

UAB OUTSTANDING REFERRALS DETAIL REPORT - 8-5-16

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. At the 2/4/16 Commission meeting, this item was proposed by the RUC to be kept on the referral list and transferred to the new Utility Advisory Board, and was approved.

2. 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. At the 2/4/16 Commission meeting, this item was proposed by the RUC to be kept on the referral list and transferred to the new Utility Advisory Board, and was approved.

3. #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. At the 2/4/16 Commission meeting, this item was proposed by the RUC to be kept on the referral list and transferred to the new Utility Advisory Board, and was approved.

4. #150728 - Water Shut-off Alternatives

At the February 4, 2016 City Commission Meeting, Commissioner Goston requested that the issue of shutting off water service to customers whose electric and/or gas service has been disconnected be referred to the RUC and/or the Utility Advisory Board for discussion of alternatives. He is concerned that without water service, customers have no viable means of sustaining themselves until they can afford to have their electric and/or gas service reconnected.

5. #160278 - Underground Utilities

At the August 4, 2016 City Commission Meeting, Commissioner Hayes-Santos requested that the issue of undergrounding all utilities across the city be referred to committee. He doesn't know if it's part of the comprehensive plan and wants a discussion of what the city will do about undergrounding in the future.