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From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 11:39 AM
To: 'mwier79@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Keep FL Solar Bill of Rights, support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Good morning Mr. Wier,

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: mwier79@everyactioncustom.com <mwier79@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Keep FL Solar Bill of Rights, support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida PSC Commissioners,

I've invested over \$60,000 in making my home energy efficient. I've installed roof top solar to help slow global warming. I own a Chevy Bolt electric car. I make local trips on an electric bicycle. Despite this, I've had to raise the height of my sea wall to keep high tides from flowing over into my neighborhood. The heat index for months has been over 105 nearly every day. I can't work outside during much of the day because it's so hot. It doesn't get cold enough in the winter to kill off the iguanas and other invasive species that are now making South Florida home. I would have more PVs on my roof, if it wasn't for the PSC's required insurance policy naming the utility beneficiary to have over 11 kWh of rated panels. Hell, the heat decreases the solar panel's efficiency so they generally only produce less than 9 kWh.

Get a clue, and start representing the public instead of shilling for the utilities that put shareholders profits before any other consideration. Despite the utilities reliability claims my batteries kicked on 13 times since January 1st of this year due to out of spec power, tree branches, utility work and accidental damage to transmission lines.

To further insult the citizens of Florida, the PSC allows FPL to lease to its customers at substantially inflated costs devices to protect their homes from power surges, and brown outs the utility abets.

So why not just do whatever the utilities want? Let's burn natural gas instead of using solar. That pesky byproduct of the oil industry will just cause more global warming if we don't burn it. Let's have centralized solar farms in place of roof

top solar. What better way for the utilities to waste money by driving up operating costs on the maintenance of overhead distribution wires that keep us vulnerable to power outages in every gust of wind over 20 knots.

What ever action you take, just be sure it discourages people like me. Spending my own money on clean energy, and sending the surplus into the grid to run the AC of my neighbors and area businesses during the hottest part of the day. Minimize the benefits of that investment and help pack the pockets of the politicians who are supported by the campaign contributions of the utilities.

If however, you may be concerned about living in the environment you legislate.

Maybe you should continue our current net metering rule allowing a number of Floridians to grow a segment of the solar market by choosing to power their homes and businesses with Florida's number one natural resource, sunshine. Florida citizens and customers overwhelmingly support the current successful net metering policy allowing compensation for the solar energy they generate and provide to the electricity grid.

Please protect the opportunity for business and homeowners to generate clean solar power and support local jobs by preserving our successful net metering rules here in Florida.

Sincerely,
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