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From: Jennifer Brownfield
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket 20200000
Attachments: PSC Review of Net Energy Metering, Docket No. 20200000; Protect our solar rights!
Docket 2020-0000; Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000; Protect our solar rights!
Docket 2020-0000

Happy Friday,

Please add the attached emails to Docket No. 20200000.

Thank you,

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Florida Public Service Commission
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From: Ed Torres <ETorres@altamonte.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Office of Chairman Clark
Cc: Office of Commissioner Brown; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Polmann; Consumer Contact
Subject: PSC Review of Net Energy Metering, Docket No. 20200000
Attachments: 2020-10-05 Altamonte Springs - FL PSC Energy Metering-signed.pdf

Dear Chairman and Members of Florida Public Service Commission,

The City of Altamonte Springs has taken the opportunity to follow the recent Public Service Commission meeting on net energy metering and to review the presentations provided during the meeting.

With a long history of environmental stewardship, in 2017 the City of Altamonte Springs committed to providing a diverse array of renewable and sustainable energy sources for its government facilities. This initiative continues the trend of fiscally-conservative planning and, coupled with conservation and creativity, aims at cutting expenses and reducing our carbon footprint.

Currently, the City is constructing a novel solar farm to supply power to its regional water reclamation facility. The City's floating solar array will provide approximately 1 MW of electricity, making it the largest floating solar array in Florida and the third largest in the nation. Although this project is a significant investment and a step in the right direction, it only provides 20% of the power needs for the water reclamation facility. More renewable energy projects will be required to completely power City facilities and the current net metering rule is a critical component to making these projects a reality.

Moreover, several residents and businesses in the City have made investments in solar energy systems. According to the 2019 Interconnection and Net Metering Report submitted by Duke Energy to the PSC, there were 110 customers in Altamonte Springs benefitting from the net metering rule with a combined generation capacity of 2,560 kilowatts by the end of 2019. Ninety percent of the customer-owned solar systems in the City were installed within the last five years and changes to the existing net metering rule could adversely impact the financial viability of the customers' investments in renewable energy.

Florida's net metering regulations have greatly increased accessibility to renewable energy generation at the customer level. This, in addition to the resulting environmental and economic benefits of a thriving solar industry, underscore the importance of the existing net metering rule. Our position, and request, is that the Florida Public Service Commission protects the existing net metering rule and decline requests to open the rule for changes.

Sincerely,

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October 8, 2020

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Ed Torres, M.S., P.E., LEED AP or from Frank
Director of Public Works & Utilities
City of Altamonte Springs

Cc: Franklin W. Martz, II, City Manager

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From: yoca@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Yoca Ardit-Rocha
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Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 8:27 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Brown
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

Amid a public health and economic crisis, it's clear that Florida's electric utilities should be doing a whole lot more to promote rooftop solar - a known job creator that keeps money in families' pockets.

Before COVID-19, "solar installer" was the fastest growing job in the country, and the solar 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. In the Sunshine state, before this crisis began, the solar industry employed over 12,000 Floridians. Now, over 1 million Floridians are unemployed, and Florida has already lost 22% of its workforce.

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,
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From: thorfranlmt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thor Siegfried
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Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 10:26 PM
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Sincerely,
Thor Siegfried
Dunnellon, FL 34432

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From: pegprimeau@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Margaret Primeau
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Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 12:00 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Brown
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Sincerely,
Margaret Primeau
Beverly Hills, FL 34465