**Electric Cooperative Press Statement regarding Floridians for Solar Choice Ballot Initiative**

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{Insert Name} Electric Cooperative understands Florida’s energy future will include more solar and other renewable resources. Recognizing this fact, {insert name} Electric Cooperative is working to integrate more solar power and other renewable resources into our generation portfolio.

The Supreme Court is in the process of reviewing a solar ballot initiative that will adversely affect our consumer-owners. The Florida Electric Cooperatives Association (FECA) is participating in the Supreme Court’s review of the solar ballot initiative to **preserve our consumer-owners’ right to safe, reliable, and affordable electricity**. FECA’s brief is available on the Supreme Court’s website.

*Electric cooperatives are non-profit corporations organized for the purpose of supplying safe, reliable, and affordable electric energy to their consumer-owners at the lowest possible costs. Florida’s rural electric cooperatives currently serve approximately 2.4 million customers in 57 counties throughout Florida, and are regulated as electric utilities by the Florida Public Service Commission.*