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I am writing for the Turtle Coast Sierra Club located in Brevard and Indian River counties. Our group strongly encourages the Florida Public Service Commission to move away from fossil fuels and embrace the future of solar in Florida.

Across the nation, green jobs are growing 15% faster than other jobs. 10% of those being employed in this industry are veterans. Clean energy with solar at the helm, is the wave of the future. It will be good for Florida's economy.

The FPSC needs to open up the state to a third party utility. This will break up the monopolies of current utilities and create free markets within this industry. As you may know, there is a solar petition planned for the ballot in 2016. In just a short time, that citizen initiative has gathered thousands of signatures. Floridians want solar choice! The public is becoming more and more aware of the FPSC and that they control this issue. You will continue to hear from Floridians as the word spreads.

Look to the success of the other states who are promoting clean energy and have opened themselves to third party utilities. Their economies are thriving and their citizens have benefited with more competitive prices and improved quality of life.

In closing, the Florida Public Service Commission needs to do all it can to encourage the growth of solar in Florida. The time is now. We must move to a new energy paradigm. It is happening around the world. Florida should be a leader in this movement. We are the Sunshine state.

Please contact me if you need further information. I thank you for your time and consideration.

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