

**PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
*January 31, 2020*

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**ITEM 5**

**Solar Together Program,  
An FP&L Shared Solar Program**

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**Recommended Action -** **Motion** to receive and file ‘Solar Together Program’ status update update.

Florida Power & Light (FPL) projects they will add as much as 1200 MW of solar capacity by the end of 2020. The ‘Solar Together Program’ is a program designed to allow existing Commercial/Industrial customers participation in large scale solar projects currently being planned and constructed by FPL.

**Background**

The program is subscription based and offers customers the opportunity to purchase a solar subscription at a long-term monthly fixed cost. In exchange for the monthly fixed cost investment in FPL’s solar program, participants receive a monthly bill credit that increases over time. The estimated simple payback period for the average subscriber is projected to be 5-7 years. The Authority is currently pre-registered for the program, which reserves our opportunity to enter the program while maintaining our option to leave the program without penalty. An overview of the program was presented as Regular Item #2 to the Authority Board at the February 6, 2019 meeting. At that time, the Authority Board supported participation in the program and requested status updates as needed.

**Status Update**

FPL’s initial schedule called for the program to be presented for approval to the Public Service Commission (PSC) in October 2019 and implementation in early 2020. Based on information provided by FPL, that schedule has been delayed due primarily to the large volume of testimony surrounding the program, and greater than expected testimony from “intervener” groups opposed to the plan.

The final hearing for testimony to the PSC is set for January 14, 2020. Once testimony is completed, the PSC typically renders their decision and notifies affected parties within two-weeks. According to FPL staff feedback, Public Service Commission approval of the Solar Together program is uncertain at this time. Should FPL fail to gain approval for the program, there would be no financial impact to the Authority for participating in the Pre-Registration process. Should they gain approval, staff will return to the Board with program details approved by the PSC and costs/benefits for the program.