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From: Jacob Veughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:30 AM
To: 'messenger@fau.edu'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Good Morning, Roger Messenger

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200000 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

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-----Original Message-----

From: messenger@everyactioncustom.com <messenger@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida PSC Clerk,

As we struggle with a global pandemic, an economic crisis, and an active hurricane season, it is not the time to create more uncertainty by signaling a change in solar policies that are helping to make our state a leader in clean solar power and providing good paying local jobs.

At the start of 2020, Florida was ranked 4th in the nation for solar energy production, employing thousands of people and powering the Sunshine State with clean, affordable, homegrown energy. The economic downturn has already put many of these jobs and future solar development at risk - we don't need sudden regulatory changes in solar policies to create even more uncertainty here in Florida.

Our current net metering rule allows a number of Floridians to grow a segment of the solar market by choosing to power their homes and businesses with Florida's number one natural resource, sunshine. Florida citizens and customers overwhelmingly support the current successful net metering policy allowing compensation for the solar energy they generate and provide to the electricity grid.

It's important to remember that the sun provides energy when the utility grid needs it the most. So, in fact, if time of use metering were to be applied, solar and when installed, energy storage, can provide energy to the grid at prices far below the marginal cost of peaking electricity.

With smart metering and a smart grid, solar can actually reduce the overall cost of electricity to the general public, even when net metering is used instead of time-of-use pricing.

Please protect the opportunity for business and homeowners to generate clean solar power and support local jobs by preserving our successful net metering rules here in Florida while enabling utilities to reduce their carbon footprint.

Sincerely,
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