

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

November 10, 2005

3:00 PM

GRU ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Regional Utilities Committee

*Commissioner Ed Braddy, Chair
Commissioner Craig Lowe, Member
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member*

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

050597 Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2005 (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes of September 8, 2005 as circulated.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

050390 Long-term Energy Supply Plan Discussion Issues (NB)

Explanation: Staff was prepared to discuss this topic at the September 8, 2005 Regional Utilities Committee meeting but there was insufficient time to hear the presentation. The Committee asked staff to reschedule the presentation for the next Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Utilities Committee: 1) receive a presentation on alternative methods to assess conservation benefits using Participant, Ratepayer and Total Resource cost perspectives; and 2) receive a presentation summarizing the carbon inventory completed for Gainesville and the status of carbon offsets.

Legislative History

9/8/05 Regional Utilities Deferred
Committee

031086 Utility Policies for Residential Grid-connected Solar Electric Systems (NB)

Explanation: Current solar electric system interconnection policies and procedures are designed to encourage our customers to interconnect solar electric systems with the electric distribution system and provide a standard contract that guarantees they can sell any excess electricity generated back to GRU. Nearly all of the electricity generated by the solar electric systems currently interconnected to

the electric distribution system is used within the customer's facilities, which displaces energy that would otherwise be purchased from GRU therefore effectively crediting the customer at the full retail electricity rate. Excess energy is separately metered and bought back from the customer at a price that includes the unbundled generation rate (\$0.025 per kWh) and the current month's fuel adjustment (currently \$0.048 per kWh) for a total of about \$0.073 per kWh). GRU's retail rate is currently \$0.04613 per kWh for the first 750 kWh used and \$0.05966 per kWh for use greater than 750 kWh plus \$0.048 per kWh for fuel for a total cost of \$0.09413 to \$0.10766 per kWh.

Staff reviewed Florida regulations; other utility policies and tariffs, and conducted phone interviews of other Florida utilities. Staff also contacted Austin Energy and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District to characterize the solar electric system interconnection policies and procedures of these utilities.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee receive a presentation on the policies of Austin Energy, Sacramento Municipal Utility District and other Florida utilities to promote residential grid-connected solar electric systems.*

Legislative History

3/29/04	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
3/3/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
9/8/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

050457 Streetlights and Electric Rates

Legislative History

9/26/05	City Commission	Approved as Recommended and Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
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050283 GRUCom Video Services in Newberry & Gainesville

Legislative History

8/8/05	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
9/8/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE

The December 8, 2005 RUC meeting has been cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT