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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2020 4:56 PM
To: 'herbstsonne5@yahoo.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good Afternoon, Julia Herbst

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,

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From: herbstsonne5@everyactioncustom.com <herbstsonne5@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

As a soon to be solar homeowners and solar educator, i see everyday how much distributed solar generation benefits our communities. Not just me the solar owner, but my neighbors, the region, the economy. Distributed solar has barely made a speck of penetration in the power grid. And until exponentially more people own rooftop solar, our panels are a NET GAIN to the grid.

Beyond the rarely spoken value of solar's offset to pollution and security, it is providing a local sourced and abundant fuel to the generation mix, at local levels, without the utilities moving it around with all the associated losses.

Net metering is the economic function that makes it all work. Well. For Floridians. Disturbing net metering is harmful and would severely impact an industry that can't be exported and improves bottom line and health measures.

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

Not only does solar create jobs and save us money, but when paired with batteries, solar panels can contribute to the resilience of the electric grid and provide back-up power in emergencies. As we face another intense hurricane season, Floridians need more tools – not fewer – in order to weather all the storms that are coming our way.

Thank you for defending solar workers, business owners, and residents by protecting our bedrock solar policies here in Florida.

Sincerely,

Julia Herbst

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