

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**January 14, 2009**

**3:30 PM**

**CITY HALL ROOM 16**

## **Regional Utilities Committee**

*Commissioner Craig Lowe, Chair  
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member  
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****080727. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2008 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for December 10, 2008 as circulated.*

RUC Meeting Minutes for Dec 10 2008.pdf

**CURRENT RUC ACTION ITEMS****070487. Florida's Electrical Reserve Margins (NB)**

*Explanation: On September 24, 2007 the topic of electric generating and transmission capacity was referred to the RUC after a presentation by a member of The Energy Authority on the status of transmission capacity related to an event in the summer of 2006. At that time, Deerhaven 2 had an unplanned outage and firm transmission capacity to deliver the replacement power was not available. Instead, only non-firm transmission capacity was available for that purpose. The Commission was concerned that the public had not been implored to reduce their electric demands in response to this situation. Staff will review current operations protocols which under extreme prolonged cases does include notice to the public, and which are compliant with NERC standards, and will summarize statewide capacity assessments.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Regional Utilities Committee hear a brief report from staff and recommend the City Commission remove this item from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

9/24/07	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
12/10/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	

**080520. Utility Tier for the Elderly in Gainesville (NB)**

*Explanation: On October 16, 2008 the City Commission referred this item to the Regional Utilities Committee at the request of Commissioner Henry to determine if GRU could offer special utility rates to the elderly in Gainesville. It was his*

*understanding that the City of Tallahassee offered such a rate.*

*Staff has researched this topic with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) and the City of Tallahassee. It was determined that the Florida PSC would not allow such a rate, as it would provide for interclass subsidies, which are not permitted. In speaking with staff at the City of Tallahassee, GRU staff found that such a rate is not offered by Tallahassee. Tallahassee does offer bill assistance to their low income and elderly customers but that occurs outside of the utility rate structure.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee: 1) receive a presentation from staff; and 2) recommend to the City Commission to remove this item from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

10/16/08	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
12/10/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	

**080480.**

**Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to Monitor the Progress of the Clean-up of Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site (B)**

**Strategic initiatives have been referred to Standing Committees and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), to promote efficient and effective communication streams between elected officials, city staff and Gainesville residents concerning the implementation of the City's Strategic Plan. This item is a request for the Regional Utilities Committee to receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 7.1: Monitor the progress of the clean-up of Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site.**

*Explanation: On October 2, 2008, the City Commission referred each Strategic Initiative included in the FY 09/10 Strategic Plan to City Commission Standing Committees and the CRA to give elected officials the opportunity to receive updates on the progress of each strategic initiative and give policy guidance on the implementation of the strategic plan throughout the year.*

*Fiscal Note: None*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 7.1: Monitor the progress of the clean-up of Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site.*

**Legislative History**

10/2/08	City Commission	Referred	Regional Utilities Committee
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**080482.****Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to Develop a Coordinated Response at the Local Level to Address Energy Policy and Climate Change (B)**

**Strategic initiatives have been referred to Standing Committees and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), to promote efficient and effective communication streams between elected officials, city staff and Gainesville residents concerning the implementation of the City's Strategic Plan. This item is a request for the Regional Utilities Committee to receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 7.3: Develop a coordinated response at the local level to address energy policy and climate change.**

*Explanation: On October 2, 2008, the City Commission referred each Strategic Initiative included in the FY 09/10 Strategic Plan to City Commission Standing Committees and the CRA to give elected officials the opportunity to receive updates on the progress of each strategic initiative and give policy guidance on the implementation of the strategic plan throughout the year.*

*Fiscal Note: None*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee receives an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 7.3: Develop a coordinated response at the local level to address energy policy and climate change.*

**Legislative History**

10/2/08	City Commission	Referred	Regional Utilities Committee
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**071064.****Project Share Program (NB)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee: 1) hear an update on Project Share including initiatives to increase funds and awareness; and 2) recommend to the City Commission that the item be removed from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

3/24/08	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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6/10/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
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7/9/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Recommended for Approval, as shown above	
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**070360.****GRU Rate Structure (NB)**

*Explanation: On August 13, 2007 the City Commission referred the issue of GRU's rate design and structure to the RUC for review per concerns brought forward by citizen Jim Konish. Mr. Konish also complained about the difficulty he had in reading the bill. Staff prepared a report and was scheduled to present it at the October 9, 2007 meeting. However, Mr. Konish was not available to attend.*

*The bills in question were produced during implementation of a new billing system and the bill printing format was not fully resolved. The way the charges were reflected on the bill caused confusion about the rate structure and the bill presentation has since been revised. Staff has not heard from Mr. Konish on this topic again and the issue has been resolved with the bill format.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee recommend the City Commission remove this item from the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) referral list.*

**Legislative History**

8/13/07	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
8/27/07	City Commission	Placed on File	
10/9/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	

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 RUC Rate Structure Presentation October 9 2007.pdf  
 Backup for GRU Rate Structure Item 070360 Oct 9.pdf

**MEMBER COMMENT****CITIZEN COMMENT**

## OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

### **080740. Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee review the Outstanding Referral Status Report dated January 14, 2009.*

RUC Outstanding Referrals status report January 14 09.pdf

## NEXT MEETING DATE

*The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 3:30 pm.*

## ADJOURNMENT