



DATE: March 25, 2002

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner John Barrow, Chair
Mayor Tom Bussing, Member
Regional Utilities Committee

SUBJECT: Outstanding Referral Status Report

Following is a list of each item and a brief description of the status of the referrals to the Regional Utilities Committee.

#960649 – State Road 26 & 26A: On February 25, 2002, the City Commission directed the General Manager to keep the City Commission updated as plans develop for this project and approved removing this item from the RUC referral list.

#990532: - Deerhaven Emissions: On February 25, 2002 City Commission approved removing this item from the RUC referral list.

#001584 – Green Building Program-GRU Referral: On 7/9/01 the City Commission referred the issue of incentives for the Green Building Project to the Regional Utilities Committee. On July 18, 2001 the RUC heard an update from staff on this item. The RUC directed staff to return to the Committee with strategies for what role the Utility can play in advocating the green building program. On September 19, 2001 the RUC heard an update from staff on this item. Staff will make the same presentation to the Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee and return to the RUC with their comments. This referral will be retained.

#002001 – County Issues: On February 25, 2002 the City Commission approved removing this item from the RUC referral list.

#991311 – Underground Utilities Policy: On April 10, 2000 the City Commission referred the issue of underground utilities policy to the Regional Utilities Committee. Since that time the RUC has had numerous updates on this issue. At the October 18, 2001 meeting the RUC determined it would recommend to the City Commission that this referral be retained on the RUC referral list, but narrow it to evaluating and developing Underground Utility Districts. A separate item making that recommendation has been placed on the 3/25/02 City Commission agenda.

#000953 – Water Conservation: On January 22, 2001 the City Commission referred this item to the Regional Utilities Committee for additional review with regard to whether water conservation rates should be applicable year around and review the potential for adding new conservation services. On July 18, 2001 the RUC heard an update from staff. The Committee determined this item should be retained on the referral list.

#001839 – Inverted Utility Rates: On February 25, 2002 the City Commission approved removing addressing inverted rates in general from the RUC referral list and refer back to the Committee the issue of evaluating inverted block rates for natural gas and wastewater services as individual items.

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