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From: Jacob Veaughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 9:34 AM
To: 'jizzo3@cfl.rr.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon, Carol and John Izzo

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: jizzo3@everyactioncustom.com <jizzo3@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 9:27 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

This is to request that your organization publish a history of "Cost of Generation" rates (COG-1) for all Florida Utilities from 2018 to the present. This would be very helpful to existing and future solar system owners. Finding information about COG-1 net metering rates is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

In 2019 energysage.com published an internet document that indicated that the COG-1 tariff rate for Duke Energy Florida was 6.310 cents/kWh.

On April 25, 2018 my 8,400 watt solar system was installed and operational. At the end of 2018, my solar system produced an annual excess energy of 1,051 kWh for which I received only a credit of \$34.32, at a COG-1 rate of 3.26546 cents/kWh.

At the end of 2019 my solar system produced an annual excess energy of 4,172 kWh for which I received only a credit of \$105.30, at a COG-1 rate of 2.52397 cents/kWh.

A recent Duke Energy publication entitled "Rates effective with June 2020 bills" indicates an Energy charge for the first 1,000 kWh of 8.290 cents per kWh and a Fuel charge for the first 1,000 kWh of 3.067 cents per kWh.

I wonder how my 2019 reimbursement cost, the Cost of Generation (COG-1), could be only 2.52397 cents per kWh when the fuel charge alone is 3.067 cents per kWh.

A table showing the historical COG-1 rates from 2018 to the present for all Florida utilities would be very helpful to compare COG-1 rates between all Florida utilities.

Thank you for providing this information for existing and future solar system owners.

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,
Carol and John Izzo
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