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From: Jacob Veughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:15 AM
To: 'janhartman@aol.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon, Jan Hartman

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: janhartman@everyactioncustom.com <janhartman@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

In our previous home, my husband and I had solar installed, at our own expense. That is NOT a complaint! We wanted to solar!!! We took ourselves off the grid and added to it. Seems like a win/win for all!! But why would the Commission want to reduce the net metering? It's the only fair way for homeowners to feel that we are addressing one problem that is plaguing our planet. Instead, taking away net metering would only increase profits to the utility companies. And that...is just not right. This ability to 'take a load off' our energy consumption, is what we feel in our hearts is the RIGHT thing to do.

PLEASE, do not penalize us. There is plenty of energy to go around. And quite frankly, I don't think that we would have even had a credit on our account at the end of the year. So, the energy company used our produced energy all year. And then, if we had any credits built up, our pay back was, what, 5% of what we would have been charged.

This should be an incentivized program!!

And then there is this:

The middle of a public health and economic crisis is not the time to create more uncertainty by making changes to solar rights that will hurt jobs and take money out of people's pockets.

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,
Jan Hartman
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