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**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** FW: Comment Re: Docket No. 20200000, Commission review of rooftop solar policies including net energy metering  
**Attachments:** SSDN Comment Letter on NEM.pdf

Good Afternoon,

We have received your comments and will be placing them in DKT 20200000-OT and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

*Brian Schultz*

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:27 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Comment Re: Docket No. 20200000, Commission review of rooftop solar policies including net energy metering

Greetings,  
Please find comments attached to this email re Docket Number 20200000.

Thanks!  
Meg

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September 16, 2020

Chairman Gary F. Clark  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Docket No. 20200000, Commission review of rooftop solar policies including net energy metering

Dear Chairman and Members of the Florida Public Service Commission:

The Southeast Sustainability Directors Network (SSDN) appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments on the Commission's review of net energy metering, including its upcoming workshop on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

SSDN is a network of local governments in the southeastern United States that works together to advance sustainability initiatives in the region. As part of this work, SSDN supports the efforts of more than 40 local Florida governments to:

- Mitigate the environmental, economic, and public health impacts of climate change;
- Build a healthy, sustainable future with more opportunities for economic growth;
- Reduce pollution and improve Florida's air and water quality;
- Protect public health and safety, especially of Florida's most vulnerable citizens; and
- Meet ambitious climate goals.

Increasingly, local governments in the southeast and in Florida are establishing long-term sustainability goals to reduce emissions, scale investment in clean energy, create economic opportunities and jobs, and deliver immediate public health benefits to their residents and businesses. For instance, many jurisdictions are adopting goals to achieve carbon neutrality or to power their communities with 100% renewable energy.<sup>1</sup>

To deliver upon these goals, local governments are implementing numerous initiatives and strategies, including work to advance programs that support and expand access to renewable energy. Accordingly, Florida local governments have a significant interest in the Commission's upcoming workshop on net energy metering as well as any process or investigation that the Commission establishes to reexamine and modify its rooftop solar policies.

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<sup>1</sup> 62% of SSDN members have adopted a greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation target for their city or county operations and 40% have adopted a GHG mitigation target for their community.

**Should the Commission decide to initiate a new rule-making, SSDN respectfully offers the following recommendations to ensure a robust process that supports the participation of local governments and their constituents:**

- 1) The Commission should schedule one or more workshops to inform the scope of any rulemaking.
- 2) Any workshops and rulemaking process should provide an opportunity for any interested member of the public to participate, including local governments and their constituents.
- 3) Any workshops and rulemaking process should include multiple opportunities for interested stakeholders to provide written and oral comments, and where applicable, to present.
- 4) Any workshops and rulemaking process should be data-driven and give stakeholders access to the important technical information they need in order to support their participation in the process.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 423-416-0839 with any questions.

Respectfully,

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