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**From:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: Joint letter from SE Florida counties re: net metering  
**Attachments:** Compact letter to FPSC regarding net metering - FINAL.pdf  
  
**Importance:** High

Afternoon,

Please add the attached email and letter to Docket No. 20200000.

Thank you,

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**From:** Liechty, Jason [mailto:JLIECHTY@broward.org]  
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**To:** Office of Commissioner Polmann; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman Clark; Office of Commissioner Brown; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Cc:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Joint letter from SE Florida counties re: net metering  
**Importance:** High

Dear Chairman Clark and Commissioners Brown, Fay, Graham, and Polmann,

Attached please find a joint letter from Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties affirming our support for the state's existing net metering policies.

Please contact Dr. Jennifer L. Jurado, Chief Resilience Officer of Broward County, and one of the signatories, at 954-519-1464 or [jjurado@broward.org](mailto:jjurado@broward.org), should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,  
Jason Liechty



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September 16, 2020

Chairman Gary F. Clark  
Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown  
Commissioner Andrew Giles Fay  
Commissioner Art Graham  
Commissioner Donald J. Polmann  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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Dear Chairman Clark and Commissioners Brown, Fay, Graham, and Polmann,

Broward County, Miami-Dade County, Monroe County, and Palm Beach County, representing over six million residents and united on issues of climate and energy policy under the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (Compact), strongly support Florida's existing net metering policies and oppose any changes to them.

This position stems from each county commission's approval of the Compact State Legislative Principles, which state that the counties "OPPOSE any weakening of existing net metering policies." The four counties also adopted the Second Regional Climate Action Plan (2017), which recommends "[i]ncreas[ing] accessibility to distributed renewable energy technology," and several of our counties have adopted greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals calling for an 80 percent reduction in carbon emissions from 2007-2008 levels by 2050.

Greater use of solar energy, including customer-owned solar systems, make our region and the state more resilient to natural disasters. Distributed solar energy systems, especially those with battery storage, can produce electricity when the grid is down, providing critical lifelines in emergencies or after disasters. The resilience of our region would be greatly increased by a large increase in the number of potentially grid-independent buildings. Retention of the state's existing net metering policies would ensure that more of these solar-plus-storage projects, and many other solar projects, remain financially feasible.

By supporting the economics of many solar projects, the existing net metering rules encourage additional solar development, sustain a healthy market for solar energy in the state, support good-paying jobs for Florida workers, and promote investment in our communities.

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We urge the Commission to retain its existing net metering policies, which are serving our communities well.

Should you have any questions about our joint position on net metering, please contact Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Chief Resilience Officer, Broward County, at [jjurado@broward.org](mailto:jjurado@broward.org) or 954-519-1464.

Yours sincerely,



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