

## **RUC OUTSTANDING REFERRALS STATUS REPORT**

**1. #100869 – Wind Energy Referral:**

On April 7, 2011 the City Commission referred the issue of wind energy to the Regional Utilities Committee for discussion. Commissioner Mastrodicasa requested that the issue of possibly including wind energy in the energy portfolio be referred to the RUC.

**2. #100784 – Forest Stewardship – Proposal from Women for Wise Growth:**

On March 3, 2011 the City Commission referred the proposal from Women for Wise Growth regarding forest stewardship to the Regional Utilities Committee and the Tree Advisory with the suggestion that they set up a joint meeting to discuss the proposal.

This item was brought forward by Commissioner Nielsen as a result of Citizen Comment brought forward by Gladys Lane, president of Women for Wise Growth.

**3. #100576 – GRU Class B Biosolids:**

On December 2, 2010 the City Commission referred the broad issue of long term waste disposal strategies to the Regional Utilities Committee.

**4. #100383 – RUC Referral – Acquisition and Operation of a Community Forest:**

On September 16, 2010 the City Commission referred the issue of acquisition and operation of a Community Forest to the Regional Utilities Committee.

**5. #100339 – Conservation Strategies Referral:**

On September 2, 2010 the City Commission referred the issue of conservation strategies to the Regional Utilities Committee. On November 10, 2010 the RUC agreed to combine Item #080184 regarding Water Conservation with this item. To be discussed at March 30, 2011 meeting.

6. **#100228 – Water Rate Tier Structures:**

On July 26, 2010 the City Commission referred the issue of water rate tier structures to the RUC. This item was discussed at the 9/8/10 meeting. Staff will continue to evaluate the tiers and rates for future discussion.

7. **#100000 – Facilities for Electric Car Plug-Ins:**

On May 20, 2010 the City Commission referred the issue of electric car plug-in stations to the RUC.

8. **#100008 – Rebates/incentives for Window Replacement:**

On May 20, 2010 the City Commission referred the issue of offering rebates or other incentives for window replacement to the Regional Utilities Committee. This item was brought forward during the discussion of File #091056 - Energy Efficiency Behavior Change Project. This item was discussed at the February 16, 2011 meeting. An item will be forthcoming taking this referral back to the City Commission for removal.

9. **#090926 – Strategic Initiative 7.4 – Improve the Energy Efficiency of Modest-income Homes through Weatherization:**

On March 4, 2010, the City Commission referred the issue of improving the energy efficiency of modest income homes through Weatherization to the Regional Utilities Committee. This item is related to File #090782, which was on the Consent Agenda of the March 4, 2010, City Commission Meeting.

10. **#090588 – Dedicated Funding Source to Assist Non-Project Agencies:**

At the request of Commissioner Poe, the City Commission referred to the Regional Utilities Committee the issue of GRU finding a dedicated funding source to assist with updating utility infrastructure for non-profit agencies that provide a public service. At the May 13, 2010 meeting the RUC heard a presentation and directed staff to return with recommendations based on committee discussion.

11. **#080927 – Natural Gas Fueling Station:**

This item was brought forward to the City Commission by Commissioner Lauren Poe at the March 19, 2009 City Commission Meeting. The City Commission referred to the (RUC) to do a work up of what it would take for GRU to create a Natural Gas Fueling Station (possibly two). This item was discussed at the 7/14/10 RUC meeting.

12. **#080574 – College Park Neighborhood Redevelopment-Inadequate Sewer Capacity:**

This item was brought forward by Commissioner Thomas Hawkins at the November 6, 2008 City Commission Meeting. The City Commission refer the issue of inadequate sewer capacity in certain areas of town to the Regional Utilities Committee with the following questions: 1) Are there areas of town where the City allows a certain density in our future land use and zoning maps that are not seeing market demand for it? 2) Does the City have inadequate utility infrastructure in those areas? 3) Would we like to look for ways to provide that infrastructure ahead of development demand with potentially a process for the City to be reimbursed? This item was discussed at the February 11, 2009 meeting. The RUC agreed to recommend that the City Commission have a brief discussion regarding this item and then refer it to the CRA for analysis. Item pending.

13. **#080480 – Monitor the Progress of the Clean-up of Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site:**

On October 2, 2008 the City Commission adopted the alignment of strategic goals and initiatives with the Standing Committees and the CRA. The Commission also authorized staff that is responsible for the implementation of the goal to go directly to the appropriate Standing Committee for policy direction and to provide the committee with two updates throughout the fiscal year. This is the second of two strategic initiatives for FY 2009/2010 assigned to the Regional Utilities Committee. The RUC received a report at the January 14, 2009 meeting.

14. **#080482 – Develop a Coordinated Response at the Local Level to Address Energy Policy and Climate Change (C/C Strategic Initiative):**

On October 2, 2008 the City Commission adopted the alignment of strategic goals and initiatives with the Standing Committees and the CRA. The Commission also authorized staff that is responsible for the implementation of the goal to go directly to the appropriate Standing Committee for policy direction and to provide the committee with two updates throughout the fiscal year. This is one of two strategic initiatives for FY 2009/2010 assigned to the Regional Utilities Committee. The RUC received a report at the January 14, 2009 meeting.

**15. #080421 - Evaluation of rates for reclaimed water referral to the RUC – Discussion of proposed changes to GRU Reclaimed Water Policy:**

On September 18, 2008 the City Commission referred the issue of reclaimed water usage billing rates to the Regional Utilities Committee for further evaluation of the rates. This item is related to the adoption of Ordinance 080203. On August 27, 2009 the RUC voted to recommend that the Commission approve the proposed changes to GRU's reclaimed water extension policy. Additional information will be presented in the near future.

**16. #080183 – Coal Acquisition Policy:**

At the July 10, 2008 GRU budget meeting the City Commission referred the issue of GRU's coal acquisition policy to the Regional Utilities Committee for their consideration. Commissioner Poe brought up the issue of having a problem with the coal we are using now. Commissioner Lowe asked if our coal is coming from mountaintop removal. Commissioner Poe moved to refer the policies of coal acquisition to the RUC. This item was discussed at the October 20, 2008 meeting. The RUC asked for more information on the impacts of mountaintop removal and other types of mining so that it can compare them and perhaps have a presentation from Coal Mountain Watch.