

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

June 08, 2006

5:00 PM

GRU ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Regional Utilities Committee

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Lowe, Chair
Commissioner Ed Braddy, Member
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member/Alternate*

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CALL TO ORDER**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****060112 Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2006 (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for April 27, 2006.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**051194 GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity (NB)**

Explanation: GRU's wholesale power sales occur in two forms: long term firm contract sales and short term, non-firm economy sales. Staff will explain the obligations and benefits these two forms of power sales provide to ratepayers and the implications of these considerations on developing an energy supply plan for the balance of needs after implementing the maximum energy conservation and demand side management.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee receive a report on the history and status of GRU's wholesale power sales and take action as deemed appropriate.

Legislative History

4/12/06 City Commission Referred (7 - 0)

Regional Utilities
Committee

050746**General Policy for Sewer Connections (NB)**

Explanation: On February 9, 2006, the RUC received a presentation from staff reviewing the current GRU extension policies with emphasize on Water/Wastewater service to existing residents. This issue surfaced as a result of a quotation provided to a resident, Mr. Syfert, for wastewater service. At the conclusion of the presentation, the RUC requested that staff bring back information comparing GRU's policy to that of other nearby utilities.

Staff has contacted several utilities and will bring back results of nine (9) utilities that responded to the survey. While each policy has unique attributes, the majority of utilities have programs that are very similar to the existing GRU

residential extension policy. Details of these policies will be reviewed, as well as those utilities with different policies.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee receive a presentation from Staff comparing the current GRU residential Water/Wastewater extension policy with other Florida utilities*

Legislative History

12/12/05	City Commission	No Action Taken	
1/9/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
2/9/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

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Utility Policies for Residential Grid-connected Solar Electric Systems (B)

***Explanation:** Current solar electric system interconnection policies and procedures are designed to encourage our customers to interconnect solar electric systems with the electric distribution system and provide a standard contract that guarantees they can sell any excess electricity generated back to GRU. Nearly all of the electricity generated by the solar electric systems currently interconnected to the electric distribution system is used within the customer's facilities, which displaces energy that would otherwise be purchased from GRU therefore effectively crediting the customer at the full retail electricity rate. Excess energy is separately metered and bought back from the customer at a price that includes the unbundled generation rate (\$0.025 per kWh) and the current month's fuel adjustment (currently \$0.048 per kWh) for a total of about \$0.073 per kWh. GRU's retail rate is currently \$0.04613 per kWh for the first 750 kWh used and \$0.05966 per kWh for use greater than 750 kWh plus \$0.048 per kWh for fuel for a total cost of \$0.09413 to \$0.10766 per kWh. Staff reviewed Florida regulations; other utility policies and tariffs, and conducted phone interviews of other Florida utilities. Staff also contacted Austin Energy and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District to characterize the solar electric system interconnection policies and procedures of these utilities.*

This item was discussed at the November 10, 2005 Regional Utilities Committee meeting. Information on the history of solar rebates requested by Commissioner Braddy will be presented.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee receive a presentation on the policies of Austin Energy, Sacramento Municipal Utility District and other Florida utilities to promote residential grid-connected solar electric systems.*

Legislative History

3/29/04	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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3/3/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed
9/8/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed
11/10/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed
4/27/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred

2005 Photovoltaic Interconnection Survey Result Matrix.jpg

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

051193 **Establishment of a Financing Program for Renewable Energy Systems**

Legislative History

4/12/06 City Commission Referred (7 - 0) Regional Utilities
Committee

050850 **Wastewater Service to the City of Archer**

Legislative History

2/13/06 City Commission Approved as shown above Regional Utilities
and Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Committee
Absent)

2/22/06 Regional Utilities Recommended for Approval, as shown above
Committee

2/27/06 City Commission Approved, as shown above (Motions)

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050905 **Assimilation and Evaluation of DSM Options**

Legislative History

2/2/06 City Commission Referred (5 - 0 - 2 Absent) Regional Utilities
Committee

3/16/06 Regional Utilities Discussed
Committee

4/27/06 Regional Utilities Approved as shown above (See Motion)
Committee

050791 **Undergrounding Utilities in the Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street CRA Area**

Legislative History

1/23/06 City Commission Approved as Recommended (5 - 0 - 2 Absent)

1/23/06 City Commission Referred Regional Utilities
Committee

2/9/06 Regional Utilities Deferred
Committee

050457 **Streetlights and Electric Rates**

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date is July 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 16 at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT