



Florida Solar Energy Industries Association

INDUSTRY NEWS

FlaSEIA To Hold Annual Golf Tournament, Meeting, Dinner and Auction

The FlaSEIA Fourth Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, November 11 at Falcon's Fire Golf Club in Kissimmee, Florida with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. The scoring format will be a scramble.

The cost is \$95.00 per person which includes green fees, cart, range balls, three beverage tickets while on the course, a \$10.00 merchandise voucher and a boxed lunch. After the tournament, there will be an awards presentation.

FlaSEIA has set up different golf sponsorship categories for this Golf Tournament in which your company can participate. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The following sponsorships are available: Hole Sponsors at \$100.00 each (18 holes available); Tee Sponsors at \$100.00 each (18 tees available); Lunch Sponsors at \$250.00 each (Three sponsors available); and Beverage Cart Sponsors at \$100.00 (Three sponsors available).

The deadline to register for or sponsor the FlaSEIA Golf

Tournament is **Monday, November 1, 2010**. For your convenience, [click here for the Golf Tournament Registration Form](#), [click here for the Credit Card Authorization Form](#) and [click here for the Golf Tournament Sponsorship Form](#).

FlaSEIA will also be holding its Annual Auction, Dinner and Meeting on Thursday, November 11 at Falcon's Fire Golf Club in Kissimmee, Florida. An update on issues that FlaSEIA has been working on will be given at the annual meeting. Due to the gravity of the issues at hand, it is imperative to have full participation and cooperation of the membership that have a vested interest in our industry.

Join us for some great fun and auction items. The Reception begins at 5:30 p.m., Silent Auction begins at 5:30 p.m., Dinner and Annual Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Live Auction begins at 8:00 p.m.

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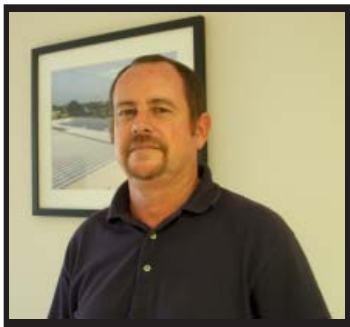
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CHRIS MAINGOT
FLASEIA IMMEDIATE
PAST PRESIDENT

In the past few months here in Florida, we have seen the Solar Rebate Program come to an end with a large backlog of unpaid rebates. We have also seen PACE legislation implemented by the state only to have Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae rain on our parade.

With the sun setting on the Solar Rebate Program, contractors have seen a downturn in business, especially in the PV market.

There are some positive things happening that gives us hope for the immediate future of the Industry.

First, the Florida Energy & Climate Commission found 13.8 million dollars of unspent Federal Stimulus dollars that they were able to allocate to the backlog of unpaid rebates. This shows a willingness at some level of state government to find a way to pay the citizens of the state who put their trust in our elected officials to make good on the intent of the state Solar Rebate Program.

Second, we have the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA) moving forward. The Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) have all filed their solar programs with the PSC staff, and there is an Agenda Conference on September 14, 2010 with a final decision possibly being made on October 26, 2010. If everything goes as scheduled, there should be utility solar incentives for PV and solar hot water, both at the commercial and residential levels, starting sometime in January 2011.

There will be \$24.5 million dollars available each year for five years for these rebates. We will also be talking to some of the IOUs to see if we can work together on solar

legislation that would be of benefit to both parties.

I know for the past few months, we have been experiencing a downturn in business, but I believe that a state that calls itself "the Sunshine State" must find a way to live up to that name and make solar a viable part of our energy mix within the state. It is also our directive as industry members to do all that we can do to facilitate that.

I will personally do all that I can to make our industry one that we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

Chris Maingot
Immediate Past President

PSC Delays FPL Votes Until Skop Court Ruling

The Florida Public Service Commission deferred on Tuesday a series of issues related to the state's largest power company, Florida Power & Light until a court decides a dispute between the company and a PSC Commissioner. Earlier this month, FPL asked the First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee bar Skop from weighing in on cases involving the company, arguing Skop has become biased against the company as he has become increasingly vocal against it. Skop refused to remove himself, leading to the court case, which has

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2010/2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Auction, Dinner and Meeting is \$50.00 per person. Reservations should be made **no later than Monday, November 1, 2010**. Reservations made after Monday, November 1, 2010 will be an additional \$5.00 per person. For your convenience, [click here for the Annual Dinner Meeting Registration Form](#) and [click here for the Credit Card Authorization Form](#).

If you would like to make a donation to the Auction, the deadline to submit the donation form and item to the FlaSEIA office is **Monday,**

November 1, 2010. Donations will be accepted after that time; however, we cannot guarantee that they will be printed in the brochure. Any donation of \$250.00 or more will receive a business card ad in the Auction brochure. For your convenience, [click here for the Auction Donation Form](#).

This is an opportunity to show your support for your association which works hard advancing solar here in the “sunshine state.” Your financial support of this event is critical if FlaSEIA is going to continue to represent the solar industry in Florida. FlaSEIA is a respected organization in Tallahassee among Legislators, state agencies and the Public Service Commission (PSC). There is much more work ahead for



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the solar industry, and we cannot complete the mission without your support. We need the support of each and every member now more than ever.

Please take this time to make that commitment to pledge your support to FlaSEIA. **Don't compromise your voice for tomorrow . . . support FlaSEIA today!**

FlaSEIA 2010–2012 Directors and 2010–2011 Officers Elected

Ballots were sent out in May to elect the 2010–2012 Directors for the FlaSEIA Board of Directors. The results of the election are as follows:

- David Bessette (Allsolar Service Company, Inc.)
- Carsten Bethge (Advanced Green Technologies, Inc.)
- Jeff Curry (Lakeland Electric)
- Pete DeNapoli (SolarWorld Industries)
- Scott Egglefield (Mirasol FAFCO Solar, Inc.)
- Clayton Eigenmann (Alternative Energy Services, Inc.)
- Bob Zrallack (Solar Energy Systems)

On Thursday, September 16, 2010,

the FlaSEIA Board of Directors held its first meeting of the 2010/2011 term. One of the first orders of business was to elect the new officers for the 2010/2011 term. They are as follows:

- President** – Bill Gallagher (Solar-Fit)
- First Vice President** – Scott Egglefield (Mirasol FAFCO Solar, Inc.)
- Second Vice President** – Reed Wilson (Aquatherm Solar Supply)
- Secretary** – Colleen Kettles (Florida Solar Energy Research & Education Foundation)
- Treasurer** – Steve Kaufman (Kaufman Lynn, Inc. General Contractors)
- Immediate Past President** – Chris Maingot (Superior Solar Systems, LLC)

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If you answered yes, there are some things that you need to know. Your company name must be identical to the entity name that your license qualifies with the Department of Business & Professional Regulation (DBPR). Therefore, your license with DBPR cannot qualify a company name (i.e., ABC Plumbing), but you list your company name on your website and with FlaSEIA as another company name (i.e., ABC Solar). Through Chapter 489, this would classify the non-qualified company (i.e., ABC Solar) as an unlicensed contractor.

Using the example above, you would have three options:

- 1) Eliminate the second company name and transfer everything over to the original qualified company name listed with DBPR (i.e., check book, contracts, proposals, business cards, etc.).
- 2) Maintain the original qualified company name with DBPR as the first entity under your current license number and qualify the second company name as an additional entity under your current license number. You will be required to file paperwork with DBPR and may be required to appear before the board.
- 3) Eliminate qualifying the original entity through DBPR with your current license number and qualify the second entity with DBPR. You will be required to file paperwork with DBPR.

If you are going to keep your original company name and qualify a second company with your existing license, then you will need to complete and submit the

Qualifying Additional Business Organization Application Package to DBPR. If you are changing the original company name to the new company name, then you will need to complete and submit the Request for Name Change for Construction Qualified Business Entities to DPBR. You can find the forms by going to <http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/pro/cilb/forms.html>.

Once you have received approval for the company name change with DBPR, please submit a copy of the new license and proof of workers' compensation insurance or exemption to the FlaSEIA office so that we can update our records. Accordingly to F.S. 489, you, as the licenseholder, are required to notify DBPR of any changes to your license. If you start to write proposals, contracts or place your license number on the new company letterhead and business cards without qualifying the company through DBPR, you could be reported to DBPR for unlicensed contracting.

According to Rule 61G4-12.011(3), it defines the terms of "advertise" and "advertises" shall apply to business cards, business proposals, contracts, construction site signs, all newspaper, airwave transmission (other than internal company communications), any electronic media including Internet sites, phone directory. This means that companies who have a website are required to list their license number on their website. Your license number should be listed in a very conspicuous place (preferably right under your company name at the top of the website on the home page). Rule 61G4 was implemented to further define Chapter 489.



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Division of Workers' Compensation Offers Free Classes

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The Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Workers' Compensation, is offering free classes regarding Florida's workers' compensation laws and workplace safety to business owners, licensed contractors and employers.

Workers' compensation topics covered include:

- Review of Key Statutory Definitions
- Contractor Responsibilities
- Exemptions
- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Enforcement Provisions

Workplace safety topics presented by OSHA (U.S. Dept. of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration) include:

- Direct and Indirect Costs
- Inspections
- Florida Fatalities

The following is a list of class locations, dates and times for future sessions.

October 22, 2010 – Miami
State Office Building
401 N.W. 2nd Avenue, North Tower,
Room 423
Miami, FL 33128

November 3, 2010 – Pensacola
West Florida Regional Library
200 West Gregory Street
Pensacola, FL 32501

November 4, 2010 – Orlando
State Office Building
Hurston Complex
400 West Robinson Street, South
Tower, Conference Room A & B
Orlando, FL 32801

November 10, 2010

Jacksonville
Florida Department of Law
Enforcement
921 North Davis Street, Building E,
Room A,
Jacksonville, FL 32209

December 9, 2010

Tallahassee
Southwood Complex, Betty Easley
Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way, Room 180
Tallahassee, FL 32399

December 9, 2010

Largo
Pinellas County Construction
Licensing Board
12600 Belcher Road, Suite 102
Largo, FL 33773

December 17, 2010

West Palm Beach
Central Career Center
1951 North Military Trail, Suite D
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

The Division of Workers' Compensation is an authorized provider (Provider Number: 0004354) for continuing education purposes through the CILB. Course Number: 0010118 – one hour satisfies the workers' compensation requirement and Course Number: 0010630 – one hour satisfies the workplace safety requirement.

Advanced registration is required. The form is available on the Division's website at www.myfloridacfo.com/WC. For additional information, e-mail bocseminars@MyFloridaCFO.com, call (813) 221-6518 or Fax (813) 233-3742.

Not a Member of FlaSEIA?

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Are you receiving the *Industry News* but are not a member of the Florida Solar Energy Industries Association (FlaSEIA)? Effective immediately, FlaSEIA is offering free membership in the association for the remainder of 2010 when you join the association and pay for a 2011 dues. Make your investment now for 2011 membership and receive October, November and December 2010 free. [Click here for a Membership Application.](#)

Some of the FlaSEIA Membership Benefits include:

Legislative Awareness

- SEIA Legislative Alerts
- Voting Records
- Weekly updates during the Legislative Session
- Participated in the development of a statewide Energy Future
- Political Action Committee: Solar Power PAC

Publications

- Quarterly Newsletter, Industry News
- Membership Directory

Business Development

- Local Referral Network
- State Referral Network
- Annual Dinner/Auction

Safety Training/Education

- Continuing Education courses for license holders are being offered

Advertising Opportunities

- Florida Manufacturers Initiative Program (FMI Program)
- Annual Auction
- Annual Golf Tournament
- Website

Regulation

- Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB)
- Public Service Commission (PSC)
- Florida Energy & Climate Commission

Other

- Website: www.flaseia.org
- Opportunity to participate in the Southeast Building Conference (SEBC) – Exhibitor Space

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Former DEP Chief Mike Sole Takes Job with Powerful Electric Company

Former Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Mike Sole has landed a high-paying job at Florida Power & Light (FPL), the state's largest electric utility company. Sole, one of the longest serving agency heads under Governor Charlie Crist, will be vice president of state governmental affairs, lobbying the executive branch issues, except his former agency, according to sources close to the company.

Sole will report to Eric Silagy, the FPL vice president and chief development officer who got into *hot water last year* for allowing staffer to conduct a campaign to discredit Public Service Commissioners Nancy Argenziano, Nathan Skop, David Klement and Steve Stevens. Silagy was also *called out for* meeting with Sole, and legislators last year, without registering as a lobbyist.

With salary, stock and bonus, Sole will be paid more than \$350,000, sources said. Attempts to reach Sole and FPL for comment have been unsuccessful so far.

Argenziano Quits PSC

Public Service Commissioner Nancy Argenziano is resigning from the commission and will

announce her support for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Alex Sink. Argenziano, a Republican former legislator, wouldn't have been allowed to publicly support a candidate for governor while remaining on the PSC. She would have left the commission anyway in January, having not been re-appointed for another term.

New PSC Chair Likely To Be Selected October 25

The remaining members of the Florida Public Service Commission will likely pick a new chairman at the panel's next regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 26, a spokeswoman for the PSC told the News Service Tuesday afternoon. PSC Chairwoman Nancy Argenziano, who was denied a second four-year term on the panel by lawmakers, resigned early Tuesday to endorse Democrat Alex Sink in the governor's race. That created an opening on five-member panel and sped up the calendar for selecting a new chair, PSC Media Director Cindy Muir said. Governor Charlie Crist spokesman Sterling Ivey said the governor would likely receive another set of candidates from the PSC Nominating Council, as he did last fall when he put former PSC Commissioner on the panel early after a commissioner he was selected to replace resigned early. Crist appointed Argenziano to the PSC in 2007 and recently selected Julie Brown and Eduardo Balbis to replace her and Commissioner Nathan Skop when the duo's applications for second terms on the panel were denied.

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 June 21–22, 2011

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Florida TaxWatch Report Uncovers Crippling Costs of Amendment 4

*Cost to Taxpayers Could Climb to Over \$1 billion,
Group Reports*

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A report released recently by the non-profit, non-partisan Florida TaxWatch exposes the soaring costs of Amendment 4, a measure that has drawn diverse and nearly-universal opposition from Florida's leading Editorial Boards, business groups, tea parties, unions, civic organizations and Gubernatorial candidates. The TaxWatch report, which predicts that the costs of Amendment 4 could soar into the billions, can be [read here](#).

"Florida TaxWatch confirms that Amendment 4 is a billion dollar tax hike waiting to happen," said Mark Wilson, president of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. "The worst part is that taxpayers will foot the bill for an amendment that top economists predict will put more than a quarter-of-a-million Floridians out of work. In the midst of a crushing recession, the last thing we need is Amendment 4."

In addition to the multi-million dollar costs of referenda, TaxWatch uncovered the hidden costs of Amendment 4: Frequent, and seemingly endless, taxpayer-funded litigation. According to TaxWatch, local case studies suggest that Florida taxpayers are likely to face costly litigation resulting from the passage of Amendment 4, which could exceed \$1 billion.

... the fiscal impact of Amendment 4 likely totals tens of millions of taxpayer dollars, if not hundreds of millions, at a time when Floridians are experiencing the most severe economic recession and highest levels of unemployment since the Great Depression and can least afford additional government operating expenses. (Florida TaxWatch, October 5, 2010)

"Read the fine print on Amendment 4," said Ryan Houck, executive director of Citizens for Lower Taxes and a Stronger Economy. "It says 'expenditures cannot be estimated precisely.' That's code for 'they're not sure how many millions -- or billions -- it's going to cost.' It doesn't matter how they say it -- taxpayers would be stuck with the bill."

For additional information on Vote No on 4, please visit their website at www.florida2010.org.



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2010 Ballot Amendments

The following is a list of the Amendments that will be placed on the November 2010 Ballot.

Amendment 1 – Campaign finance Repeal of the public financing of statewide candidates who agree to spending limits.

The proposal calls for a repeal of the public financing of statewide candidates who agree to spending limits.

According to the Florida Department of Elections the summary of the measure reads as follows:

Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution that requires public financing of campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.

Amendment 2 – Taxes An additional homestead property tax exemption for members of the United States military or military reserves.

The proposal calls for providing a homestead property tax exemption to members of the United States military or military reserves who receive a homestead exemption and were deployed in the previous year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii.

According to the Florida Department of Elections the summary of the measure reads as follows:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the Legislature to provide an additional homestead property tax exemption by law for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United

States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard who receive a homestead exemption and were deployed in the previous year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The exempt amount

Registered Contractor License Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder that the Registered Contractor licenses from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) are up for renewal on August 31, 2011. Current law requires licenseholders to obtain 14 hours of continuing education with at least one hour in workplace safety, one hour in workers' compensation, one hour in business practices, one hour in the advance building code module, one hour in laws and rules (Chapter 489) and one hour in wind mitigation (this requirement only affects general, residential, building, roofing and glass and glazing contractors).

Don't forget to notify the DBPR office of any address change. Section 489.124(2) gives sole responsibility to the licensee for notifying DBPR in writing of the licensee's current mailing address and phone number. Failure to notify the department of a change of address shall constitute a violation of this section. In addition, if your address changes and you do not notify the department, you may not receive important mailings from the department such as your renewal notice.

will be based upon the number of days in the previous calendar year that the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The amendment is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2011.

Amendment 4 – Property rights Requires voter approval of all changes to local comprehensive land-use plans.

The initiative proposes to require voter approval of all changes to local comprehensive land-use plans. Currently, county and city commissioners make comprehensive plan change decisions.

Amendment 4’s official ballot title is:

Referenda Required For Adoption And Amendment of Local Government Comprehensive Land Use Plans.

The official ballot summary is:

Establishes that before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, the proposed plan or amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body and notice. Provides definitions.

If Proposed Amendment 4 is approved on November 2, it will amend Section 7 of Article II of the Florida Constitution by adding this subsection:

Public participation in local government comprehensive land use planning benefits the conservation and protection of Florida’s natural resources and

scenic beauty, and the long-term quality of life of Floridians. Therefore, before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, such proposed plan or plan amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body as provided by general law, and notice thereof in a local newspaper of general circulation. Notice and referendum will be as provided by general law. This amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by the electors of Florida.

For purposes of this subsection:

1. “Local government” means a county or municipality.
2. “Local government comprehensive land use plan” means a plan to guide and control future land development in an area under the jurisdiction of a local government.
3. “Local planning agency” means the agency of a local government that is responsible for the preparation of a comprehensive land use plan and plan amendments after public notice and hearings and for making recommendations to the governing body of the local government regarding the adoption or amendment of a comprehensive land use plan.
4. “Governing body” means the board of county commissioners of a county, the commission or council of a municipality, or the chief elected governing body of a county or municipality, however designated.

Amendment 5 – Redistricting Amends the current practice of drawing legislative district

boundaries.

The measure proposes amending the current practice of drawing legislative district boundaries in such ways that they establish “fairness,” are “as equal in population as feasible” and use “city, county and geographical boundaries.”

Below is the ballot summary for Amendment 5:

Legislative districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

Amendment 6 – Redistricting Amends the current practice of drawing congressional district boundaries.

The measure proposes amending the current practice of drawing congressional district boundaries in such ways that they establish “fairness,” are “as equal in population as feasible” and use “city, county and geographical boundaries.”

Below is the ballot summary for Amendment 6:

Congressional districts or districting plans

may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

Amendment 8 – Education Changes the current “maximum” class sizes to school-wide “average” class sizes.

The legislation asks for voters to change the Florida Constitution’s current “‘maximum’ class sizes to school-wide ‘average’ class sizes.” Specifically the measure would amend Section 1 of Article IX and create Section 31 of Article XII in the Florida State Constitution. Revisions would amend class size requirements for public schools and provide an



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effective date. At least 60 percent of voters must approve the measure in order pass the measure.

However, if the measure is defeated, class caps will remain as previously scheduled and classes would be required to meet those caps: 18 students in kindergarten through third grade; 22 students in fourth through eighth; and 25 students in ninth through 12th.

According to the Florida Department of Elections the summary of the measure reads as follows:

The Florida Constitution currently limits the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms in the following grade groupings: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 18 students; for grades 4 through 8, 22 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 25 students. Under this amendment, the current limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms would become limits on the average number of students assigned per class to each teacher, by specified grade grouping, in each public school.

This amendment also adopts new limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom as follows: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 21 students; for grades 4 through 8, 27 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 30 students. This amendment specifies that class size limits do not apply to virtual classes, requires the Legislature to provide sufficient funds to maintain the average number of students required by this amendment, and schedules these revisions to take effect upon approval by the electors of this state and to operate retroactively to the beginning of the 2010–2011 school year.



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Welcome New Members

FlaSEIA extends a hearty welcome to the following new members who have joined the association from June 22, 2010 through September 30, 2010. We thank them for joining our association and look forward to their participation in helping this association achieve its goals.

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- Consumer Hotline – Provide referrals to solar contractors in their area

Please consider joining FlaSEIA today! We anticipate an active Legislative Session. We are hopeful that the Legislature, as well as the Governor, will support a strong solar energy initiative this session. Your participation in Florida's only solar industry trade association is essential to the success of these efforts.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the FlaSEIA office at (407) 339-2010.

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not been ruled upon yet. Included in the deferred items Tuesday was an agreement reached with customer groups to freeze rates through 2012 (Docket No. 080677-EI) that was reached by the company in August with consumers advocates who usually oppose rate increases. The agreement calls for FPL to drop its request that the PSC reconsider parts of its rejection of the company's request for a \$1.25 billion rate increase earlier this year and not appeal the overall decision. The PSC also delayed considering replacement fuel costs associated with the February 26, 2008 outage on FPL's electrical system (Docket No. 090505-EI) and approval of the company's demand-side management plan (Docket No. 100155-EG). Also on the agenda was a 2009 FPL depreciation and dismantlement study (Docket No. 090130-EI) and a review of FPL's earnings (Docket No. 100410-EI).

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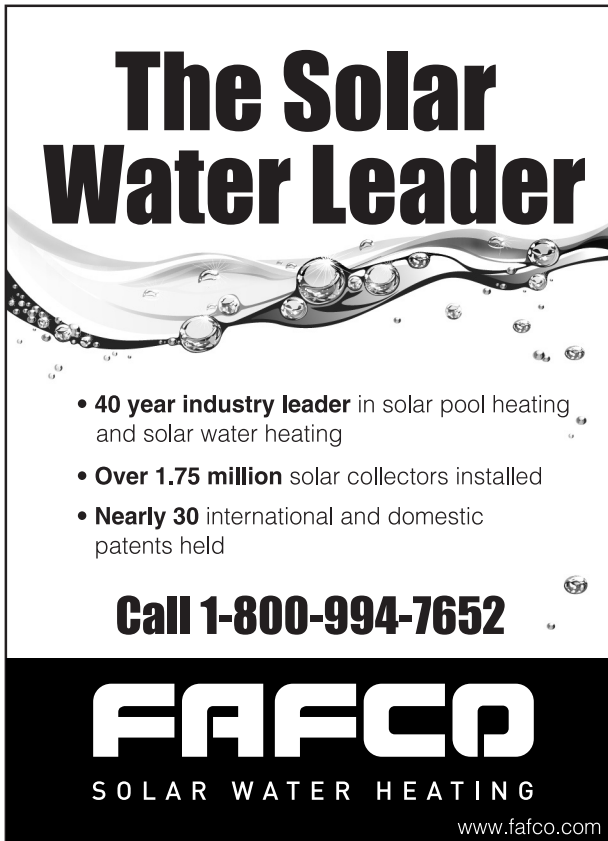
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November 12

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