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**From:** Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 11:42 AM  
**To:** 'paulromanoski@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good morning Mr. Romanoski,

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.

Thank you,

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From: paulromanoski@everyactioncustom.com <paulromanoski@everyactioncustom.com>  
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2020 3:46 PM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I am a FL resident and power most of my power needs with self generated renewable solar. I was able to make this investment to reduce fossil fuel pollution and other impacts of centralized generation due to the net metering rules currently in effect making it economically feasible. Net metering is essential to assist individuals and businesses to offset their costs over time to be able to invest in this option of clean power. Eliminating or changing the way net metering works is a very bad decision and I urge you to not allow the power companies to muscle their way in to stop or change the current incentives to decentralize power and put generation in the hands of the individuals using it. The world is changing and the power companies need to adapt. Generating power should not be what they strive to do-maintaining a grid and using microgrids and upcoming technology is the best long term plan. I do favor helping the power companies offset the large investments they have in capital equipment for peaker and power plants by legislating accelerated depreciation to allow them to fully depreciate them quickly and redirect support to encouraging independent generation and feed it into central distribution that they manage and charge for. It is a better model for all. Vehicle to grid (V2G) and other emerging technologies should be embraced and encouraged and we should work as partners not adversaries. Solar owners are willing to participate in reasonable financial support of distribution activities and maintenance of the grid for use as a net meter storage option. But things like EV V2G should be embraced and used.

Please do not support any major changes to net metering that would discourage solar or other renewables in our state.

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,

Paul Romanoski

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