

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 8  
OFFERED BY MS. CASTOR OF FLORIDA**

At the end of the bill, add the following new title:

1       **TITLE VII—OTHER MATTERS**

2       **SEC. 7001. SHORT TITLE.**

3           This title may be cited as the “Promoting Renewable  
4 Energy with Shared Solar Act of 2015”.

5       **SEC. 7002. PROVISION OF INTERCONNECTION SERVICE AND**  
6                       **NET BILLING SERVICE FOR COMMUNITY**  
7                       **SOLAR FACILITIES.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 111(d) of the Public Util-  
9 ity Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2621(d))  
10 is amended by adding at the end the following:

11                       “(20) COMMUNITY SOLAR FACILITIES.—

12                               “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

13                                       “(i) COMMUNITY SOLAR FACILITY.—

14   The term ‘community solar facility’ means  
15   a solar photovoltaic system that—

16   “(I) allocates electricity to mul-  
17   tiple individual electric consumers of  
18   an electric utility;

1 “(II) has a nameplate rating of 2  
2 megawatts or less; and

3 “(III) is—

4 “(aa) owned by the electric  
5 utility, jointly owned, or third-  
6 party-owned;

7 “(bb) connected to a local  
8 distribution facility of the electric  
9 utility; and

10 “(cc) located on or off the  
11 property of a consumer of the  
12 electricity.

13 “(ii) INTERCONNECTION SERVICE.—  
14 The term ‘interconnection service’ means a  
15 service provided by an electric utility to an  
16 electric consumer, in accordance with the  
17 standards described in paragraph (15),  
18 through which a community solar facility is  
19 connected to an applicable local distribu-  
20 tion facility.

21 “(iii) NET BILLING SERVICE.—The  
22 term ‘net billing service’ means a service  
23 provided by an electric utility to an electric  
24 consumer through which electric energy  
25 generated for that electric consumer from

1 a community solar facility may be used to  
2 offset electric energy provided by the elec-  
3 tric utility to the electric consumer during  
4 the applicable billing period.

5 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—On receipt of a re-  
6 quest of an electric consumer served by the  
7 electric utility, each electric utility shall make  
8 available to the electric consumer interconnec-  
9 tion service and net billing service for a commu-  
10 nity solar facility.”.

11 (b) COMPLIANCE.—

12 (1) TIME LIMITATIONS.—Section 112(b) of the  
13 Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16  
14 U.S.C. 2622(b)) is amended by adding at the end  
15 the following:

16 “(7)(A) Not later than 1 year after the date of  
17 enactment of this paragraph, each State regulatory  
18 authority (with respect to each electric utility for  
19 which the State has ratemaking authority) and each  
20 nonregulated utility shall commence consideration  
21 under section 111, or set a hearing date for consid-  
22 eration, with respect to the standard established by  
23 paragraph (20) of section 111(d).

24 “(B) Not later than 2 years after the date of  
25 enactment of this paragraph, each State regulatory

1 authority (with respect to each electric utility for  
2 which the State has ratemaking authority), and each  
3 nonregulated electric utility shall complete the con-  
4 sideration and make the determination under section  
5 111 with respect to the standard established by  
6 paragraph (20) of section 111(d).”.

7 (2) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 112(c) of the  
9 Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978  
10 (16 U.S.C. 2622(c)) is amended—

11 (i) by striking “such paragraph (14)”  
12 and all that follows through “paragraphs  
13 (16)” and inserting “such paragraph (14).  
14 In the case of the standard established by  
15 paragraph (15) of section 111(d), the ref-  
16 erence contained in this subsection to the  
17 date of enactment of this Act shall be  
18 deemed to be a reference to the date of en-  
19 actment of that paragraph (15). In the  
20 case of the standards established by para-  
21 graphs (16)”;

22 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
23 lowing: “In the case of the standard estab-  
24 lished by paragraph (20) of section 111(d),  
25 the reference contained in this subsection

1 to the date of enactment of this Act shall  
2 be deemed to be a reference to the date of  
3 enactment of that paragraph (20).”.

4 (B) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—

5 (i) IN GENERAL.—Section 1254(b) of  
6 the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public  
7 Law 109–58; 119 Stat. 971) is amended  
8 by striking paragraph (2).

9 (ii) TREATMENT.—The amendment  
10 made by paragraph (2) of section 1254(b)  
11 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public  
12 Law 109–58; 119 Stat. 971) (as in effect  
13 on the day before the date of enactment of  
14 this Act) is void, and section 112(d) of the  
15 Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of  
16 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2622(d)) shall be in ef-  
17 fect as if those amendments had not been  
18 enacted.

19 (3) PRIOR STATE ACTIONS.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 112 of the  
21 Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978  
22 (16 U.S.C. 2622) is amended by adding at the  
23 end the following:

24 “(g) PRIOR STATE ACTIONS.—Subsections (b) and  
25 (c) shall not apply to the standard established by para-

1 graph (20) of section 111(d) in the case of any electric  
2 utility in a State if, before the date of enactment of this  
3 subsection—

4 “(1) the State has implemented for the electric  
5 utility the standard (or a comparable standard);

6 “(2) the State regulatory authority for the  
7 State or the relevant nonregulated electric utility has  
8 conducted a proceeding to consider implementation  
9 of the standard (or a comparable standard) for the  
10 electric utility; or

11 “(3) the State legislature has voted on the im-  
12 plementation of the standard (or a comparable  
13 standard) for the electric utility.”.

14 (B) CROSS-REFERENCE.—Section 124 of  
15 the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act of  
16 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2634) is amended by adding  
17 at the end the following: “In the case of the  
18 standard established by paragraph (20) of sec-  
19 tion 111(d), the reference contained in this sub-  
20 section to the date of enactment of this Act  
21 shall be deemed to be a reference to the date  
22 of enactment of that paragraph (20).”.

