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From: Jacob Veaghn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 2:15 PM
To: 'pennykbw@hotmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon, Penny Birch-Williams

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.

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From: pennykbw@everyactioncustom.com <pennykbw@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:22 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 lifelong Florida resident of 60 years. We hope to install solar panels on our roof in the near future and we are strongly in favor of the current solar policies that help citizens. I urge the Commission to resist the power companies pressure to change policies to benefit the companies and their stockholders. Protect the citizens rights to solar energy benefits! Please!

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, "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.

Not only does solar create jobs and save us money, but when paired with batteries, solar panels can contribute to the resilience of the electric grid and provide back-up power in emergencies. As we face another intense hurricane season, Floridians need more tools – not fewer – in order to weather all the storms that are coming our way.

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

Sincerely,

Penny Birch-Williams

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