

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**August 13, 2008**

**5:15 PM**

**CITY HALL ROOM 16**

## **Regional Utilities Committee**

*Commissioner Craig Lowe, Chair  
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member  
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****080234. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2008 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for July 9, 2008 as circulated.*

RUC Meeting Minutes for July 9 2008 .pdf

**CURRENT RUC ACTION ITEMS****070181. Forest Stewardship Issues (B)**

*Explanation: Working together with local forestry experts and Nacogdoches Power, staff has designed a plan to assure responsible biomass fuel procurement. The plan also provides financial incentives to promote the adoption of forestry practices that are substantively better than currently prevailing forestry practices. The plan consists of three primary components: 1) minimum standards applicable to all biomass procurement that will be enforced through GRU's contract with Nacogdoches; 2) the adoption by reference of third party stewardship certification programs, such as the Forest Stewardship Council's program; and 3) a program of eligibility that will provide growers with a guaranteed price premium for having certified their forest plan through a qualified stewardship program, regardless of when the biomass is processed and delivered. The incentive program is designed to protect a grower's long term investment in potentially more expensive forestry practices while providing the City Commission the ability to adjust the program to market conditions.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Regional Utilities Committee: 1) hear a presentation from staff; 2) approve staff's proposed forest stewardship incentive plan for biomass fuel procurement; and 3) recommend removal of 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	

5/13/08 Regional Utilities Discussed  
Committee

7/9/08 Regional Utilities Discussed  
Committee

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  
Backup for Aug 13 2008 RUC Meeting Item #070181.pdf

**070528.****Nuclear Energy Option Workshop (NB)**

*Explanation: PEF and FP&L have recently been granted approval of their Need for Power applications by the Florida Public Service Commission for new nuclear generating capacity. PEF is planning to build two nuclear units in Levy County, Florida, and FP&L is planning two nuclear units, Turkey Point 6 & 7. Both PEF and FP&L have initiated inquiries into the level of municipal utility interest in joint ownership of this nuclear capacity.*

*On October 8, 2007 the City Commission authorized GRU to enter into negotiations to secure an option on base load nuclear generation capacity to be developed by PEF, which might become available between 2015 and 2020. FP&L has subsequently invited publicly owned utilities into a discussion of possible joint ownership in the Turkey Point nuclear units.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee discuss arrangements and possible experts in the nuclear energy field to make presentations to the City Commission and the citizens of Gainesville in a workshop format. The workshop will serve as part of the Commission's deliberations on the options available to participate in joint ownership of new nuclear generating units proposed for construction by Progress Energy Florida (PEF) and Florida Power & Light (FP&L). A previous nuclear energy workshop was held by the City Commission on November 27, 2007.*

**Legislative History**

10/8/07 City Commission Approved as Recommended Regional Utilities  
and Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Committee  
Absent)

12/10/07 City Commission Discussed

4/8/08 Regional Utilities Discussed  
Committee

7/9/08 Regional Utilities Discussed  
Committee

## OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

### **080235. Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Regional Utilities Committee review the outstanding referral status report for August 13, 2008 and select items for discussion at the next meeting.*

RUC Outstanding Referrals status report August 13 08.pdf

### **MEMBER COMMENT**

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*The next meeting date is September 10, 2008 at 3:30 pm in room 16 at City Hall.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**