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Review of GRU's 10-Year Plan - Referral Item #080419 (NB)

On September 18, 2008 the City Commission referred to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) Commissioner Donovan's request to review the GRU 10-Year Plan and the Alachua County energy conservation strategy that has recently been proposed; and report back to the City Commission the issue of energy policy and energy use goals.

Section 186.801, Florida Statutes requires that all major generating electric utilities in Florida (there are 11 currently) submit a Ten-Year Site Plan to the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) for annual review. To fulfill the requirements of section 186.801 F.S., the PSC has adopted Rules 25-22.070 through 25-22.072, Florida Administrative Code. Each utility's Ten-Year Site Plan contains projections for the utility's electric power needs, fuel requirements and the general location of proposed power plant sites and major transmission facilities.

The PSC evaluates the Ten-Year Site Plans to determine the reasonableness of the load growth projections and whether the reporting utilities have identified additional generation facilities required in order to maintain an adequate supply of electricity at a reasonable cost. Since the Ten-Year Site Plan is not a binding plan of action on electric utilities, the PSC's classification of the plan as suitable or unsuitable has no formal effect on the utility. Such a classification does not constitute a finding or determination in docketed matters before the PSC. The PSC may address any concerns raised by a utility's Ten-Year Site Plan at a public hearing.

GRU staff gave a presentation regarding the Ten-Year Site Plan to the Regional Utilities Commission on February 11, 2009. Commissioner Poe concurred with the recommendation and Commissioner Lowe seconded to adopt the recommendation to remove the item from the referral list.

The Regional Utilities Commission (RUC) recommends that the City Commission remove this item from the referral list.

This item has no fiscal impact.

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