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From: Jacob Veaghn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:41 PM
To: 'kim@rethinkenergyflorida.org'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon, Kim Rosss

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: kim@everyactioncustom.com <kim@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I understand on Thursday you will be discussing netmetering in Florida.

I wanted to write to you to ask you not to make any changes to netmetering.

First, 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.

Solar is creating jobs in Florida right now. In fact, we led the nation in terms of new solar jobs last year. 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, employing 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. Right now, I m sitting under the slow-moving storm, Sally, where we are getting deluged with rain. We anticipate even more storms coming to Florida before the end of hurricane season. We need more tools, and certainly need to keep the tool of low-cost solar+storage, 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,
Kim Ross
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