From:

Jennifer Brownfield

Friday, October 2, 2020 11:48 AM Sent: To: Commissioner Correspondence

Docket 20200000 Subject:

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

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

Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000

Hello,

Please add the attached emails to Docket No. 20200000.

Regards,

Jennifer Brownfield **Executive Assistant to Commissioner Julie I. Brown** Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850) 413-6030

From: donaldharris1969@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Harris

<donaldharris1969@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 11:32 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown

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

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

Solar power is a right to all citizens. As a south Florida resident, I urge you to continue to protect our right to free energy from our sun.

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, Donald Harris Plantation, FL 33325

From:

sanamelung@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sheron Amelung

<sanamelung@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 2, 2020 9:24 AM

To:

Office of Commissioner Brown

Subject:

Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

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, Sheron Amelung 15645 SW 77th Ct Palmetto Bay, FL 33157-2338

From: jizzo3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol and John Izzo <jizzo3

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 9:27 AM **To:** Office of Commissioner Brown

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

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

This is to request that your organization publish a history of "Cost of Generation" rates (COG-1) for all Florida Utilities from 2018 to the present. This would be very helpful to existing and future solar system owners. Finding information about COG-1 net metering rates is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

In 2019 energysage.com published an internet document that indicated that the COG-1 tariff rate for Duke Energy Florida was 6.310 cents/kWh.

On April 25, 2018 my 8,400 watt solar system was installed and operational. At the end of 2018, my solar system produced an annual excess energy of 1,051 kWh for which I received only a credit of \$34.32, at a COG-1 rate of 3.26546 cents/kWh.

At the end of 2019 my solar system produced an annual excess energy of 4,172 kWh for which I received only a credit of \$105.30, at a COG-1 rate of 2.52397 cents/kWh.

A recent Duke Energy publication entitled "Rates effective with June 2020 bills" indicates an Energy charge for the first 1,000 kWh of 8.290 cents per kWh and a Fuel charge for the first 1,000 kWh of 3.067 cents per kWh.

I wonder how my 2019 reimbursement cost, the Cost of Generation (COG-1), could be only 2.52397 cents per kWh when the fuel charge alone is 3.067 cents per kWh.

A table showing the historical COG-1 rates from 2018 to the present for all Florida utilities would be very helpful to compare COG-1 rates between all Florida utilities.

Thank you for providing this information for existing and future solar system owners.

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, Carol and John Izzo 301 Mercers Fernery Rd Deland, FL 32720-1608

From: vegasmattaes@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Matt Harris

<vegasmattaes@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 9:36 AM

To: Office of Commissioner Brown

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

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

I became involved in the solar industry back in 1985 while working for Blount International on the SEGS projects at Kramer Junction in California. As the Project Administrator for SEGSS III-VII at Kramer Junction and and Project Engineering Manager for SEGS VIII and IX at Harper Dry Lake, I came to learn the relentless and often vicious resistance on the part of traditional energy companies to the introduction of alternative energy production. It is astonishing to me that the resistance has not abated and that regulatory agencies are seemingly powerless to affect a change.

Reliance on carbon fuels is not sustainable from both an availability or and environmental perspective. Florida PSC has an obligation to the taxpayers that want to participate in a solution to do just that. While it is unlikely that most homeowners will be completely self-sufficient, or that net-metering will ever put the energy companies at the mercy of homeowner-producers, we must do everything we can to make certain that solar is available and affordable for any homeowner that wants to take the responsibility and financial burden.

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, Matt Harris Titusville, FL 32780

From: jimiriz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Rizzolo

<jimiriz@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 9:43 AM **To:** Office of Commissioner Brown

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

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

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, James Rizzolo 910 NW 11th Ter Stuart, FL 34994-9531

From: conchwood@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Doug Helliesen

<conchwood@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 9:51 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown

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

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

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, Doug Helliesen 1219 Laird St Key West, FL 33040-5019

From: chris@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christopher Knowles

<chris@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 10:09 AM Office of Commissioner Brown

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

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

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, Christopher Knowles 12628 S Lake Sawyer Ln Windermere, FL 34786-6505

From:

amandarunquist@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Runquist

<amandarunquist@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 2, 2020 10:22 AM

To:

Office of Commissioner Brown

Subject:

Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

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, Amanda Runquist Atlantic Beach, FL 32233

From:

tommy.cusick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Cusick

<tommy.cusick@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 2, 2020 10:28 AM Office of Commissioner Brown

To: Subject:

Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

Supporting net-metering guarantees lower rates for consumers in the coming future. With the transition to a smart grid in the near future all utilities will benefit heavily with preexisting solar in place.

I would like to propose a plan to allow people with exceptional roofs or large roofs to be allowed any size of a system they would like and receive a credit for all excess energy produced at a discounted rate. Home homes and business have the ability to produce over 5-10 times the solar they need but are currently limited to the amount of energy can be sent back to the grid.

This could provide stable cash flow for some solar owners and offer cheap and reliable energy for utilities.

Regards, Thomas Cusick 561-563-6907 Parrot Solar Inc.

Sincerely, Thomas Cusick 10370 Jolynn Rd Jacksonville, FL 32225-7700

From:

bob.sabel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Sabel

<br/>
<br/>bob.sabel@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 2, 2020 10:52 AM

To:

Office of Commissioner Brown

Subject:

Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

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, Robert Sabel 3572 Beach Dr SE St Petersburg, FL 33705-4102

From: MIRTAARAOZ@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of MIRTA ARAOZ

<MIRTAARAOZ@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 11:06 AM

To: Office of Commissioner Brown

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

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

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, MIRTA ARAOZ 919 3rd St West Palm Beach, FL 33401-4109

From: ticawhiting3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of M Whiting <ticawhiting3

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 11:21 AM **To:** Office of Commissioner Brown

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

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

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, M Whiting 11120 SW 13th St Pembroke Pines, FL 33025-3547

From:

kayaccord2006@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Catherine Dolgin <kayaccord2006

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 2, 2020 11:25 AM

To:

Office of Commissioner Brown

Subject:

Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

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.

Florida should catch up to some northern states. We do have lots of sunny days! Why is there not more encouragement for businesses and homeowners. I do not have my own home, but am questioning our management about going solar.

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, Catherine Dolgin Plantation, FL 33324