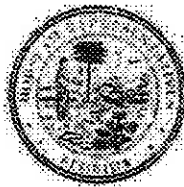
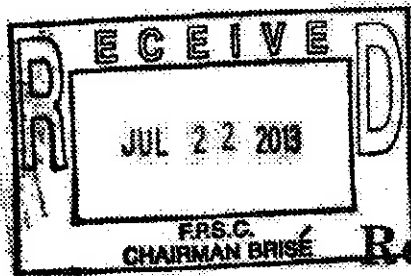


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July 18, 2013

The Honorable Ronald A. Brisé, Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 130188-EM; Petition for Expedited Review of Electric Rate Structure for Gainesville Regional Utilities

Dear Chairman Brisé,

On behalf of the numerous constituents in my district who are GRU customers, I am writing you in support of the petition requesting the Florida Public Service Commission to exercise its statutory jurisdiction to ensure that GRU's existing and proposed rate structure is fair and nondiscriminatory to all GRU customers.

Many of my constituents are very concerned about affordability and the significant electric rate hikes proposed by GRU. High electric rates are a competitive and economic disadvantage for GRU customers in Alachua County. I have also received numerous complaints related to GRU's practice of overcharging its customers approximately \$26.2 million in excessive fuel charges over the past few years. Recent data released by GRU suggests that these fuel overcharges may actually increase to \$31.3 million by October 2013. Although the FPSC does not have rate setting jurisdiction over municipal utilities, inequities between, or within, customer classes further aggravates the problem of high electric rates.

GRU is proposing to implement rate structure changes on October 1, 2013. On behalf of my constituents, I would join in requesting that the Florida Public Service Commission exercise its statutory jurisdiction to ensure that GRU's existing and proposed rate structure is fair and nondiscriminatory to all GRU customers.

Sincerely,

W. Keith Perry, State Representative
District 21

Cc: Commissioner Balbis
Commissioner Brown
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