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From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:10 PM
To: 'drkirkwhitten@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon Mr. Whitten,

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.

Thank you,

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From: drkirkwhitten@everyactioncustom.com <drkirkwhitten@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:53 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I am a Florida homeowner, business owner, tax payer, and voter. I am disheartened and disappointed that there appears to be a complete lack of educated foresight as it relates to the rational need to support the advancement of private solar power in the "sunshine state". I do understand the necessity of having a reliable public utility in place, but a leadership position that provides for an ecological as well as a fair and reasonable economical incorporation of the "private sector" is your obligation. Your support of "net metering" is in the best interest of the people whom you serve, the communities in which we live, and the planet that our children will inherit.

Respectfully,

Dr Kirk Whitten
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Neptune Beach, Fl

The middle of a public health and economic crisis is not the time to create more uncertainty by making changes to solar rights that will hurt jobs and take money out of people's pockets.

Before COVID-19, the Sunshine state produced the 4th most electricity from solar panels in the country, and employed over 12,000 people. Before this crisis began, "solar installer" was the fastest growing job in the country, and our industry

employed 250,000 people. The COVID-19 crisis could put half, 125,000, of these jobs at risk in communities across the United States. Florida has already lost 22% of its workforce due to economic uncertainty, and this could get worse.

People and businesses across the state rely on common sense solar policies to take control of their own energy, and choose how they power their lives.

Solar panels and batteries contribute to the resilience of the electric grid. As we enter hurricane season, Floridians need more tools – not less – in order to weather all the storms that are coming our way.

Please defend solar workers, business owners, and homeowners from additional uncertainty by preserving net metering here in Florida.

Sincerely,
Kirk Whitten
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