing job in the country, and the solar industry employed 250,000 people. The COVID-19 crisis could put half, 125,000, of these jobs at risk in communities across the United States. In the Sunshine state, before this crisis began, the solar industry employed over 12,000 Floridians. Now, over 1 million Floridians are unemployed, and Florida has already lost 22% of its workforce.

People and businesses across the state rely on common sense solar policies to take control of their own energy, save money, and choose how they power their lives.

Not only does solar create jobs and save us money, but when paired with batteries, solar panels can contribute to the resilience of the electric grid and provide back-up power in emergencies. As we face another intense hurricane season, Floridians need more tools – not fewer – in order to weather all the storms that are coming our way.

Thank you for defending solar workers, business owners, and residents by protecting our bedrock solar policies here in Florida.

Sincerely,
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From:

KIRSTEN O'DRISCOLL < KIRSTEN.ODRISCOLL.365971711@p2a.co>

Sent:

Monday, September 28, 2020 9:53 AM

To:

Office of Commissioner Polmann

Subject:

Protect net metering

Dear Commissioner Donald Polmann,

The middle of a public health and economic crisis is not the time to create more uncertainty by making changes to solar rights that will hurt jobs and take money out of people's pockets.

Before COVID-19, the Sunshine state produced the 4th most electricity from solar panels in the country, and employed over 12,000 people. Before this crisis began, "solar installer" was the fastest growing job in the country, and our industry employed 250,000 people. The COVID-19 crisis could put half, 125,000, of these jobs at risk in communities across the United States. Florida has already lost 22% of its workforce due to economic uncertainty, and this could get worse.

People and businesses across the state rely on common sense solar policies to take control of their own energy, and choose how they power their lives.

Solar panels and batteries contribute to the resilience of the electric grid. As we enter hurricane season, Floridians need more tools – not less – in order to weather all the storms that are coming our way.

Please defend solar workers, business owners, and homeowners from additional uncertainty by preserving net metering here in Florida.

Regards, KIRSTEN O'DRISCOLL 10037 Chardonnay Dr Orlando, FL 32832

From:

pku90@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Clifford Eng < pku90

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Sunday, September 27, 2020 9:56 PM

To:

Office of Commissioner Polmann

Subject:

I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Donald Polmann,

We have solar panels which have reduced our contribution to climate change and have inspired a 3 other families to also install panels. We pay for using the Duke power grid. In fact they raised the connection fee this year. They are trying to squash nascent competition from homeowners and businesses. They shouldn't have it both ways - lobbying for laws to require connection to the grid and then plotting to raise fees to make them unattractive to homeowners!!

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, Clifford Eng Orlando, FL 32836 pku90@outlook.com

From:

paladin728@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ryan Fraley <paladin728

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Sunday, September 27, 2020 2:40 PM

To:

Office of Commissioner Polmann

Subject:

I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Donald Polmann,

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.

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Sincerely, Ryan Fraley Chester, IL 62233 paladin728@me.com

From:

mdp\_ccm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Powell

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Sent:

Sunday, September 27, 2020 2:26 PM

To:

Office of Commissioner Polmann

Subject:

Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Donald J. Polmann,

I am writing to ask you to preserve Florida's Net Metering policies that encourage residential and commercial investment in solar and storage. I have recently invested in a 7.5 kw residential PV system with two Tesla Powerwalls. This system has only been online for a month and has already provided seamless backup power through 16 grid power interruptions adding up to 2 hours. When I produce more than I consume, I save the utility money by exporting power back to the grid so my nearby neighbors can use it without having to endure generation and transmission line costs.

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Sincerely,
Mark Powell
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