

On August 29, 2016, the Utility Advisory Board had a workshop, where we discussed the merits of GRU's proposed tiered rate structure. After hearing a presentation from GRU staff and reading the written opinion of member David Denslow (Gainesville Sun, August 16, 2015 "Tiered Energy Pricing is Unfair, Ineffective"), the Utility Advisory Board finds that the tiered system in general does not benefit either low or fixed income customers, or help conservation.

After the workshop, the board held a special meeting, where member Alford made a motion, seconded by member Campbell, that the Board make the following recommendation to the City Commission:

Keep the current tiered system at two tiers and allow the UAB to study the issue before the next round of budgets, and make a recommendation then after getting more information that hits those two criteria, and to have the City Commission advise the Board if there are other criteria so that they can do a thorough study.

The Board voted unanimously (with members Denslow and Walpole absent) to submit this statement to the City Commission for consideration at the September 8, 2016 special meeting.