

HB 2235 -- RENEWABLE ENERGY

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This bill increases by one year the time limit schedule for solar energy rebates under Section 393.1030, RSMo. The initial solar rebate of \$2 per watt will be available to customers producing solar energy if their system becomes operational on or before June 30, 2015. Thereafter the amount of the rebate is decreased based on the schedule specified in the bill.

Solar rebates under Section 393.1030 may be counted by electric utilities as a "demand side program" for all purposes of the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act. This act currently provides incentives including cost recovery for utilities that encourage customer reduction in energy use through programs regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

The bill sets time limits for classifying hydroelectric generation facilities as a renewable energy resource. Prior to the effective date of the bill, the commission's determination is used. Beginning January 1, 2018, hydroelectric generation owned by a Missouri electric utility, or purchased from other Missouri utilities currently subject to energy standards, may be used to satisfy these energy standards under Sections 393.1020 to 393.1045. Beginning January 1, 2021, all hydroelectric generation will be counted as renewable energy under these energy standard requirements.