

**Antonia Hover**

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**From:** Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** 'rctwodrich@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Good Afternoon, Mr. Wodrich.

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

Thank you!

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

From: rctwodrich@everyactioncustom.com <rctwodrich@everyactioncustom.com>  
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 6:27 PM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Clerk Florida PSC Clerk,

As we struggle with a global pandemic, an economic crisis, and an active hurricane season, it is not the time to create more uncertainty by signaling a change in solar policies that are helping to make our state a leader in clean solar power and providing good paying local jobs. For 10 years, my job was directly in that solar industry so this is personal.

At the start of 2020, Florida was ranked 4th in the nation for solar energy production, employing thousands of people and powering the Sunshine State with clean, affordable, homegrown energy. The economic downturn has already put many of these jobs and future solar development at risk - we don't need sudden regulatory changes in solar policies to create even more uncertainty here in Florida.

Our current net metering rule allows a number of Floridians to grow a segment of the solar market by choosing to power their homes and businesses with Florida's number one natural resource, sunshine. Florida citizens and customers overwhelmingly support the current successful net metering policy allowing compensation for the solar energy they generate and provide to the electricity grid. I am one of those homeowners and have helped several others "go solar" on their homes and businesses.

Please protect the opportunity for business and homeowners to generate clean solar power and support local jobs by preserving our successful net metering rules here in Florida. At present, \$1 in every \$4 paid to Florida utilities flowing out of the state to pay for natural gas fuel imports - that adds up to \$5B every year. (source Vote Solar report 2020)

Solar is now the most affordable energy source in Florida, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Expanding the state's use of solar has the potential to stabilize energy costs and save residents significant amounts of money on their utility bills. Protecting net metering is the best way to do this.

Despite solar power's proven reliability and affordability, Florida currently gets less than 2% of its electricity from that source. In contrast, 70% of Florida's power comes from burning gas. As a homeowner here whose home is only 5' above sea level, global warming and the higher frequency of stronger storms that comes with that scientific reality scares me.

Please do your part and protect net metering.

Sincerely,  
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