

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**April 08, 2008**

**5:15 PM**

**City Hall Room 16**

## **Regional Utilities Committee**

*Commissioner Jack Donovan, Chair  
Commissioner Ed Braddy, Member  
Commissioner Craig Lowe, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****071078. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2008 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for the March 19, 2008 meeting as circulated.*

RUC Meeting Minutes for March 19 2008.pdf

**CURRENT RUC ACTION ITEMS****070528. Nuclear Energy Options - Referral Item #070528 (NB)**

*Explanation: There has been a significant change in the approach and timing of the joint ownership commitments being sought by Progress Energy Florida for the above referenced project. These changes reflect a more equitable sharing of risk as will be described.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Regional Utilities Committee receive an update on discussions regarding a possible joint ownership share in the nuclear units being proposed for construction in Levy County by Progress Energy Florida.*

**Legislative History**

10/8/07	City Commission	Approved as Recommended Regional Utilities and Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Committee Absent)
12/10/07	City Commission	Discussed

**070456. Large Electric Power Customers (NB)**

*Explanation: At the September 10, 2007, City Commission meeting, Commissioner Lowe referred the issue of Large Power customers and conservation to the Regional Utilities Committee. On October 9, 2007 the Regional Utilities Committee heard a staff presentation on rates for Large Power customers. The members of the Committee asked for additional information on incentives for conservation applicable to Large Power Customers*

*Staff will review rate designs and metering applicable to Large Power Customers and how conservation programs provide incentives to Large Power*

*Customers.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee a) hear a presentation from staff on GRU Large Power electric customers and conservation strategies; b) forward a report to the City Commission; and c) remove this item on the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

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

10/9/07 Regional Utilities Discussed  
Committee

RUC Large Power Presentation October 9 2007.pdf

**070516.**

**Conservation and Energy Use Goals (NB)**

*Explanation: On April 12, 2006 the City Commission instructed staff to develop the maximum cost-effective energy conservation plan based on "total resource commitment" economic criteria with an emphasis on lower income customers. GRU proposed a plan for implementation as part of the FY 2007 and FY 2008 with program goals based upon the independent study performed for the City Commission by ICF and program designs informed in part by site visits to other conservation leader utilities. The long term program goals were not formally adopted by the City Commission. Updating the plan's targets after sufficient time to measure and evaluate the effects of the programs being implemented is one of the initiatives identified by the energy options matrix being discussed by the RUC.*

*The energy conservation plan has become a critical element in GRU's energy supply plan. The plan will reduce the growth rate in energy and demand by about 70%. Despite of the lack of formal adoption by the City Commission, staff has incorporated this plan into formal planning processes such as the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council's transmission planning studies and the Florida Public Service Commission's Ten Year Site Plan filings, our Integrated Resource Plan, and our budget proposal for FY 2009-2010.*

*The presentation will review: the long term goals of staff's working plan; the effects this plan has had on energy supply planning; the cost of the plan; the economic criteria that were applied in developing the plan; some comparisons of this plan to those of other utilities.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee receive a report on staff's working long-term assumptions for energy conservation and electrical demand reduction, recommend to the City Commission that these be formally adopted for use as planning assumptions pending future re-evaluations, and remove this item from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

9/24/07

City Commission Referred (7 - 0)

Regional Utilities  
Committee

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

## OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

### **071084. Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Regional Utilities Committee review the  
Outstanding Referral Status Report.*

RUC Outstanding Referrals status report Apr 8 2008.pdf

## NEW BUSINESS

## NEXT MEETING DATE

*The next RUC meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2008 at 5:15 pm.*

## ADJOURNMENT