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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to electric energy production;
 3 amending s. 366.02, F.S.; revising the definition of
 4 the term "public utility" to exclude certain renewable
 5 solar energy production facilities for purposes of
 6 specified provisions; amending s. 366.91, F.S.;
 7 revising the definition of the term "net metering" for
 8 purposes of provisions relating to renewable energy;
 9 providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 366.02, Florida
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 366.02 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

16 (1) "Public utility" means every person, corporation,
 17 partnership, association, or other legal entity and their
 18 lessees, trustees, or receivers supplying electricity or gas
 19 (natural, manufactured, or similar gaseous substance) to or for
 20 the public within this state; but the term "public utility" does
 21 not include ~~either~~ a cooperative now or hereafter organized and
 22 existing under the Rural Electric Cooperative Law of the state;
 23 a municipality or any agency thereof; an entity that produces
 24 and sells 5 megawatts or less per hour of renewable solar
 25 energy, as defined in s. 377.803(6), to users located on the
 26 property adjacent to or contiguous with the renewable energy
 27 production facility; any dependent or independent special
 28 natural gas district; any natural gas transmission pipeline

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29 | company making only sales or transportation delivery of natural
30 | gas at wholesale and to direct industrial consumers; any entity
31 | selling or arranging for sales of natural gas which neither owns
32 | nor operates natural gas transmission or distribution facilities
33 | within the state; or a person supplying liquefied petroleum gas,
34 | in either liquid or gaseous form, irrespective of the method of
35 | distribution or delivery, or owning or operating facilities
36 | beyond the outlet of a meter through which natural gas is
37 | supplied for compression and delivery into motor vehicle fuel
38 | tanks or other transportation containers, unless such person
39 | also supplies electricity or manufactured or natural gas.

40 | Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
41 | 366.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

42 | 366.91 Renewable energy.—

43 | (2) As used in this section, the term:

44 | (c) "Net metering" means a metering and billing
45 | methodology whereby customer-owned renewable generation is
46 | allowed to offset the customer's electricity consumption on
47 | site, and the customer's site includes all of the customer's
48 | energy usage accounts located on contiguous property owned by
49 | the same customer.

50 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.