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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 8:03 AM
To: 'karl@attorneytampa.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Good Morning, Karl Schmitz

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,

Brian Schultz
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Florida Public Service Commission
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From: karl@everyactioncustom.com <karl@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 12:44 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida PSC Commissioners,

Two years ago, after the passage of two important amendments to the Florida Constitution, my wife and I made an expensive investment in solar power for our home. Our reasons were multiple: protection against power outages during a hurricane (we have battery backup); reduction of reliance on the energy grid; the ability to SELL BACK to Duke Energy our excess energy, which even though at a rate of less than what we pay for consumption, still provides a profit to Duke Energy as they re-distribute the energy we produce to other households.

If you change the rules of the game now, in direct contravention to the Florida Constitution, you are no better than the government of Ukraine which recently changed the tariff rate at which it purchases power from solar producers after significant investments were made. As an attorney, I am fully aware of and appreciate the sanctity of contract and the rule of law. If you unilaterally make this change, you're no better than the corrupt governments who back out of treaties and financial pacts after they are entered into. You'll be sued. You'll cost the state of Florida untold amounts in legal fees, and you'll probably lose.

Uphold the rule of law. Uphold the State Constitution. Don't bend to the power of the rich private power companies.
Serve the people of Florida, which is your duty as Public Service Commissioners.

Sincerely,
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