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From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 10:21 AM
To: 'jvanleer@rsmas.miami.edu'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good morning Mr. Van Leer,

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.

Thank you,

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From: jvanleer@everyactioncustom.com <jvanleer@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:20 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I installed my solar array 8 years ago, with the knowledge that I could net meter my power to the grid and not need battery backup at my property. I am looking into adding Tesla power walls to my property, so I can either contribute to the overall stability of the grid, or go offline if the public service commission tries to screw utility customers like me, by interfering with our net metering after the fact.

This has worked very well for me as a senior citizen. I invested in a solar array not a 401K. Now I can rely on my array to supply most of the power I need and when I have excess, it is shared with my neighbors with minimum transmission losses. I think the grid becomes more robust when the homeowners are all contributing to our energy security with as many solar arrays as possible. I think it would be unfair to interfere with my net metering after I paid for my array with the current system in mind.

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,

John Van Leer

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