

Antonia Hover

From: Office of Chairman Clark
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: PSC Review of Net Energy Metering, Docket No. 20200000
Attachments: 2020-10-05 Altamonte Springs - FL PSC Energy Metering-signed.pdf

Good morning,

Please place the attached email in Docket No. 20200000.

Hannah E. Barker

Executive Assistant to Chairman Clark
Florida Public Service Commission
[2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.](#)
[Tallahassee, FL 32399](#)
(850) 413-6004

From: Ed Torres [mailto:ETorres@altamonte.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Office of Chairman Clark
Cc: Office of Commissioner Brown; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Polmann; Consumer Contact
Subject: PSC Review of Net Energy Metering, Docket No. 20200000

Dear Chairman and Members of Florida Public Service Commission,

The City of Altamonte Springs has taken the opportunity to follow the recent Public Service Commission meeting on net energy metering and to review the presentations provided during the meeting.

With a long history of environmental stewardship, in 2017 the City of Altamonte Springs committed to providing a diverse array of renewable and sustainable energy sources for its government facilities. This initiative continues the trend of fiscally-conservative planning and, coupled with conservation and creativity, aims at cutting expenses and reducing our carbon footprint.

Currently, the City is constructing a novel solar farm to supply power to its regional water reclamation facility. The City's floating solar array will provide approximately 1 MW of electricity, making it the largest floating solar array in Florida and the third largest in the nation. Although this project is a significant investment and a step in the right direction, it only provides 20% of the power needs for the water reclamation facility. More renewable energy projects will be required to completely power City facilities and the current net metering rule is a critical component to making these projects a reality.

Moreover, several residents and businesses in the City have made investments in solar energy systems. According to the 2019 Interconnection and Net Metering Report submitted by Duke Energy to the PSC, there were 110 customers in Altamonte Springs benefitting from the net metering rule with a combined generation capacity of 2,560 kilowatts by the end of 2019. Ninety percent of the customer-owned solar systems in the City were installed within the last five years and changes to the existing net metering rule could adversely impact the financial viability of the customers' investments in renewable energy.

Florida's net metering regulations have greatly increased accessibility to renewable energy generation at the customer level. This, in addition to the resulting environmental and economic benefits of a thriving solar industry, underscore the importance of the existing net metering rule. Our position, and request, is that the Florida Public Service Commission protects the existing net metering rule and decline requests to open the rule for changes.

Sincerely,

ED TORRES, MS, PE, LEED AP
Director of Public Works & Utilities
ETorres@altamonte.org

P: (407) 571-8337
F: (407) 571-8350



950 Calabria Drive
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
www.Altamonte.org



Information provided in this email is subject to disclosure to the public pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law. Email sent on the City system is considered public and is only withheld from disclosure if deemed confidential pursuant to state law.

Persons with disabilities needing documents in an alternate format should contact (407) 571-8122 (Voice), (407) 571-8126 (TTY) or CityClerk@altamonte.org (Email).



October 8, 2020

Chairman Gary F. Clark
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Subject: PSC Review of Net Energy Metering, Docket No. 20200000

Dear Chairman and Members of Florida Public Service Commission,

The City of Altamonte Springs has taken the opportunity to follow the recent Public Service Commission meeting on net energy metering and to review the presentations provided during the meeting.

With a long history of environmental stewardship, in 2017 the City of Altamonte Springs committed to providing a diverse array of renewable and sustainable energy sources for its government facilities. This initiative continues the trend of fiscally-conservative planning and, coupled with conservation and creativity, aims at cutting expenses and reducing our carbon footprint.

Currently, the City is constructing a novel solar farm to supply power to its regional water reclamation facility. The City's floating solar array will provide approximately 1 MW of electricity, making it the largest floating solar array in Florida and the third largest in the nation. Although this project is a significant investment and a step in the right direction, it only provides 20% of the power needs for the water reclamation facility. More renewable energy projects will be required to completely power City facilities and the current net metering rule is a critical component to making these projects a reality.

Moreover, several residents and businesses in the City have made investments in solar energy systems. According to the 2019 Interconnection and Net Metering Report submitted by Duke Energy to the PSC, there were 110 customers in Altamonte Springs benefitting from the net metering rule with a combined generation capacity of 2,560 kilowatts by the end of 2019. Ninety percent of the customer-owned solar systems in the City were installed within the last five years and changes to the existing net metering rule could adversely impact the financial viability of the customers' investments in renewable energy.

Florida's net metering regulations have greatly increased accessibility to renewable energy generation at the customer level. This, in addition to the resulting environmental and economic benefits of a thriving solar industry, underscore the importance of the existing net metering rule. Our position, and request, is that the Florida Public Service Commission protects the existing net metering rule and decline requests to open the rule for changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ed Torres", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Ed Torres, M.S., P.E., LEED AP or from Frank
Director of Public Works & Utilities
City of Altamonte Springs

Cc: Franklin W. Martz, II, City Manager