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From: Jacob Veughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 10:34 AM
To: 'mclayne733@hotmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good Moring, Michele Layne

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.

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From: mclayne733@everyactioncustom.com <mclayne733@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 7:57 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I power my house with solar. I went solar because it makes sense living in the Sunshine state to produce electric in a more cost effective and cleaner way. Why on earth would you look to discourage solar when the federal government gave rebates to encourage people to switch! You would be undermining all of us who invested in a cleaner smarter production of energy! Please leave net metering in place so that our investment, as well as this country's investment was not in vain!

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,
Michele Layne
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