

Public Hearing on the Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA)

June 25, 2007



Schedule

- June 15, 2007 - GRU Staff Recommendation released. Notice of Hearing published in the Gainesville Sun
- On, or before June 25, 2007 – Written comments submitted by the public
- June 25, 2007 – Public Hearing
- June 27, 2007 – Recommended Decision Issued
- July 9, 2007 - Public Hearing - The City Commission shall issue a decision adopting, modifying or rejecting the Recommended Decision and written findings on the implementation of Standards 14 and 15.



Time Based Metering and Communications (Standard 14)

- Current voluntary Residential Time of Use rate
- 2007 Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Requests for Proposal. Need to incorporate multiple utility uses was not met. Additional time based rate structures may or may not need advanced metering technologies
- Design of time differentiated rates will include the evaluation of :
 - Peer utility rate structures
 - Load data
- Time based metering and communications promote conservation and the efficient use of utility resources

Standard 14 Determination

(Time Based Metering and Communications)

- It is GRU staff's professional opinion that standards implementing procedures for time based metering and communications should be adopted to promote conservation and the efficient use of utility resources
- GRU will propose voluntary time differentiated rates for all classes, effective October 1, 2008.

Distributed Resources Interconnection Standards (Standard 15)

- Current interconnection agreement for large customers at the transmission level and small generating entities.
- 10KW photovoltaic interconnection standard available for many years
- Agreements combined and modified to accommodate any size of distributed generation unit
- Standards would require the system to be available for interconnection, qualifying customers would be required to meet engineering requirements.

Standard 15 Determination

(Distributed Resources Interconnection Standards)

- It is GRU staff's professional opinion that standards implementing interconnection for distributed resources should be adopted to establish terms and conditions for the ease of connection to support distributed generation
- Staff will finalize and the Interconnection Agreement for adoption to support distributed generation at any scale, effective October 1, 2007.

Recommendation

The City Commission:

1. Receive a presentation on the staff recommendation, including considerations, determinations and citizen comments, for time based metering and communications and distributed resources interconnection standards
2. Direct staff to incorporate comments from the public hearing to prepare written recommended findings and a recommended decision for final adoption at the July 9, 2007 meeting.