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**From:** Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 12:16 PM  
**To:** 'dave@beyourbestinc.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Good Afternoon, Mr. Sillman.

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: dave@everyactioncustom.com <dave@everyactioncustom.com>  
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 10:41 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,

Bottom line: the solar industry is one of the fastest growing, jobs-creating, energy and \$\$ saving economic engines we've ever seen! And its still just early days. PLEASE DO NOT THROW A WET BLANKET ON THIS ENORMOUS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.

Solar is the best investment ANY of us could make either as homeowners, businesses or municipalities. These repeated efforts to thwart NEM are blatant bad-faith acts by the investor-owned utilities to protect their monopolies. In the process of protecting their profits, they are endangering the economic prospects for ALL of us. But the truth is that the solar industry provides myriad business opportunities for the IOUs too, that they are finally starting to take advantage by piloting Community Solar programs (ie. FPL, Duke).

Beyond the massive economic benefits solar also addresses the greatest threat to all Floridians in climate change and sea level rise.

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, especially when NEM has helped make our state a leader in clean solar power and created thousands of good paying local jobs. In fact, solar is proving to be a key driver of economic RECOVERY from the Covid depression.

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 don't succumb to the dishonest stories about solar hurting consumers - the truth is quite the opposite. The attempts to undermine NEM are clearly rooted in corrupt motives. 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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