

RUC OUTSTANDING REFERRALS DETAIL REPORT - 12-3-15

1. #130812 GRU Electric Wholesale Sales Strategy

At the March 20, 2014 City Commission meeting, staff gave a presentation on the wholesale electric contract they had recently negotiated with Winter Park. The question arose as to why commission approval was not sought before the contract was signed. Commissioner Chase referred a discussion on the process of wholesale contracts and how it interacts with authorization from the commission and public meetings. To date, this item has not been discussed in committee. At the 8/13/15 RUC meeting, the committee asked the GM to draft a model of how prior approval could be attained from the City Commission without tipping off private utilities.

2. 130755 Electric Utility Market Restructuring

At its March 6, 2014 meeting, the Commission heard a presentation from Darin Cook on electric utility market restructuring and how it might benefit GRU. Mr. Cook asked the Commission to support the idea of restructuring at the State level and perhaps include it in our legislative agenda. The issue was referred to the RUC for discussion. To date, this item has not been discussed in committee. Staff will need to contact Mr. Cook at the appropriate time to schedule this discussion. At the 8/13/15 RUC meeting, the committee said they would revisit this item in one year and asked the GM to visit with Darin Cook in the meantime.

3. 130957 - Energy Supply Planning (Energy 2020)

At the May 1, 2014, commission meeting, Commissioner Chase referred the issue of energy supply planning to the RUC. He asked that the committee discuss broad issues around future power needs, including the impact of solar, fuel cells and other emerging technologies on our distribution system, how we forecast growth, issues around generation, transmission and distribution and related issues. The item was discussed in committee at the September 11, 2014 meeting and presented to the full Commission on 6/4/15. Staff is working on various aspects of Power 2020 and will bring the item back to the RUC once all aspects of the study are completed, projected to be near the end of the calendar year.

4. #140951 Wastewater Winter Max Billing

At the May 7, 2015, City Commission meeting, staff gave a presentation on the updated Cost of Service Study. As part of that item, staff recommended that the method we currently use for billing wastewater usage, referred to as winter max billing, be referred to the RUC for discussion of possible alternate methods of billing for that usage.

5. #150323 Tracking Effect of Utility Rates on Customer Energy Usage

At the September 3, 2015 City Commission Meeting, Commissioner Chase commented on correspondence he had received from citizens who were concerned that GRU's new two tier rate system will eliminate the conservation rate. He made a referral to the RUC for staff to develop a system for tracking the effects of the new rates on customer energy usage.

6. #150371 Penny Per Kilowatt

At the September 17, 2015 City Commission Meeting, citizen Mark Van Soestbergen asked the commissioners to study the possibility of a voluntary program where people could request that a penny per kilowatt hour of their bill go to a program to help upgrade homes for low-income people, possibly to supplement LEEP dollars.

7. #150611 Schedule Workshop and Invite Rest of City Commission Regarding Draft GRU Governance Bill

At the December 3, 2015 City Commission Meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that this matter be referred to the Regional Utilities Committee, due back on 6/3/2016.

Strategic Initiatives in RUC

- 6.2 Develop a Community Partnership for the Long-Term Clean-Up and Revitalization of the Cabot/Koppers Superfund Site and Surrounding Neighborhood
(Legistar Item #130507) (Discussed in RUC 1/14/09, 6/8/11, 8/13/12)

Background: This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in December, 2007 at the Strategic Planning Retreat. The Initiative was later adopted and added to the Strategic Plan on 2/25/2008.

Desired Outcome: It is the objective of the City of Gainesville for the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site to be remediated to standards safe for residential uses and in a manner that will ensure that air, ground water, drinking water supply, and soil of Gainesville are protected.