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Subject: Petition Before the Florida Building Commission for a Declaratory Statement

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I am an engineer who specializes in the design of photo-voltaic (PV) and solar thermal installations (ST) for single family dwellings and small commercial buildings.

I request that the Florida Building Commission issue a declaratory statement which will remove a major obstacle to the growth of solar energy utilization within Florida. Solar energy utilization equipment has long been required by Florida Statute 377.705 [http://www.fsec.ucf.edu/en/certification\\_testing/solarstandards/index.htm](http://www.fsec.ucf.edu/en/certification_testing/solarstandards/index.htm) to have been tested and bear a unique certification label issued by the Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC). Said approval by FSEC should exempt solar equipment from imposition of additional local requirements or scrutiny other than AHJ (authority having jurisdiction plan reviewers) making sure that the particular solar equipment is FSEC approved and that the construction documents provide adequate connection of the solar equipment to the particular building.

Does the Florida Building Commission agree that FSEC-approved & labeled solar panels mounted above a continuous, code-compliant roof covering with an air gap in between shall be exempt from additional AHJ requirements which might flow from Florida Building Code Sections Residential M1307.2.1 and Mechanical 301.12?

Respectfully submitted,

