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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 4:30 PM
To: 'Imaron47@aol.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good Afternoon, Larry Maron

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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From: Imaron47@everyactioncustom.com <Imaron47@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I purchased solar panels three years ago because I felt strongly that I should do more to protect the environment. At that time, the electric utilities did not appear to be embracing the use of solar as a source of energy, instead relying on fossil fueled power plants that continued to contribute to global warming. Net metering played a big part in the sizing of my system and I do not see why it should be eliminated - I based my purchasing decision on it and should not be penalized because all of a sudden the utilities see a loss of revenue from the proliferation of roof top solar energy. The utilities need to embrace and support the use of roof top solar energy and use it to provide greater reliability to neighborhoods through the use of micro-grids (aka distributed grids, virtual power plants). Furthermore, amid a public health and economic crisis, it's clear that Florida's electric utilities should be doing a whole lot more to promote rooftop solar - a known job creator that keeps money in families' pockets.

Before COVID-19, I am told that "solar installer" was the fastest growing job in the country, and the solar 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. In the Sunshine state, before this crisis began, the solar industry employed over 12,000 Floridians. Now, over 1 million Floridians are unemployed, and Florida has already lost 22% of its workforce.

People and businesses across the state rely on common sense solar policies to take control of their own energy, save money, and choose how they power their lives. The utilities need to figure out how to encourage the use of home solar and reduce reliance on large fossil fuel power plants.

Thank you for defending solar workers, business owners, and residents by protecting our bedrock solar policies here in Florida.

Sincerely,

Larry Maron

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