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**From:** Jacob Veaghn on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2020 9:36 AM  
**To:** 'hilkida@yahoo.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon, Barbra Ida

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: hilkida@everyactioncustom.com <hilkida@everyactioncustom.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 4:16 PM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

Why, in the middle of a climate crisis and a pandemic would you be holding secret meetings to stymie the growth of rooftop solar? Please do not think of profits right now. Think of the planet, of wildfires raging, of double hurricanes, of melting arctic ice, of species disappearing and of course, of the pandemic. Anything that helps to mitigate this catastrophe should be encouraged. It is time to think of the public, not the power corporations. Net metering means jobs, too.

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,  
Barbara Ida  
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