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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 8:12 AM
To: 'IncredibleHulk6@outlook.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Good Morning, Kevin OBrien

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

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz
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Florida Public Service Commission
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From: IncredibleHulk6@everyactioncustom.com <IncredibleHulk6@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:17 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida PSC Commissioners,

As a purchaser of a solar system in 2019, a large part of my decision to make this purchase rested on net metering making it a cost-effective solution for me. Currently 47 states have some form of net metering. At my house in Winter Garden, FL, I routinely convert 26% of sunlight hitting my solar panels directly to energy. Net metering allows me to sell excess production to Duke Energy (easing the burden on power plants) during the daytime, and buy it back during the evenings. Done this way, my solar output equals 97% of my home's energy consumption. I still pay Duke energy \$12 monthly in administrative fees and the normal rate for any additional electricity needed from them. The threat to the net metering program in Florida not only jeopardizes my return on investment in the solar panels I purchased, but will also drastically reduce the number of houses going solar in the coming years. I am skeptical of claims from these companies, Duke Energy in particular, that they plan on rapidly switching to renewables, and it's certain that a switch to renewable energies would occur faster if net metering were allowed to remain in place in its current form. These companies enjoy monopolies in the communities they serve, so absent of competition from rooftop solar, there is no recourse for consumers looking to obtain their energy through other means.

Sincerely,

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