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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:20 AM
To: 'novaeng113@icloud.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good Morning, Will Miller

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: novaeng113@everyactioncustom.com <novaeng113@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 12:39 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

As a Florida resident, Vietnam Veteran, and retiree on a fixed income, I decided some years ago to purchase my own solar P/V system to help stabilize my energy bill and to provide energy security during grid failures from natural or technological crisis.

I have invested \$70,000 in P/V panels and batteries to ensure my own "energy security", and to help my neighbors in times of grid failure. This system has significantly reduced my "carbon footprint" and reduced greenhouse gases - helping to preserve the biosphere. Net metering was one incentive that convinced me and others to make this personal investment in energy production & storage.

Each month I pay a "connection fee" amounting to \$127.56 annually as my fair share for helping Duke Energy maintain the grid.

Contrary to disinformation you have received from others, solar system users DO help support the grid; those costs are NOT passed on to non-solar customers.

Additionally, AT NO COST TO DUKE ENERGY, my "personal solar power plant" periodically sends excess power BACK to Duke - they did not spend a cent to produce that excess power AND they can send it on to others and CHARGE for it!

Net metering in Florida is a marginally-fair means for me to recoup a small fraction of my investment in building this solar system. It remains an important incentive for others to invest THEIR MONEY in creating a distributed power system that increases Duke's power production, resilience, and reliability - again, at little cost to Duke.

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.

I will be closely following your deliberations and trust that your decisions will support the benefits of solar energy for Duke Energy, consumers like me, and the future of Florida's economy and environment.

Best regards,

Sincerely,
Will Miller
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