



Legislation Text

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GRU Utility Rates (B)

On November 19, 2007, the City Commission referred the issue of GRU utility rates to the Equal Opportunity Committee.

The Equal Opportunity Committee found that the current Gainesville Regional Utilities rate design should not be amended. Information from other municipal utilities, the Florida Public Service Commission and GRU Bond covenants was considered. Modification of the current rate structure to benefit members within a rate class would pose an equal opportunity issue due to the negative impacts on other customers within that class. An example of this matter is if rates were set to benefit larger families, the negative impact would be on all other customers, such as low income seniors who live alone. They would effectively pay more to make up for the subsidy that would occur. The City Commission: 1) accept the recommendation from the Equal Opportunity Committee to leave GRU's rate design as it currently is; and 2) remove this item from the referral list.