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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to renewable energy; amending s. 366.91, F.S.; requiring public utilities to generate a specified percentage of their total energy production from renewable energy sources; defining the term "total energy production"; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 366.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

366.91 Renewable energy.-

Effective On or before January 1, 2011 2006, each public utility must generate at least 5 percent of its total energy production exclusively from renewable energy sources. For purposes of this subsection, the term "total energy production" means all energy produced for distribution by a public utility within 1 year. Each public utility must continuously offer a purchase contract to producers of renewable energy. The commission shall establish requirements relating to the purchase of capacity and energy by public utilities from renewable energy producers and may adopt rules to administer this section. The contract shall contain payment provisions for energy and capacity which are based upon the utility's full avoided costs, as defined in s. 366.051; however, capacity payments are not required if, due to the operational characteristics of the renewable energy generator or the anticipated peak and off-peak availability and capacity factor of the utility's avoided unit,

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the producer is unlikely to provide any capacity value to the utility or the electric grid during the contract term. Each contract must provide a contract term of at least 10 years. Prudent and reasonable costs associated with a renewable energy contract shall be recovered from the ratepayers of the contracting utility, without differentiation among customer classes, through the appropriate cost-recovery clause mechanism administered by the commission.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.