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**From:** Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2020 8:34 AM  
**To:** 'cemaron77@yahoo.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good Morning, Cheryl 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  
Commission Deputy Clerk II  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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From: cemaron77@everyactioncustom.com <cemaron77@everyactioncustom.com>  
Sent: Saturday, October 03, 2020 4:28 PM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

Approximately a year after relocating to Florida 4+ years ago, I purchased solar panels to provide electricity to my home. I have always been a believer that we should not waste a natural energy resource like the sun. Relocating to the "Sunshine State" provided me the perfect opportunity to switch to solar power instead of using fossil fuels. I made my initial purchase of solar panels and ultimately added several additional panels with the belief that net metering would yield me the solar energy required keep my home sufficiently powered without the use of fossil fueled power plants. I don't understand why net metering should now be eliminated, thereby penalizing me and many other solar users, just because the utility companies are now realizing a revenue loss due to the growing use of solar power.

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.

I am advised that prior to COVID-19, "solar installer" was the fastest growing job in the country, and that 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 continue into 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,  
Cheryl Maron  
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