



DATE: May 9, 2002

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner John Barrow, Chair  
Mayor Tom Bussing, Member  
Regional Utilities Committee

SUBJECT: Outstanding Referral Status Report

Following is a list of each item and a brief description of the status of the referrals to the Regional Utilities Committee.

**#001584 – Green Building Program-GRU Referral:** On 7/9/01 the City Commission referred the issue of incentives for the Green Building Project to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC). The RUC heard numerous updates on this item. On 4/8/02 the City Commission agreed with the RUC recommendation to refer the issue to the Community Development Committee. This item should be removed from the RUC referral list.

**#000953 – Water Conservation:** On January 22, 2001 the City Commission referred this item to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) for additional review with regard to whether water conservation rates should be applicable year around and review the potential for adding new conservation services. At the 4/18/02 RUC meeting the Committee agreed to recommend to the City Commission that this item be removed from the referral list and ask that the General Manager provide a status report to the RUC within a year. The Committee also agreed to defer forwarding this recommendation to the City Commission until staff had an opportunity to meet with the Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC). At its 4/25/02 meeting the WMAC heard the same report given by staff to the RUC and concurred with the RUC recommendation. An agenda item will be presented at the May 13, 2002 City Commission making this recommendation.

**#002513 – Natural Gas Inverted Block Rate:** On February 25, 2002 the City Commission referred this item to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC). This item has not yet been discussed by the RUC.

**#002514 – Wastewater Inverted Block Rate:** On February 25, 2002 the City Commission referred this item to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC). On April 18, 2002 staff made a presentation to the RUC on the analysis of its existing wastewater rate structure as well as wastewater rate structures at other comparable utilities. The Regional Utilities Committee agreed to recommend to the City Commission not to pursue an inverted rate structure for the wastewater system and remove this item from the referral list. An agenda item will be presented at the May 13, 2002 City Commission meeting making this recommendation.

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**#002495 – School Power Discount Rate:** On March 11, 2002 the City Commission referred the issue of a school power discount rate to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC). At the 4/18/02 RUC meeting, the Committee agreed to have staff work with representatives of the Alachua County School Board and the Commercial Utility Econometrics and come back to the RUC with a report. This item will be retained by the RUC.

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DATE: May 9, 2002  
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Michael L. Kurtz, General Manager  
SUBJECT: General Manager Outstanding Referrals  
#002550 – Electric Utility Rates-Additional Options  
#002588 – Updates on the TEA Electric & Natural Gas

**#002550 – Electric Utility Rates-Additional Options:**

On March 25, 2002 the City Commission referred to the General Manager the issue of bringing back some additional options for consideration relating to the proposed revised rates and charges for electricity (see item #001839). GRU staff presented these additional options at the April 22, 2002 City Commission. Electric Utility Rates Ordinance #0-02-11 was adopted on final reading at that meeting. Therefore, this item can be removed from the General Manager's referral list.

**#002588 – Updates on the TEA Electric & Natural Gas:**

On April 8, 2002 the City Commission referred the issue of the General Manager reporting back at the appropriate time on the TEA (The Energy Authority) Electric & Natural Gas. It is the General Manager's recommendation that these updates be included in GRU's quarterly financial report and that this item be removed from the General Manager's referral list.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael L. Kurtz, General Manager