

March 20, 2019

Mr. Walter Trierweiler
Florida Public Service Commission

Via email only: wtrierwe@psc.state.fl.us

Re: Docket No. 20180204-EI
In re: Petition for approval of shared solar tariff, by Tampa Electric Company

Dear Mr. Trierweiler:

Vote Solar accepts staff's election to treat its Motion for Leave to File Amicus Curiae Memorandum and attached Memorandum as comments, and to label them as correspondence in the docket file. Accordingly, Vote Solar no longer seeks amicus curiae participation and withdraws its request for a ruling on its Motion.

Vote Solar thanks and welcomes Tampa Electric Company's ("TECO") withdrawal of its objection to Vote Solar's Motion. Vote Solar appreciates TECO's clarification of its stated plans regarding cost recovery of 17.5 MW from the Lake Hancock project in the third SoBRA tranche if the proposed tariff is not approved. This is consistent with Vote Solar's Memorandum, which states that TECO's proposal "relies on solar energy generated by its existing and previously-approved Lake Hancock solar facility."

Vote Solar continues to be concerned that the tariff may not increase solar energy, will not provide significant economic benefits to subscribers and fails to provide expanded access to all customers. Additionally, Vote Solar strongly encourages TECO to retire any renewable energy credits on behalf of all subscribing customers to give them some assurance that the renewable attributes will not be double counted or used for some other purpose in the future. This will help ensure that marketing the program as "solar" or "clean energy" will in fact come with clear renewable attributes that customers can tie to their subscription.

Vote Solar appreciates the opportunity to weigh in on these important issues, and hopes its comments are beneficial and ultimately lead to better, fairer clean energy community solar offerings for Floridians.

If you have any questions or wish to further discuss these concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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