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From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 9:22 AM
To: 'missy@tangiblegreen.net'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good Morning Miss Trumpler,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200000 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you,

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From: missy@everyactioncustom.com <missy@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 1:56 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

Solar is an integral part of our clean energy future. Delaying or inhibiting consumer growth in this sector is poor strategic planning. This is a time to be pushing for more consumer rights to keep money in their pockets, we are teetering on economic calamity. This is a conservative approach to long term economic expansion and viability.

And rather than focus on further enriching the Utility Companies; with the increased intensity of storms and the resultant outages, passing legislation for at least 5KW of energy to be able to bypass the power company entirely for a small fee, would better serve consumers and constituents. Imagine the aftermath of a hurricane where people with solar can continue to live relatively comfortably on minimal power generated by their solar as opposed to a complete outage that can last for days if not weeks. After a disaster, people need to be able to function at home as much as possible. We've learned this. Solar can provide that opportunity. But it MUST be readily available and financially feasible, if not appealing.

The middle of a public health and economic crisis is not the time to create more uncertainty by making changes to solar rights that will hurt jobs and take money out of people's pockets. Now is the time to be planning for a smarter, brighter, job-creating future.

Before COVID-19, the Sunshine state produced the 4th most electricity from solar panels in the country, and employed over 12,000 people. Before this crisis began, "solar installer" was the fastest growing job in the country, and our 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. Florida has already lost 22% of its workforce due to economic uncertainty, and this could get worse.

People and businesses across the state rely on common sense solar policies to take control of their own energy, and choose how they power their lives.

Solar panels and batteries contribute to the resilience of the electric grid. As we enter hurricane season, Floridians need more tools – not less – in order to weather all the storms that are coming our way.

Please defend solar workers, business owners, and homeowners from additional uncertainty by preserving net metering here in Florida.

Sincerely,
Margaret Trumpler
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