

**CLERK ITEM #070432**

DATE: September 24, 2007  
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Karen S. Johnson, General Manager  
SUBJECT: Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Commission review the list of outstanding referrals and take appropriate action.

**EXPLANATION:**

Following is a list of each item and a brief description of the status of the referrals to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC):

1. **#051194 GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity:**

On April 12, 2006 the City Commission referred the issue of wholesale sales of electricity to the RUC for analysis and report back to the City Commission. The RUC heard a presentation from staff at the June 8, 2006 and August 14, 2007 meetings. Future meetings are being scheduled to continue discussion on this matter. This item will be retained in Committee.

2. **#060294 – General Fund Transfer from GRU:**

During a budget hearing on July 25, 2006 the City Commission referred the issue of the mandatory 3% increase in the annual transfer to General Government to the RUC. This item is being retained in Committee for future discussion.

3. **#060775 – Impact of Tiered Rates on People With Low Income Levels:**

On November 27, 2006 the City Commission referred to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) the issue of the impact of tiered rates on those at the lowest income levels; and 2) examine best practices in other cities regarding how they are protecting people with low incomes. At the September 11, 2007 meeting the RUC heard a presentation from staff and agreed: 1) recommend to the City Commission that a letter be sent to Governor Crist promoting the tiered rate structure as a conservation tool; 2) request a separate referral to investigate a community goal for energy conservation; and 3) remove this item from the referral list.

9. **#070255 – Home Energy Rating Systems (HERS):**

On July 23, 2007 the City Commission referred the issue of a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) to the RUC for review. The item was discussed at the August 14, 2007 RUC meeting. Staff will return with additional information. The item will be retained in Committee.

10. **#070360 - GRU Rate Structure:**

On August 13, 2007 the City Commission referred the issue of GRU's rate structure to the RUC for review. This item is being scheduled for discussion at a future RUC meeting and will be retained in Committee.

11. **#070352 – Status Report on Maximum Energy Efficiency:**

At the August 27, 2007 meeting the City Commission referred the issue of the Sundance Summit Report to the RUC and included the CO2 Baseline Process Report for discussion. This item will be discussed at a future meeting and will be retained in Committee.

12. **#070456 – Large Electric Power Customers Referral:**


On September 10, 2007 the City Commission referred the issue of large electric power customers to the RUC for review and a report back to the City Commission. As the RUC has not had a chance to discuss this referral it will be retained in Committee.

Prepared and submitted by Karen S. Johnson, General Manager on behalf of the RUC



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DATE: September 10, 2007 ITEM #070432  
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Karen S. Johnson, General Manager   
SUBJECT: Charter Officers Outstanding Referral Status Report

Following is a list of each item and a brief description of the status of the referral to the Charter Officers:

1. **#060805 – Mayor Hanrahan Report from Sundance Summit:**

On December 11, 2006 the City Commission referred the report from Mayor Hanrahan regarding the Sundance Summit on Climate Change and the list of ideas from the meeting to the Charter Officers for review and recommendations for action back to the City Commission by February 12, 2007. Staff is preparing an update on these ideas. This item will be retained on the referral list.

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SUBJECT: General Manager Outstanding Referral Status Report

Following is a list of each item and a brief description of the status of the referrals to the General Manager:

1. **#060659 – Urban Core Redevelopment Area Wastewater Master Plan-Funding Alternatives:**

On April 9, 2007 the City Commission approved the following recommendation: for projects in the urban core area only, GRU amend its existing sewer extension policy which requires developers to pay 100% of the cost of sewer improvements to provide capacity for new development. Amendments to GRU's extension policy are as follows: 1) general ratepayer funds will be used to make sewer improvements at locations in which capacity is constrained due to sewer slope; 2) the City Attorney be directed to prepare, and the City Clerk to advertise an ordinance to implement levelized connection charges to fund a portion of the cost of projects to increase trunk sewer capacity to accommodate new development in the urban core area; 3) the balance of the cost for capacity improvement projects in the urban core area will continue to be the responsibility of the developer without further use of utility funds; and 4) this item be removed from the referral list.

2. **#040091 – Utility Downtown Operation Center Redevelopment:**

At the June 15, 2004 meeting the City Commission referred the issue of developing an exit and redevelopment plan for the Utility Downtown Operation Center to the General Manager and City Manager. This is an on-going project and will be retained on the General Manager's referral list.

3. **#060168 – RUC Outstanding Referral Item – Review of Current Standards for Construction, Retrofit and Maintenance of City Buildings:**

On March 26, 2007 the City Commission approved the recommendation from the Regional Utilities Committee to remove this item from the referral list. Future updates on this issue will be given during the Quarterly Energy Conservation Report. This item can be removed from the General Manager's referral list.



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City Commission Referral Lists (B)

..Recommendation

The City Commission review the attached Referral Lists and take appropriate action.