



## Legislation Text

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### **Photovoltaic (PV) Net Metering, Public Service Commission (PSC) Model Update (B)**

In August 2013, staff recommended adjusting the solar PV Net Metering Program to reduce the level of subsidization funded through the rate paid for energy not used by the solar PV customers and purchased by the utility. The City Commission directed staff to draft an ordinance adopting the Florida Public Service Commission model for net metering. The item was referred to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) to discuss a potential cap on any pay out on energy above what is used by residents or commercial properties and discuss policy concerning existing installations (grandfathering).

This item was presented and discussed as part of referral item #120516 to the RUC on September 12, 2013. The RUC approved a motion that GRU adopt the PSC's model for newly installed systems and give existing customers the choice of being grandfathered in under the current model or switching to the new model. The RUC subsequently asked staff to present to the full commission for a vote.

The Public Service Commission model will provide savings to the utility while still maintaining an incentive to customers installing PV systems. Offering existing customers the option of grandfathering under the previous program criteria will present varying degrees of impact, fiscally and administratively.

The City Commission 1) Receive a brief presentation from staff; and 2) Given legal recommendations, the City Commission provide direction so the program can be developed and the corresponding ordinance finalized.