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From: Jacob Veaghn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:56 PM
To: 'bgryder47@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon, Barbara Ryder

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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From: bgryder47@everyactioncustom.com <bgryder47@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

Dear Sirs:

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.

Our family installed whole-house solar in 2017 and have enjoyed knowing that satisfying our energy needs do not add to environmental pollution in our state. Solar net metering allows us to generate energy above our family needs during the day, and essentially "bank" them back to the electric company for nighttime and rainy day usage, and if we generate additional power, sell this back to the company at reduced (much less than retail) rates. Solar net metering is essential to the economic argument for families like ours to 'go solar'. Do not threaten this practice!

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

Sincerely,

Barbara Ryder

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