

Ruth Nettles

From: Ruth Nettles
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 8:57 AM
To: Mary Anne Helton
Cc: Rosanne Gervasi
Subject: RE: 070674

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Thank you very much.

From: Mary Anne Helton
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 8:56 AM
To: Ruth Nettles
Cc: Rosanne Gervasi
Subject: RE: 070674

no, but thanks for asking.

From: Ruth Nettles
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 8:52 AM
To: Mary Anne Helton
Subject: 070674

Mary Anne,

Good morning.

Would you like Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to be listed in parties for Docket 070674?

Ruth



Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
CHARLES H. BRONSON, Commissioner
Tallahassee, Florida

Docket # 070674

March 4, 2008

Division of Consumer Services
2005 Apalachee Pkwy
Tallahassee FL 32399-6500
Phone: 1-800-HELP-FLA
URL: <http://www.800helpfla.com>

Refer To: 0803-07306 / AH

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ATTN: RHONDA HICKS
2540 SHUMARD OAK BLVD
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-7019

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Re: Agency referral

Consumer: WAYNE A. BISZICK

Business: FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMM.

The Division of Consumer Services, Bureau of Mediation and Enforcement has received a complaint that appears to fall within the jurisdiction of your agency. Please review the enclosed complaint and take whatever action you deem appropriate, if any. If you determine this represents a case for investigation, we would appreciate you informing the consumer of that.

We have advised the consumer that any future correspondence be addressed to your agency. We also informed her/him that the state of Florida cannot serve as a personal attorney for an individual, so she/he may wish to consider contacting an attorney for legal advice or filing a small claims action in county court.

On behalf of the Division of Consumer Services, I appreciate your cooperation in handling this matter. If you feel that this complaint does not fall within the jurisdiction of your agency, please contact me prior to making contact with the consumer.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hood

Andrew Hood
Consumer Service Analyst
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CONSUMER COMPLAINT FORM

March 2, 2008

CHARLES H. BRONSON
COMMISSIONER

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-6500

1-800-HELP-FLA-Toll-free from within FL
850-488-2221 - Calling from outside FL
www.800helpfla.com

Case Number: 0803-07306

Subject: Public Utilities

Person Making Complaint:

Name: BISZICK, WAYNE A.
Country: USA
Address: 327 FRESHWATER CT.
City/State/Zip: ORLANDO, FL 32825
Email: wbszick@cfl.rr.com
Age Group: Not available Home Phone: 407-482-0940 Work/Cell Phone: 407-761-9874

Complaint is Against:

Product or Service Offered: ELECTRIC PURCHASE
Name: FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Address: I DON'T KNOW STREET
City/State/Zip: SOMEWHERE, FL 00100100
Phone: 000-000-0000
Business Contact Authorized: Yes

Product Information:

Product or Service involved: ELECTRIC PURCHASE
Date of Transaction: 03/01/2008
Amount Paid: \$250.00
Did you sign a contract or any similar documents? No
When:
Where:
Are you currently represented by a lawyer? No
Have you filed suit in court? No
Mode of Contact: OTHER

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Explain your complaint, describing the events in the order in which they occurred

Greetings,

I am delighted that Tallahassee is in the process of once more making the utilities purchase energy generated from alternate energy sources. I am, however, totally opposed to letting the utilities buy this energy without actually paying for it. Let me explain:

Presently when a utility buys power from any of its current suppliers, it must pay for it. Now the Public Utilities Commission is proposing to permit the state's energy utility companies to pay those individuals who produce their own surplus energy with credit slips. Well, I don't choose to accept a credit slip. If I produce enough surplus energy to sell some, what earthly good would a credit slip do me? If the utility company buys energy from me, I want to be paid in American greenbacks. Of course, if I used more than I produced, then at the end of a month I want and expect a bill.

If we are environmentally conscious enough to produce excess energy, we should be properly paid for it; the cash would enable us to put in enough energy generating equipment to live off of the earnings. This could enable us to pay our



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Case Number: **0803-07306**

Explain your complaint, describing the events in the order in which they occurred (Continued)

escalating mortgages and elevate our level of spending, which expands our economy. The benefits to going green are already pretty well known and I won't bore you by repeating them all.

I must confess that I am totally amazed that it has not dawned on the utility companies that they have a giant opportunity for new revenue streams here. They could sell the alternative energy equipment to the homeowners and profit from the sale like they did in the distant past when electric appliances were sold and financed by the utility companies. Utilities also benefit from a decentralized supply system when disaster strikes because they encounter no massive power outages and they profit by revenues charged to the customer to maintain the equipment. Our area benefits, too, because it is much more difficult for a terrorist to knock out a decentralized power supply. They would have to knock out tens of thousands of small generating facilities in order to make an impact.

There is no way that this state can claim it wants to go green if the present proposal passes without a murmur of objection. The utilities must be made to pay for the energy they buy. This proposal would essentially assure that no one "goes green" by making it unprofitable for a person to switch over from conventional power sources.

As one of the authors of the New York State Residential Energy Conservation Service Program, I have seen first hand the way privately-owned utilities manage to finagle matters so that they are the only ones who profit from a situation. Their way of doing things is partly responsible for the present environmental mess. We need to decide whether or not we like the current situation. If so, we should keep doing what we have been doing, because if we want something different we're going to have to do something different.

When a person sells something, the method of acceptable payment should be determined by the seller, not the buyer. The National Energy Conservation Policy Act of 1978 required utilities to purchase energy, yes, but it also required the utilities to pay for it.

Please, won't you go to bat for all of us on this one? Thanks!

Wayne A. Biszick
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Phone 407-761-9874
Fax 407-482-0950

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What would satisfy your complaint?

Amendment of the proposal that requires private utility companies to pay all sources they buy from in the same manner, and at the same rates.

Ann Cole

From: Ann Cole
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2008 8:10 AM
To: Office Of Commissioner Edgar
Cc: William C. Garner; Lorena Holley; Larry Harris; Bridget Groom
Subject: Docket No. 070674-EI

Thank you for this information, which will be placed in *Docket Correspondence - Consumers and their representatives*, in Docket No. 070674-EI.

From: Office Of Commissioner Edgar
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2008 7:22 AM
To: Ann Cole
Cc: William C. Garner; Lorena Holley; Larry Harris; Bridget Groom
Subject: FW: thank you

Please place this e-mail in Docket No. 070674-EI. Thank you.

Roberta

Roberta S. Bass
Chief Advisor to Commissioner Edgar

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0854

Office (850) 413-6016
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Email Roberta.Bass@PSC.STATE.FL.US

From: Ronald Bishop [mailto:gatorron@mac.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 7:15 PM
To: Office Of Commissioner Edgar
Subject: thank you

For adopting the new net metering rule. While I cannot claim to be intimately familiar with every other state's rule, it appears to me that Florida's is as progressive as any in the nation.

Great job! Great leadership!

Thank you for acting on the people's behalf.

Sincerely,

Ron Bishop, P.E.
High Springs, FL

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Miami-Dade County, Florida

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February 28, 2008

Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor Crist:

A copy of Resolution No. R-133-08, adopted on February 5, 2008, is provided to you at the request of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our office.

Respectfully yours,

HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

By: *Kay Sullivan*
Kay Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

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Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)
02-05-08

RESOLUTION NO. R-133-08

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ADOPT FINAL RULES THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE USE OF CONSUMER-OWNED SOLAR AND OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS THROUGH NET METERING AND BY FACILITATING THE INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN SUCH SYSTEMS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES

WHEREAS, net metering allows consumers to offset some of the cost of electricity they buy from a utility by selling back to the utility at a retail rate electric power that solar and other renewable energy systems have generated; and

WHEREAS, because consumers buy and sell power at the same rate through net metering, the utility bill is calculated only on the net electricity that the consumer purchases from the utility; and

WHEREAS, statewide net metering laws are currently in place in 38 States; and

WHEREAS, net metering programs offer the potential for individuals and businesses to realize financial benefits from installing renewable energy systems; and

WHEREAS, five utilities in Florida currently offer net metering to their customers: Florida Keys Electric Cooperative, JEA (Jacksonville), Lakeland Electric, New Smyrna Beach Utilities, and the City of Tallahassee Electric Utility; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005, all utility regulatory authorities and non-regulated utility must consider offering interconnection to the power grid and net metering upon request; and

WHEREAS, the energy needs of Florida continue to grow at a rapid rate, and solar energy provides a clean and safe renewable energy option to our residents and businesses; and

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WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, Florida's Public Service Commission voted to propose amendments to the administrative rules governing utilities that would require all utilities in Florida to offer net metering; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments also would (i) expand the types of eligible systems from only solar to all renewable technology systems, (ii) substantially increase the size of renewable energy systems eligible to sell electricity to utilities from 10 kilowatts to 2 megawatts, and (iii) facilitate and expedite the interconnection between consumer-owned renewable energy systems and electric utilities; and

WHEREAS, if adopted in final form, these amendments would promote the development of consumer-owned solar and other renewable energy systems, which in turn will improve conservation, diversify the types of fuel used to generate electricity in Florida, protect the environment, and stimulate the state's economy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Public Service Commission to adopt final rules that will encourage the use of consumer-owned solar and other renewable energy systems through net metering and by facilitating the interconnection between such systems and electric utilities.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chair and Members of the Public Service Commission, with copies to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the adoption of the final rules set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez** who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	aye
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	absent
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss absent
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	

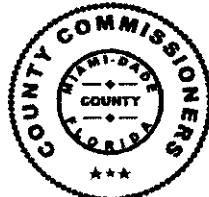
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of February, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Kay Sullivan**
Deputy Clerk



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Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Jess M. McCarty

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MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

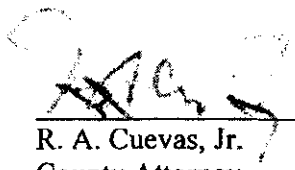
DATE: February 5, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Public Service Commission to
adopt final rules that will
encourage the use of consumer-
owned solar and other
renewable energy systems
through net metering

Resolution R-133-08

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

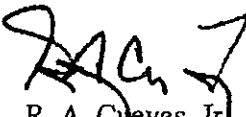
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MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 5, 2008

FROM: 
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

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Florida Public Service Commissioner
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STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

I, HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts, in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution R-133-08, which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting held on February 5, 2008, as appears of record.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this 28th day of February, A.D., 2008.

HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County, Florida

By 
Deputy Clerk



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CONSUMER**Ann Cole**

From: Ann Cole
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 9:18 AM
To: Office Of Commissioner Edgar
Cc: William C. Garner; Lorena Holley; Larry Harris; Bridget Groom
Subject: RE: Net metering

Thank you for this information. This will be placed in *Docket Correspondence - Consumers and their representatives*, in docket No. 070674-EI.

-----Original Message-----

From: Office Of Commissioner Edgar
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 7:27 AM
To: Ann Cole
Cc: William C. Garner; Lorena Holley; Larry Harris; Bridget Groom
Subject: FW: Net metering

Ann, please place this e-mail in Docket No. 070674-EI. Thank you.

Roberta

Roberta S. Bass
 Chief Advisor to Commissioner Edgar

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-----Original Message-----

From: jerry freedomev [mailto:freedomev@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 5:33 PM
To: Office Of Commissioner Edgar; Office of Commissioner McMurrian; Steve Larson; Office of Commissioner Skop
Subject: Net metering

Commissioners Edgar, McMurrian, Argenziano, Skop

Net metering is not only important, it's the key to RE electric generation.

RE is by nature spread out so the best way to get it is by homeowners, small businesses use their resources like rooftops/yards, parking lots for solar, wind generators, cogen with process heat, used vegetable oil, producer gas from biomass, ect to make electricity.

This cuts utilities costs greatly as they don't have to build, maintain, fuel either the generators,

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grid or increase grid size as the RE generators are where the electricity is needed, decentralized.

But only if the producers of RE can get a reasonable price will they do it other than a few do gooders. Between the need not to make more powerplants, fuel them, pollution controls, ect means the utilities make their money, % profit, allowed by law on the billing, wire charges while the RE producers get the generating, fuel charges they deserve.

This would let RE leasing companies or individuals put in profitable RE. Leasing is crucial because non technical people can do it without risk.

This keeps scams, ect from ripping people off because if it doesn't work, the leasing company gets the loss.

This will garrantee good RE equipment, success.

Had I been able to get my RE power on the grid 10 yrs ago I'd be producing a firm Gigawatt capacity by now. But if you can't sell it, it's not worth doing. My specialty is tidal power, biomass generation and electric cars. I've been doing RE for 30 yrs and the only successful non dam tidal units I know of.

Tidal power alone I've identified in the state not including the gulf stream can produce at least 25% of Florida's electric needs if done right.

It doesn't use dams, more like a wind generator underwater.

Personally I'd like to see utilities become just wire companies and let others generate power for their own customers they have signed up.

The argument of 'Firm power' is a canard, especially with solar which happens at peak power times in Florida. Others can easily produce say wind when it blows and biomass when it doesn't if needed. Also it will displace NG which could then be used when needed, thus no new costs for the utility.

If net metering happens we won't need any more major fossil fuel plants as between RE and eff, we can make all that's needed, even cut out some or all coal use.

While tidal seems cyclical, tides happens at different times in different areas, even a mile or 2 apart, so with well selected locations, becomes rather constant.

Utility wind on the east coast also is available at peak times as it's generated by the sea breeze which happens there when the land heats up which is when peak power is needed. On the west coast wind is only good for homes, small businesses where the rates are higher it has to compete with.

Well done solar thermal electric generators, retail wind, biomass and especially tidal are all cost competitive with NG, nuke and matches coal in costs now. As the cost of fossil fuels rise, RE will be the low cost leader.

For the State's economy, good jobs, energy security, enviroment we need net metering now to 50 megawatt. Without it Florida's residents, businesses will pay though the nose as fossil fuel prices go up, jobs, people leave for other states that have net metering already. I'll be one if it doesn't pass.

I'd like to thank you as the new PSC seems much more for Floridians now. I don't begrudge the utilities a profit, just let the rest of us in too.

Please put this on record if possible.

Thank you,
Jerry Dycus
Dycus Industries

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