

2021 PURPA Standards

The Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (collectively, "PURPA") is intended to establish a comprehensive, long-range energy policy for the nation. Among its many provisions is a requirement that municipal electric utilities with annual retail sales of 500 million kWh (which includes the City of Rock Hill) take actions to consider the following standards: (i) demand response and demand flexibility practices and (ii) electric vehicle charging programs. PURPA does not mandate that the City adopt the two standards described above. Rather, PURPA directs utilities to undertake a "consideration" process and to reach a decision on whether to implement these standards.

City staff has studied these standards and drafted the 2021 PURPA Act Consideration Report which outlines the requirements for consideration, the pertinent factors considered and makes a recommendation for City Council. A copy of this Consideration Report may be obtained through the link on the City's website.

Written comments should be submitted on or before November 6, 2023 to: PURPA Hearing Coordinator, P.O. Box 11706, Rock Hill, SC 29730-1706 Attn.: Mike Jolly or by email to PURPA@cityofrockhill.com.

Rock Hill City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 155 Johnston Street. The hearing is open to the public, including for comments. After the public hearing, City Council will decide on the two PURPA standards.