

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

5:00 PM

City Hall Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Regional Utilities Committee

*Commissioner Todd Chase, Chair
Mayor Ed Braddy, Member
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as drafted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

130602. RUC November 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes (B)

Attachments: [103602 RUC 11-14-13 Mtg Minutes 20131217](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting as drafted.*

The minutes of the November 14, 2013 RUC meeting were approved as drafted.

CURRENT ACTION ITEMS

120883. Late Fees and Utility Terminations (B)

Attachments: [2013.09.12 Item 120883 - Attach 1](#)
[2013.09.12 Item 120883 - Attach 2](#)
[Item 120883 Late Fees-Utility Terminations 20131217](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Continue discussing GRU's policies regarding late fees and payments, and their termination policies.*

Staff presented recommendations for changes to Customer Service policies and procedures related to service termination, late fees and payments. Commissioner Poe made a motion as follows:

Bring the following staff recommendations to the full commission:

Bill Due Dates (slide #3 in staff presentation)
Bill Calculation Dates (slide #4)
Non-Residential Late Notice (slide #6)
Non-Residential Disconnect (slide #7)
Residential New Service (slide #8, first part - separate item to be discussed and considered in RUC on the credit-worthiness points)

Leave the following recommendations in committee for further discussion:

Credit Worthiness Points (slide #5)
Residential Deposit Amount (slide #10 - decrease deposit to \$276 and make a presentation on the effect to RUC in one year after implementation.)

Staff should bring back to committee in January or February a

recommendation on how to move to returning non-residential deposits in two years and define what would make someone eligible for that refund.

The motion was seconded and approved by the committee.

130601. RUC Outstanding Referral List (B)

Attachments: [Item 130601 RUC Outstanding Referral List 20131217](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Staff recommends that the committee review the current outstanding referral list and make recommendations on priorities for future agendas.*

The Committee discussed each item on the outstanding referral list to determine whether they should remain in committee or be removed. They agreed to take an item to the full Commission to recommend removal of the following items:

- #100576 – GRU Class B Biosolids
- #080183 – Coal Acquisition Policy
- #110210 – GREC Status Update
- #120516 - Review of Solar Feed-In-Tariff
- #130325 Net Metering Policy/ Cap on Pay-out and Existing Installations

Additionally, the committee agreed to ask the full commission to consolidate the four strategic initiatives on the list into one item.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Jo Beatty requested that audio recordings of the RUC meetings be posted to Legistar. IGM Kathy Viehe requested that, for the sake of consistency, the matter be sent to the Audit Finance committee for consideration of whether all committees should post their recordings, and the Committee agreed. Mayor Braddy asked Ms. Beatty to remind him at the December 19th City Commission meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 9, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm