

Jacob Veauhn

From: Jacob Veauhn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:13 PM
To: 'dan@penoff.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon, Daniel Penoff

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: dan@everyactioncustom.com <dan@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

As someone who's former career was in the power generation business, when I moved to Florida in the 1990s I was stunned to know that Florida is, and continues to be, one of the worst states as far as consumer point of use solar systems. Why? Because the electric utilities have been successful in lobbying the legislature to write and pass regulations that prevent consumers from utilizing solar energy at a reasonable cost.

How can Florida be the "Sunshine State" yet have some of the least "consumer friendly" solar power regulations in the nation?

Eliminating or reducing the availability of net metering essentially kneecaps the consumer who wants to reduce their consumption of energy produced by carbon generating sources that contribute to global warming such as coal and natural gas.

Regardless of the effect this change would have on the renewable power/solar industry in Florida, which is significant at the least, it's an affront to the consumer, who should have the right to produce their own power and receive payment for excess power generated and returned to the grid.

I strongly urge you to stand up to utilities who have run roughshod over the end user for years in Florida and vote against the elimination of net metering. After all, who does this benefit the most? Your fellow citizens or the stockholders of the electric utilities?

As a postscript, solar power can and will make a significant difference on how rapidly we as a state can recover from natural disasters, like hurricanes. Why would you do anything that would harm the recovery efforts of the people who live here?

Sincerely,
Daniel Penoff
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