

**Brian Schultz**

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**From:** Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 8:07 AM  
**To:** 'gregg.hoge@icloud.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Good Morning, Gregg Hoge

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

From: gregg.hoge@everyactioncustom.com <gregg.hoge@everyactioncustom.com>  
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 11:47 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 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.

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.

I installed solar panels on my house last year and since that time my net usage has been negative. The surplus energy that I send back to FPL helps them power other homes without building more power plants, and the discount they receive by paying me at the COG rate is beneficial to them. The state of Florida should not go back on the net metering rule.

If solar energy were not such a good thing, FPL would not be putting up solar "power plants" across the state.

Sincerely,  
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