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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 10:08 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: CS/CS/SB 1024: Renewable Energy Generation

Please place the e-mail below in Docket Nos. 20210016 and 20220000.

Thank you!

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**From:** Mark Franchetti <suemark399@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 8:10 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Graham <Commissioner.Graham@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Chairman Fay <Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** CS/CS/SB 1024: Renewable Energy Generation

I am currently a Duke Energy customer in District 16 and I am not happy about the bill allowing electric utilities to end net metering and raise connection charges for consumers with solar power generation on their residences. I have emailed Senators Bradley and Rouson as well. A recent check of the Duke website shows that net metering is not available in Florida while it is available in other states.

I have solar on my home and generated 13,340 KW in 2021 with a consumption of 13,140 KW, a difference of 200 KW or about 1.5% excess. I had no intention of trying to sell power to Duke and sized my system to get me to zero. I have never received any compensation from Duke for the excess produced and when I got my bill for January I saw that the previous monthly charge of \$13.82 (taxes included) for connection to the grid is now a minimum of \$30. Plus, state & municipal taxes on the higher amount for a total of \$35.45.

I did the right thing by "going green" and purchasing a solar system for my house and now the great state of Florida is making me subsidize other consumers because I made the investment to save money and energy and not tax the power grid. In addition to the solar I have a backup emergency generator and I am seriously looking at a battery backup so I can go off the grid and tell Duke Energy that they will not get another dime from me. The reason I hesitate on the battery system is that Lithium is mined in other countries and not in the US and is bad for the environment.

You all want us to protect the environment and buy electric cars to get away from petroleum but the majority of the power produced in Florida comes from natural gas, nuclear and coal. Only about 5% comes from solar, so basically your electric car runs on natural gas, nuclear and coal. Folly? I certainly think so.

I want to know who on the Public Service Commission authorized this increase or who gives the utility providers free will to raise rates and connection charges to whatever they please. I understand that

the commissioners are elected positions and I will do my best to get all of you voted out on the next election.

I have no love for career politicians and will not vote for anyone responsible for this debacle or anyone even remotely involved in the legislation allowing the utility companies to do this.

You are allowing the utility companies to conduct blatant price gouging on a product where the consumer has no choice of providers. If I don't like my cable provider, I can change them. that is not true with electric utilities. Please consider revising or capping fixed charges from the electric utility providers.

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