

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

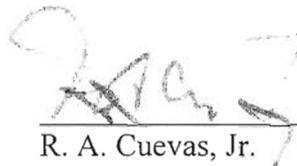
**DATE:** February 5, 2008

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Public Service Commission to  
adopt final rules that will  
encourage the use of consumer-  
owned solar and other  
renewable energy systems  
through net metering

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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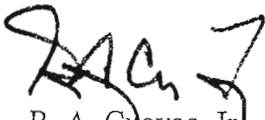


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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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02-05-08

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ADOPT FINAL RULES THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE USE OF CONSUMER-OWNED SOLAR AND OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS THROUGH NET METERING AND BY FACILITATING THE INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN SUCH SYSTEMS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES

**WHEREAS**, net metering allows consumers to offset some of the cost of electricity they buy from a utility by selling back to the utility at a retail rate electric power that solar and other renewable energy systems have generated; and

**WHEREAS**, because consumers buy and sell power at the same rate through net metering, the utility bill is calculated only on the net electricity that the consumer purchases from the utility; and

**WHEREAS**, statewide net metering laws are currently in place in 38 States; and

**WHEREAS**, net metering programs offer the potential for individuals and businesses to realize financial benefits from installing renewable energy systems; and

**WHEREAS**, five utilities in Florida currently offer net metering to their customers: Florida Keys Electric Cooperative, JEA (Jacksonville), Lakeland Electric, New Smyrna Beach Utilities, and the City of Tallahassee Electric Utility; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005, all utility regulatory authorities and non-regulated utility must consider offering interconnection to the power grid and net metering upon request; and

**WHEREAS**, the energy needs of Florida continue to grow at a rapid rate, and solar energy provides a clean and safe renewable energy option to our residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 18, 2007, Florida's Public Service Commission voted to propose amendments to the administrative rules governing utilities that would require all utilities in Florida to offer net metering; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments also would (i) expand the types of eligible systems from only solar to all renewable technology systems, (ii) substantially increase the size of renewable energy systems eligible to sell electricity to utilities from 10 kilowatts to 2 megawatts, and (iii) facilitate and expedite the interconnection between consumer-owned renewable energy systems and electric utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, if adopted in final form, these amendments would promote the development of consumer-owned solar and other renewable energy systems, which in turn will improve conservation, diversify the types of fuel used to generate electricity in Florida, protect the environment, and stimulate the state's economy,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Public Service Commission to adopt final rules that will encourage the use of consumer-owned solar and other renewable energy systems through net metering and by facilitating the interconnection between such systems and electric utilities.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chair and Members of the Public Service Commission, with copies to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the adoption of the final rules set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Jess M. McCarty