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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 9:04 AM
To: 'ehrman.john@yahoo.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Good Morning, John Ehrman

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

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz
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Florida Public Service Commission
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From: ehrman.john@everyactioncustom.com <ehrman.john@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 7:46 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida PSC Commissioners,

I am a Professional Engineer and the proud owner of a 5 Kilowatt Photovoltaic roof top system and I can verify that it works! It is connected to the grid and for many months during the year it supplies all the electricity I need. My small contribution to energy production offsets the need to build costly power plants to meet growing energy needs. Imagine if thousands more people could do that?

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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,
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