Bill No. CS/HB 7229 (2010)

Amendment No.

#### CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House

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Representative Precourt offered the following:

resource that it intends to use. However, if a provider

petitions for cost recovery of more than 50 megawatts of solar

nameplate capacity for which a provider is permitted to recover

produced or purchased from renewable energy sources other than

the commission a schedule of planned production and purchases

for the calendar year in which cost recovery is requested. If

any portion of the capacity required from nonsolar renewable

energy resources is committed but, for reasons found by the

solar energy. No later than when a provider files a petition for cost recovery under this subsection, the provider must file with

energy nameplate capacity, at least 20 percent of the total

costs in any calendar year under this subsection must be

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# Amendment (with title amendment) Remove lines 348-450 and insert:

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commission to be beyond the control of the provider, is not available during the calendar year for which cost recovery is requested, the provider may continue to recover costs to produce or purchase renewable energy from solar energy resources if the provider continues in good faith to pursue the production or purchase of renewable energy from nonsolar resources. The provider has sole discretion to determine whether to construct new renewable energy generating facilities, convert existing fossil fuel generating facilities to renewable energy generating facilities, or contract for the purchase of renewable energy from third-party generating facilities in the state.

- (b) In addition to the full cost recovery for such renewable energy projects, a return on equity of at least 50 basis points above the top of the range of the provider's last authorized rate of return on equity approved by the commission for energy projects shall be approved and provided for such renewable energy projects if a majority value of the energy-producing components incorporated into such projects are manufactured or assembled in the state.
- (c) For the production or purchase of renewable energy under this subsection, a provider may recover costs up to and in excess of its full avoided cost, as defined in s. 366.051 and approved by the commission, if the recovery of costs in excess of the provider's full avoided cost does not exceed, as a percentage of the provider's total revenues from the retail sale of electricity for calendar year 2009, the total cumulative amount of 2 percent in calendar years 2010 and 2011, the total cumulative amount of 3 percent in calendar year 2012, and the 904751

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total cumulative amount of 4 percent in calendar year 2013 and thereafter. For purposes of cost recovery under this subsection, costs shall be computed using a methodology that, for a renewable energy generating facility, averages the revenue requirements of the facility over its economic life and, for a renewable energy purchase, averages the revenue requirements of the purchase over the life of the contract.

- (d) Cost recovery under this subsection is limited to new construction or conversion projects for which construction is commenced on or after July 1, 2010, and to purchases made on or after that date. All renewable energy projects for which costs are approved by the commission for recovery through the environmental cost recovery clause before July 1, 2010, are not subject to or included in the calculation of the cost cap.
- (e) The costs incurred by a provider to produce or purchase renewable energy under this subsection are deemed to be prudent for purposes of cost recovery if the provider uses reasonable and customary industry practices in the design, procurement, and construction of the project in a cost-effective manner for the type of renewable energy resource and appropriate to the location of the facility.
- (f) Subject to the cost cap in paragraph (c), the commission shall allow a provider to recover the costs associated with the production or purchase of renewable energy under this subsection as follows:
- 1. For new renewable energy generating facilities, the commission shall allow recovery of reasonable and prudent costs, including, but not limited to, the siting, licensing, 904751

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engineering, design, permitting, construction, operation, and maintenance of such facilities, including any applicable taxes and a return based on the provider's last authorized rate of return.

- 2. For conversion of existing fossil fuel generating facilities to renewable energy generating facilities, the commission shall allow recovery of reasonable and prudent conversion costs, including the costs of retirement of the fossil fuel plant that exceed any amounts accrued by the provider for such purposes through rates previously set by the commission.
- 3. For purchase of renewable energy from third-party generating facilities in the state, the commission shall allow recovery of reasonable and prudent costs associated with the purchase. Any petition for approval of a purchased power agreement for renewable energy that is filed with the commission before April 2, 2010, and remains pending on the effective date of this act shall be considered by the commission to have been filed in accordance with, and shall be subject to the provisions of, this subsection.
- (g) In a proceeding to recover costs incurred under this subsection, a provider must provide the commission all cost information, hourly energy production information, and other information deemed relevant by the commission with respect to each project.
- (h) When a provider purchases renewable energy under this subsection at a cost in excess of its full avoided cost, the

seller must surrender to the provider all renewable attributes of the renewable energy purchased.

(i) Revenues derived from any renewable energy credit, carbon credit, or other mechanism that attributes value to the production of renewable energy, either existing or hereafter devised, received by a provider by virtue of the production or purchase of renewable energy for which cost recovery is approved under this subsection shall be shared with the provider's ratepayers such that the ratepayers are credited at least 75 percent of such revenues. However, the provider is not required to share with its ratepayers any value derived from credits received by the provider by virtue of the purchase of renewable energy from a third-party generating facility in the state that does not exceed 2 megawatts in capacity and that is not a regulated utility or its unregulated affiliate.

#### TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 10-27 and insert:

the definition of the term "biomass"; amending s. 366.92, F.S.; deleting the legislative intent provisions; deleting and revising definitions; deleting provisions for the renewable portfolio standard and renewable energy credits; providing a mechanism for providers to recover costs to produce or purchase specified amounts of renewable energy through the environmental cost-recovery clause under certain conditions; requiring providers to include specified information related to renewable energy

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development in a certain report; authorizing a developer
of solar energy generation to locate a solar energy
generation facility on the premises of a host consumer
under certain circumstances; requiring the commission to
adopt rules and submit reports to the Legislature;
establishing the Agriculture and Clean Energy Economic
Development Pilot Project; providing that certain electric
energy be considered renewable energy under the pilot
project; amending s. 403.44,