

**Public Hearing on the
Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act
(PURPA) and
Energy Independence Security Act
(EISA) of 2007**

December 18, 2008



Action to be Taken

The City Commission:

1. Receive a presentation from staff on:
 - Overview of EISA 2007 amendment to PURPA and associated standards, and;
 - Recommended schedule for compliance with PURPA requirements for Standards 16, 17 and 16 and 17 (duplicate numbering used in legislation and must be used in this process).
2. Adopt schedule for PURPA proceedings as recommended by staff.

Agenda

- EISA 2007 Amendment to PURPA
- Overview of Standards:
 - Standard 16 – Integrated Resource Planning
 - Standard 17 – Rate Design to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments
 - Standard 16 – Smart Grid Investments
 - Standard 17 – Smart Grid Information
- Schedule



The Energy Independence Security Act (EISA) of 2007

- Amendment to Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA)
- Adds four standards that state commissions and non-regulated utilities (GRU) must consider.
- Consideration process must begin by December 19, 2008 and determination must be completed by December 19, 2009.



Standard 16

Integrated Resource Planning standard requires that each electric utility shall:

- integrate energy efficiency resources into utility, State and regional plans; and
- adopt policies establishing cost-effective energy efficiency as a priority resource.

Standard 17

Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments standard states that the rates allowed to be charged by any utility shall:

- align utility incentives with the delivery of cost-effective energy efficiency; and
- promote energy efficiency investments.

Standard 16

Consideration of Smart Grid Investments standard states:

- 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 standard states:

- all electricity purchasers shall be provided direct access to information from their electricity provider regarding prices, usage, intervals and projections and sources

Schedule

- **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.
- **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.



Schedule (contd.)

- **February 19, 2009** – public hearing shall be held at the City Commission meeting, after 6 pm.
- **March 5, 2009** – The General Manager shall issue a Recommended Decision for Gainesville City Commission consideration
- **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.

Recommendation

City Commission Adopt Schedule as
Presented by Staff

