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**From:** Betty Leland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:34 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Protect Our Solar Rights  
**Attachments:** Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000; Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000; Rooftop Solar Puts Florida Veterans to Work; Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000; FPL recurring issues; Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000; Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000; Docket 2020-0000

Good Morning:

Please place this email in Docket #20200000.

Thanks.

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**From:** Steven Sleeper <Steven.Sleeper.16475728@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:26 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Art Graham,

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Thank you,  
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**From:** John Baquie <John.Baquie.145013439@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:14 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
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**From:** Florida SEIA <wendy@flaseia.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:11 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Rooftop Solar Puts Florida Veterans to Work

**Steve Rutherford** is a service-disabled veteran who served 22 years in the Navy SEALs. After serving in Iraq to bring freedom abroad, Steve came home to Florida and started a company to help his neighbors achieve energy freedom.



For the past 9 years, Steve's company, Tampa Bay Solar, has employed 30 people across Central Florida, a third of whom are veterans.

Tampa Bay Solar is just **one of more than 400 solar companies** putting Floridians to work everyday. Before the pandemic, solar employed over 12,000 people across the state.



Amidst unprecedented economic downturn due to the corona virus pandemic, the **Florida Public Service Commission** is considering eliminating a rule called net metering that enables the solar industry to do business in our state. With over 1 million Floridians unemployed, now is not the time to take away a major source of good local jobs that can never be outsourced.

**Protect Florida's clean energy jobs. Protect net metering. Let Florida's homegrown solar industry help re-power our economy one roof at a time.**



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**From:** Joe Snavelly <Joe.Snavelly.234075577@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 9:57 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

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**From:** Matthew Yale <matthewyale@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 9:46 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Cc:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** FPL recurring issues

Good morning. I am writing to issue a formal complaint about our power quality with FPL. We have had multiple power outages in the last few months--may of which have been long events (in fact, we are without power while I write this email). We have contacted FPL each time we are without power and they have made little to no effort to address any systematic issues. We cannot continue to have the issues we are having without resolution--it is a clear violation of our rights as we are paying hundreds of dollars a month for inadequate service and request that FPL do their job--keeping our power flowing. Our neighbors will be contacting the Commission as well. Our address is 4160 La Playa Blvd, Coconut Grove, FL 33133.

Many thanks for your assistance with this matter.

My best,  
Matthew Yale



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**From:** Dianne Battle <Dianne.Battle.300780129@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 9:36 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Art Graham,

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Thank you,  
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**From:** daniel ferry <daniel.ferry.231193830@p2a.co>  
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Thank you,  
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**From:** Janet E. Bowman <janet\_bowman@TNC.ORG>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Docket 2020-0000  
**Attachments:** PSCNetmeteringlettertnc.pdf

Good morning Commissioner Graham:

Attached are the comments of The Nature Conservancy to be placed in the record of Customer-Owned Renewable Generation in Florida Workshop on September 17, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration,

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The Nature Conservancy  
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