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:

TITLE VII—OTHER MATTERS

SEC. 7001. SHORT TITLE.

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

SEC. 7002. PROVISION OF INTERCONNECTION SERVICE AND NET BILLING SERVICE FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR FACILITIES.

(a) In General.—Section 111(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2621(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(20) COMMUNITY SOLAR FACILITIES.—

“(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

“(i) COMMUNITY SOLAR FACILITY.—

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

“(I) allocates electricity to multiple individual electric consumers of an electric utility;
“(II) has a nameplate rating of 2 megawatts or less; and

“(III) is—

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

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

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

“(ii) INTERCONNECTION SERVICE.—

The term ‘interconnection service’ means a service provided by an electric utility to an electric consumer, in accordance with the standards described in paragraph (15), through which a community solar facility is connected to an applicable local distribution facility.

“(iii) NET BILLING SERVICE.—The term ‘net billing service’ means a service provided by an electric utility to an electric consumer through which electric energy generated for that electric consumer from
a community solar facility may be used to
offset electric energy provided by the elec-
tric utility to the electric consumer during
the applicable billing period.

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

(b) COMPLIANCE.—

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

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

“(B) Not later than 2 years after the date of
enactment of this paragraph, each State regulatory
authority (with respect to each electric utility for which the State has ratemaking authority), and each nonregulated electric utility shall complete the consideration and make the determination under section 111 with respect to the standard established by paragraph (20) of section 111(d).”.

(2) Failure to comply.—

(A) In general.—Section 112(c) of the
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2622(c)) is amended—

(i) by striking “such paragraph (14)” and all that follows through “paragraphs (16)” and inserting “such paragraph (14). In the case of the standard established by paragraph (15) of section 111(d), the reference contained in this subsection to the date of enactment of this Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the date of enactment of that paragraph (15). In the case of the standards established by paragraphs (16)”;

(ii) by adding at the end the following: “In the case of the standard established by paragraph (20) of section 111(d), the reference contained in this subsection
to the date of enactment of this Act shall
be deemed to be a reference to the date of
enactment of that paragraph (2).”.

(B) Technical correction.—

(i) In general.—Section 1254(b) of
the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public
Law 109–58; 119 Stat. 971) is amended
by striking paragraph (2).

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

(3) Prior state actions.—

(A) In general.—Section 112 of the
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978
(16 U.S.C. 2622) is amended by adding at the
end the following:

“(g) Prior State Actions.—Subsections (b) and
c(e) shall not apply to the standard established by para-
graph (20) of section 111(d) in the case of any electric
utility in a State if, before the date of enactment of this
subsection—

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

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

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

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