

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

January 8, 2015

5:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Regional Utilities Committee

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Todd Chase, Chair
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member
Commissioner Craig Carter, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[140639.](#)**RUC October 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the minutes of the October 9, 2014 RUC meeting as drafted.

[140639 RUC 10-9-14 Mtg Minutes 20150115](#)

CURRENT ACTION ITEMS[130669.](#)**Low-income Energy Efficiency (LEEP) Program (B)**

Explanation: The City Commission approved a LEEP Budget of \$456,000 for FY14 to improve the efficiency of 120 low-income homes. Additionally, the LEEP Program was presented and discussed briefly as part of referral item #120686 to the Regional Utilities Committee on October 9. GRU proposes to provide in more detail an overview of the LEEP Program and its yearend results for FY14.

The Program began as a pilot in 2006 with a goal of improving 40 homes. Now, eight years later, LEEP has expanded to 124 homes. As of the Program's inception, LEEP has assisted 1235 low-income homeowners with energy efficient upgrades to reduce their consumption. Recently, the LEEP Program was honored with The Florida Municipal Electric Association's 2014 Community Service Award for its continued success and involvement in enhancing its customers' quality of life.

Fiscal Note: The average cost for repairs is \$3800 per home. Although the goal for LEEP consisted of improving 120 homes on a \$456,000 budget, GRU was able to improve 133 homes.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Utilities Committee receive a brief presentation from staff on the Low-income Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP) and a summary of results for FY14.

[130669 LEEP Update 20150108](#)

[110783.](#)**Green Energy Payment Options (B)**

Explanation: This item was discussed at the October 9, 2014 RUC meeting. Staff gave a presentation which detailed the voluntary solar contribution fund (2002), the GRUGreen Energy Program (2003), current renewable energy sources, other Florida utilities' green pricing programs, program considerations & potential programs. RUC Chair Chase requested staff bring some viable program options to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from staff regarding options for green energy pricing program, and considerations for the potential development of such programs.*

[120686-110783 Renewable Energy 20141009](#)

[110783 Green Energy Payment Options 20150108](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[140215.](#)

RUC Outstanding Referrals List (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Review the outstanding referrals and make recommendations for which items to hear at future meetings.*

[140215 RUC Future Meeting Dates 2014.09.11](#)

[140215 Outstanding Referrals List - 2014.09.11](#)

[140215 Outstanding Referrals List - 20141009](#)

[140215 Outstanding Referrals List 20150108](#)

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 12, 2015

ADJOURNMENT