

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation; and Senator Constantine

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to renewable energy; amending s. 366.075, F.S.; authorizing the Public Service Commission to approve experimental or transitional rates to encourage the use of renewable energy; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 366.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

366.075 Experimental and transitional rates.--

(1) The commission is authorized to approve rates on an experimental or transitional basis for any public utility to encourage energy conservation, ~~or to encourage efficiency,~~ or use of energy from a renewable energy resource, as that term is defined in s. 377.703(2). The application of such rates may be for limited geographic areas and for a limited period.

(2) The commission is authorized to approve the geographic area used in testing experimental rates and shall specify in the order setting those rates the area affected. The commission may extend the period designated for the test if it determines that further testing is necessary to fully evaluate the effectiveness of such experimental rates.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 1464

The committee substitute deletes a limitation on the amount of the experimental rate increase.