

NOTICE OF HEARING

The City of Gainesville hereby gives public notice of a Public Hearing to be held at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 5, 2009 during the public hearing portion of the meeting. The Hearing will address the City of Gainesville and Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) consideration and determination of Standards 16, 17, 16 and 17 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (as amended by The Energy Independence Security Act (EISA) of 2007).

PURPA jurisdictional members have until December 19, 2008, to begin consideration of Standard 17, Rate Design to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments and Standard 17, Smart Grid Information. There is no timeline imposed for Standard 16 Integrated Resource Planning or Standard 16, Smart Grid Investment, but it is staff's recommendation that all four standards be addressed at this time for simplicity.

The PURPA Integrated Resource Planning Standard (16) requires that each electric utility shall 1. integrate energy efficiency resources into utility, State and regional plans; and 2. adopt policies establishing cost-effective energy efficiency as a priority resource.

The PURPA Rate Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments Standard (17) states that the rates allowed to be charged by any utility shall 1. align utility incentives with the delivery of cost-effective energy efficiency; and 2. promote energy efficiency investments.

Standard 16, Consideration of Smart Grid Investments states that prior to undertaking investments in non-advanced grid technologies, an electric utility must consider investment in a qualified smart grid system based on appropriate factors.

Standard 17, Smart Grid Information, states that all electricity purchasers shall be provided direct access to information from their electricity provider regarding prices, usage, intervals and projections and sources.

Parties who wish to participate must meet the following schedule:

1. January 30, 2009 - GRU staff recommendation will be released and available at the Office of the General Manager at 301 SE 4th Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32614-7117, or by telephone at 352-393-1000. The GRU staff recommendation will also be available at the Office of the Clerk of the Commission at 200 East University Avenue, Gainesville Florida 32602-0490, or by telephone at 352-334-5015. The Notice (attached) of Hearing will be published in the Gainesville Sun.
2. On, or before February 5, 2009 – members of the general public planning to participate in the hearing must file a Notice of Intent to Participate in Hearing (attached) and may file written testimony and any other information in support of or in opposition to the adoption of the GRU staff recommendation. Notice of Intent may be filed at the meeting.
3. February 5, 2009 – public hearing shall be held at the City Commission meeting, after 6 pm.
4. March 5, 2009 – The General Manager shall issue a Recommended Decision for Gainesville City Commission consideration

5. March 19, 2009 - The Gainesville City Commission shall issue their decision adopting, modifying or rejecting the Recommended Decision regarding the implementation of Standards 16, 17, 16 and 17.

All filings required above shall be filed with the GRU General Manager, 301 SE 4th Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32614-7117. Parties may request copies of GRU Staff recommendation and any other information relevant to this matter by contacting the Office of the GRU General Manager at the above address or at (352) 393-1000.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING

Application for Award of Reasonable Costs

To: *Gainesville Regional Utilities*
301 SE 4th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 33601

I, _____, hereby submit this Application for Award of Reasonable Costs on this _____ day of _____, 2007, and do hereby swear for and affirm that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. You may attach separate sheets if necessary. If separate sheets are attached, please use corresponding numbers.

1. Contact Information:

Name	Address	City/State/Zip
()	()	
Telephone	Fax	Email

2. Please check which one of the following is applicable to you:

- An electric consumer of Gainesville Regional Utilities. _____
(Customer Account Number)
- An electric consumer of another affected utility. _____
(Name of utility)
- An affected electric utility. _____
(Name of utility)
- Other. _____
(Explain)

3. Please state whether you believe that you have, or represent an interest, that would not otherwise be adequately represented in these proceedings, and if so, please specifically and fully explain the basis of your statement.
4. Please state whether you believe that you have or represent an interest, the representation of which is necessary for a fair determination in these proceedings, and if so, please specifically and fully explain the basis of your statement.
5. Please state whether you believe that you have or represent an interest that is unable to effectively participate because of an inability to pay reasonable fees and costs associated with participation in these proceedings, or which, but for the ability to receive an award of costs, would otherwise entail a significant financial hardship, and if so, please specifically and fully explain the basis of your statement.
6. Please state whether, to your knowledge, persons with the same or similar interests have a common legal representative in this proceeding. Please note that Gainesville Regional Utilities reserves the right to deny reasonable costs to persons with the same or similar interests who do not have a common legal representative.
7. Please state the total amount of costs sought. In addition, please provide sufficient facts to substantiate the amount and reasonableness of the following:
 - (a) Whether the amount sought is based upon actual or reasonable anticipated fees and costs;
 - (b) The number of hours expended or anticipated to be expended by each attorney and/or expert witness for which compensation is sought.
 - (c) The hourly rate of each attorney and/or expert witness for which compensation is sought.
 - (d) An itemized description of work efforts conducted, or expected to be conducted, by each attorney and/or expert witness for which compensation is sought.
 - (e) Other costs and expenses for which compensation is or will be sought.

Submission of this Application does not entitle the applicant to an award of reasonable costs. Gainesville Regional Utilities reserves the right to deny any Application in accordance with the PURPA Procedures. Gainesville Regional Utilities' decision is binding and may not be appealed. Gainesville Regional Utilities reserves the sole right to determine whether it has provided alternative means for providing adequate compensation to affected consumers, thereby negating any right to an award of costs.

(Signature) (Date)

(Print Name of Signatory)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2007, by _____ who did take an oath and who did swear or affirm that the facts set forth above are true and correct.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Official Notary Signature and Notary Seal

Name of Notary Typed, Printed or Stamped

Commission Expires: _____

Personally known _____ OR produced identification _____.
Type of identification produced _____.