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Update on new USEPA Air Quality Regulations (NB)

On March 10, 2005 EPA released the final Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) rules which will require Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) and/or Nitrous Oxide (NO_x) reductions in 28 states (including Florida) and the District of Columbia through a cap and trade system. On March 15, 2005 EPA issued the final mercury rule specifying a cap and trade program to be implemented in two phases as opposed to a Maximum Available Control Technology standard. The Phase I cap of 38 tons per year (tpy) nation-wide becomes effective in 2010; the Phase II cap of 15 tpy nation-wide becomes effective in 2018.

Compliance with these new rules will affect the timing and costs of alternatives that have been considered in Gainesville's ongoing long term electrical supply planning process.

The City Commission receive a staff presentation summarizing the new USEPA Air Quality Regulations and their implications for Gainesville's Long Term Electrical Energy Supply Plan.

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