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**From:** Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 1:07 PM  
**To:** 'stmsetz@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good Afternoon, Stefan Setz.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200000, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

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From: stmsetz@everyactioncustom.com <stmsetz@everyactioncustom.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:10 AM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

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. When your neighbor sends their excess solar-generated electricity back to the grid, this benefits the utility avoiding expensive and polluting infrastructure investments. The utility should be working closely with the solar customers to move towards a decentralized smart grid. Solar customers are essentially mini generators of clean, local, and affordable power distributed all across the grid, and net metering is a policy that makes their investment in solar both fair and cost-effective.

Please defend solar workers, business owners, and homeowners from additional uncertainty by preserving net metering here in Florida.

Sincerely,  
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