

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

May 13, 2008

5:15 PM

City Hall Room 16

Regional Utilities Committee

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

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CALL TO ORDER**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****071211. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2008 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for the April 8, 2008 meeting as circulated.*

RUC Meeting Minutes for Apr 8 2008.pdf

CURRENT RUC ACTION ITEMS**070456. Large Electric Power Customers Referral (B)**

Explanation: At the September 10, 2007, City Commission meeting, Commissioner Lowe referred the issue of Large Power customers and conservation to the Regional Utilities Committee. On October 9, 2007 the Regional Utilities Committee heard a staff presentation on rates for Large Power customers. The members of the Committee asked for additional information on incentives for conservation applicable to Large Power Customers. On April 8, 2008 staff returned to the Committee and Commissioner Lowe clarified his interest in the ability of customers in the Large Power class to conserve sufficiently to change classes to the General Service Demand class

Staff will review Large Power Customers conservation efforts and the impacts of conservation on rate class.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee: a) hear a presentation from staff on GRU Large Power electric customers and conservation strategies; b) recommend to the City Commission to remove this item on the referral list.*

Legislative History

9/10/07	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
10/9/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
4/8/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

RUC Large Power Presentation October 9 2007.pdf
Backup for #070456 Large Power May 13 08.pdf

070181.**Forest Stewardship Issues (B)**

Explanation: At the June 18, 2007 City Commission meeting, the issue of Forest Stewardship was referred to the Regional Utilities Committee. This item was discussed at the October 9, 2007 meeting. Staff has worked with an ad hoc Sustainable Biomass Procurement Technical Advisory Committee to develop standards for forestlands providing biomass to GRU. Staff will present these to the Committee for discussion and approval.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Utilities Committee: 1) hear a presentation from staff on Standards for the Stewardship of Forestlands Providing Biomass to GRU; and 2) recommend the City Commission remove this item from the referral list.

Legislative History

6/18/07	City Commission	Referred (6 - 1)	Regional Utilities Committee
10/9/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
1/30/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
2/12/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Approved as Recommended, as Amended	

RUC Forestry Presentation October 9 2007.pdf

Backup for Forest Stewardship Item #070181 Oct 9.pdf

Memo to RUC re Backup for Item #070181 Feb 12 2008.pdf

Forest Product Procurement Standards Item #070181 Attachment Feb 12 2008.

Backup for 070181 Draft Forest Certification Standards May 13 08.pdf

070255.**HERS (Home Energy Rating System) #070255 (B)**

Explanation: At the 7/23/07 Commission meeting Commissioner Donovan made a motion to refer the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) to the RUC to see if it would be possible to put a HERS rating on every new rental agreement or contract for sales for a house. The Mayor suggested using something similar to the property appraiser's website to type in an address and see what he average utility usage is. This item was discussed and the resulting issues are listed above.

RECOMMENDATION

The RUC discuss staff's recommendations concerning these four issues and recommend the City Commission remove this item from the referral list.

Legislative History

7/23/07	City Commission	Referred (5 - 0 - 2 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
8/14/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

Back up for item 070255 HERS 5 13 08.pdf

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

071212. Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee review the
Outstanding Referral Status Report.*

RUC Outstanding Referrals status report May 13 2008.pdf

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting has not be set pending new committee assignments.

ADJOURNMENT