

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

Case No. SC16-12

**ADVISORY OPINION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RE: RIGHTS OF
ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY CHOICE (FIS)**

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE CASES

Consumers for Smart Solar, Inc., as an Interested Party and Sponsor of the proposed amendment entitled, “Rights of Electricity Consumers Regarding Solar Energy Choice,” moves to consolidate this request for an advisory opinion on the ballot initiative’s financial impact statement docketed as case number SC16-12, with the request for an advisory opinion as to the validity of the initiative petition docketed as case number SC15-2150. The cases should be consolidated for all purposes, including briefing, oral argument, and record purposes.

On November 24, 2015, the Attorney General petitioned the Court for an advisory opinion as to the validity of the initiative petition. The Court assigned that petition Case No. SC15-2150. By order dated December 21, 2015, the Court directed all interested parties to file their initial briefs on or before January 11, 2016, and to file all answer briefs on or before February 1, 2016. On January 5, 2016, the Attorney General petitioned the Court for an advisory opinion as to whether the petition’s accompanying financial impact statement is in compliance with section 100.317, Florida Statutes. The Court assigned that petition Case No.

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SC16-12. As of the date of this motion, the Court has not scheduled briefing in that case.

Given that the cases are based on the same proposed amendment and that the Court must “render [its] written opinion no later than April 1 of th[is] year[,]” Art. IV, § 10, Fla. Const., it would prove economical for all interested parties and the court to consolidate the cases.

The undersigned counsel has not consulted with counsel for any other interested party as there are no other attorneys of record on file as of the date of this motion.

WHEREFORE, Consumers for Smart Solar, Inc., as an interested party in these cases, respectfully requests that cases SC15-2150 and SC16-12 be consolidated for all purposes, including briefing, oral argument, and record purposes.

Respectfully Submitted,

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