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It is vital that the PSC permit access to solar power for more Floridians, giving consumers more freedom to chose how to power their homes and businesses.

The Sunshine State has a tremendous opportunity to take advantage of clean, renewable energy from the sun, yet this potential remains largely untapped. Although Florida is ranked 3rd nationally for rooftop solar potential, and has the best solar resource east of the Mississippi, less than 1/10th of 1% of the state's energy comes from solar. Florida pales in comparison to neighboring Southern states like Georgia and North Carolina - both of which are on track to install more than 4 times as much solar as Florida by the end of 2016.

Right now, 62% of Florida's electricity comes from natural-gas plants, up from 44% in 2007. Given our state's serious over-reliance on natural gas, it's more important than ever that solar be allowed to fairly compete.

- 1) Protect net metering, which allows solar customers to feed electricity they don't use back into the power grid, preserving the right of all Floridians to install solar panels on their homes and businesses without being subject to punitive fees and charges by power companies.
- 2) Allow Florida residents to save money on their electricity bills through third-party sales of solar power, where solar businesses pay for and install solar systems on individual properties and sell the electricity generated to the customer at a fixed rate.
- 3) Move our state away from expensive and polluting new fossil fuel and nuclear power plants by integrating cost-effective solar energy instead.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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~BrendaLee ~ I am no longer "young" enough to know everything!~

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government - lest it come to dominate our lives and interests". - Patrick Henry

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