2022 Series A and 2022 Series B Bonds \$150 Million Revolving Line of Credit Replacing \$150 Million Commercial Paper Program



- This transaction generates no new outstanding debt
- The proposed \$150 million revolving line of credit replaces existing authorized but unissued commercial paper lines
 - \$125 million tax-exempt commercial paper program
 - \$25 million taxable commercial paper program



- GRU's liquidity structure is vital to our financial profile
- Liquidity programs provide access to resources to address unforeseen financial events or to assist in funding short-term capital needs.
- They are central to maintaining GRU's financial and operational flexibility



- The current liquidity structure is strategically laddered to provide funding for potential events of short-term through long-term duration
 - \$50 million taxable and \$25 million tax-exempt lines of credit with Truist Bank. These funds can be accessed within 24 hours.
 - \$125 million in tax-exempt and \$25 million in taxable authorized but unissued commercial paper lines. It traditionally takes 30-45 days to issue commercial paper and therefore have access to these funds.
 - For events of longer duration, the ability exists to fix out this commercial paper through debt issuance.



- The proposed transaction effectively replaces GRU's current commercial paper lines with a revolving line of credit.
- GRU's financial advisor, PFM LLC. Distributed a Request For Information soliciting proposals on February 7. Five banks responded.
- Through an evaluation based on facility amount, term, commitment fee, and rate, US Bank National Association was selected as the highest rated proposal.



- The proposed revolving line of credit features:
 - Daily access to funds vs. the 30-45 day time frame of commercial paper issuance
 - The ability to designate draws on the line of credit as taxable or taxexempt dependent on the proposed use of the funds. This provides similar flexibility to the existing commercial paper lines to address capital or O & M needs.
 - An unused facility fee of 17 basis points, as compared to 43 basis points on the tax-exempt commercial paper line and 70 basis points on the taxable commercial paper line.
 - Flexibility to designate any portion of the \$150 million available as either tax-exempt or taxable.



- The 17 basis point unused facility fee translates to a savings of \$457,500 per year for switching to the revolving line of credit with US Bank
- In discussions with rating agencies, they have indicated they will treat the proposed revolving line of credit in a similar fashion to the current commercial paper lines when evaluating GRU's liquidity metrics.
- This is critical because GRU's strong liquidity metrics mitigate GRU's leverage and GFT challenges in terms of developing GRU's overall credit rating.

