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From: Cristina Slaton
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: Letter-Commission Review of Net Energy Metering; Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000; Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000; Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in CORRESPONDENCE-Consumers & Representatives in docket 20200000-OT.

Thank you,

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From: Jeff.Benavides@ocfl.net
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 7:40 AM
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Subject: Letter-Commission Review of Net Energy Metering
Attachments: Commissioner Polmann-NEM.pdf

Good morning Commissioner Polmann,
Please find the attached letter on behalf of Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings that was submitted to the docket yesterday. Mayor Demings wanted to send a letter to you directly as well.
Let me know if you require any additional information in order for our letter to be read into the record.

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ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

Jerry L. Demings

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October 8, 2020

Commissioner Donald Polmann
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Commission Review of Net Energy Metering, Docket No. 20200000

Dear Commissioner Polmann:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Florida Public Service Commission's review of net energy metering policies. In 2007, Orange County adopted its first Climate Protection Campaign that outlined strategies to support energy conservation and the growth of renewable energy in our region. In 2020, I appointed Jeff Benavides as the County's first Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer to demonstrate my commitment to build a community of the future. Orange County is in the process of creating a roadmap that significantly increases access to clean, renewable energy and storage throughout the county.

Increasing solar energy and storage in our region's energy portfolio is a critical step along the difficult, but necessary path to achieve 100 percent clean energy. We encourage the Commission to promote and expand access to energy efficiency, as well as solar and energy storage systems. These systems make our region more resilient to natural disasters and less vulnerable to fossil fuel price fluctuations.

It is my vision to build a community of the future that includes clean, reliable energy accessible for our many critical community assets such as water supply and treatment plants, schools, and hospitals. Our residents, non-profit organizations, businesses, and local governments want increased access and expanded options. This includes micro-grids, community solar, and other distributed energy systems for residents and businesses who choose not to install a system due to financial or other limitations.

Retention and expansion of the state's existing net metering policies would ensure that more solar energy projects remain financially accessible and feasible for all. While examining the expansion of energy efficiency, we encourage the Commission to continue working with local governments and private sector providers for innovative solutions.

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Orange County is committed to a future that embraces clean energy and energy conservation for our residents and future generations. I appreciate your consideration of my comments. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Orange County Government Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer, Jeff Benavides, at (407) 836-7389 or e-mail: jeff.benavides@ocfl.net .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry L. Demings". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

c: Orange County Board of County Commission

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From: pegprimeau@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Margaret Primeau
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Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 12:00 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Polmann
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Donald J. Polmann,

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,
Margaret Primeau
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From: yoca@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Yoca Ardití-Rocha
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Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 8:27 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Polmann
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Sincerely,
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To: Office of Commissioner Polmann
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

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Sincerely,
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