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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 7:54 AM
To: 'equality2120@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good Morning, Susan Lee

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

Sincerely,

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From: equality2120@everyactioncustom.com <equality2120@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I would like to ask how just how many more tens of thousands of acres of trees and thousands of houses will have to be destroyed in fire seasons that are now 2.5 MONTHS longer than they used to be because our planet is burning up from the devastating climate change? How many BILLIONS of dollars must we spend every single year, making it trillions upon trillions in total, just to get not even back to where we were, because the air quality is worse and worse without the trees, and we keep using fossil fuels due to these "utility front companies" who just won't recognize how much better off we ALL will be, including THEM, when we migrate to 100% Clean Energy?! The jobs will be there, they will pay well, they will be cleaner, and our AIR AND WATER will be cleaner!

Because of the pandemic and the horribly irresponsible response from the executive branch and lethargic response from the republican senate, we are likely headed into a depression! The senate's GOP just can't grasp that the states and localities MUST have financial aid to make up for their horrendous covid expenditures that should have been covered by a federal plan that was NON-EXISTANT!

As a result, an already totally shaken economy—Wall Street is NOT, NOT, NOT “the economy”—will be even worse, much worse. So now is absolutely NOT the time to be messing around and making it even MORE uncertain, not that there is a time anyway. We The People have a clear right to our solar energy AND its output, meaning our utility companies absolutely owe us fair price for the energy WE and OUR panels produce. Stealing from us should be just like stealing anything else and punishable by law along with “pain and suffering.”

I am sick and tired of having corporations and their “front men” think they own the world. That is EXACTLY why the Consumer Protection Agency was created: to deal with exactly this kind of theft FROM consumers.

We will not stand for it.

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,
Susan Lee
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