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From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket 2020-0000; Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached email in Docket No. 20200000.

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From: pmbanasz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paul Banaszak
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Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 8:27 PM
To: Office of Chairman Clark
Subject: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Gary Clark,

As we struggle with a global pandemic, an economic crisis, and an active hurricane season, it is not the time to create more uncertainty by signaling a change in solar policies that are helping to make our state a leader in clean solar power and providing good paying local jobs.

At the start of 2020, Florida was ranked 4th in the nation for solar energy production, employing thousands of people and powering the Sunshine State with clean, affordable, homegrown energy. The economic downturn has already put many of these jobs and future solar development at risk - we don't need sudden regulatory changes in solar policies to create even more uncertainty here in Florida.

Our current net metering rule allows 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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From: janetm77@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janet Martinez <janetm77@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 7:47 PM
To: Office of Chairman Clark
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Gary F. Clark,

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,
Janet Martinez
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