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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Ann Cole
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission

FROM: Roy C. Young 

DATE: December 1, 2009

SUBJECT: Docket No. 09-0451-EM Notice of Commission Hearing and Prehearing,
Florida Public Service Commission (republished – November 30, 2009)

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Enclosed for filing on behalf of Gainesville Renewable Energy Center is original and 5 copies of the Affidavit of Publication of the Notice of Commission Hearing and Prehearing, which was republished in the Gainesville Sun on November 30, 2009, as shown on the attached Affidavit of Publication.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

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Enclosures

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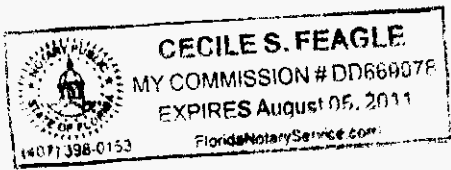
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**NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING TO BE HELD IN TALLAHASSEE AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD IN GAINESVILLE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 090451-EM**

**JOINT PETITION TO DETERMINE NEED FOR GAINESVILLE RENEWABLE
ENERGY CENTER IN ALACHUA COUNTY, BY GAINESVILLE REGIONAL
UTILITIES AND GAINESVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER, LLC**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a administrative hearing will be held before the Florida Public Service Commission in the above docket regarding the joint petition of Gainesville Regional Utilities and Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, LLC ("Applicants") for determination of need for the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center electrical power plant in Alachua County, at the following time and place:

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 9:30 AM
Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this hearing will be for the Commission to take final action to determine the need, pursuant to Section 403.519, Florida Statutes, for the Applicants' proposed renewable energy electrical power plant in Alachua County, Florida. This proceeding shall: (1) allow the Applicants to present evidence and testimony in support of their petition for determination of need for the proposed renewable energy electrical power plant; (2) permit any intervenors to present testimony and exhibits concerning this matter; (3) permit members of the public who are not parties to the need determination proceeding the opportunity to present testimony concerning this matter; and (4) allow for such other purposes as the Commission may deem appropriate.

The proceedings will be governed by the provisions of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes; Section 403.519, Florida Statutes; and Chapters 25-22 and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

Under Section 403.519, the Commission is the sole forum for the determination of need for the proposed electrical power plant. In making its determination, the Commission must take into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, the need for fuel diversity and supply reliability, the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, and whether the proposed plant is the most cost-effective alternative available. In addition, the Commission must expressly consider any renewable energy sources and technologies or conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to GRU which might mitigate the need for the plant. The Commission may consider other matters within its jurisdiction which it deems relevant. The Commission's determination of need for the proposed plant shall create a presumption of public need and necessity and shall serve as the Commission's report required by subsection 403.507(4)a, Florida Statutes. An order entered by the Commission pursuant to this hearing shall constitute final agency action.

Only issues relating to the need for the proposed power plant will be heard at this hearing. Separate public hearings will be held before the Division of Administrative Hearings at a later date to consider environmental and other impacts of the proposed plant and associated facilities.

Members of the public, who are not parties to the need determination proceeding, will have an opportunity to present testimony in Tallahassee regarding the need for the proposed plant. All members of the public who wish to offer testimony should be present at the beginning of the hearing, 9:30 AM, Wednesday, December 16, 2009. All witnesses will be sworn in and will be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony. By providing public testimony, a person does not become a party to the proceeding. Anyone wishing to become a party to this need determination proceeding should file an appropriate petition pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, with the Office of the Commission Clerk, at the address listed below. Copies of the petition shall be sent by mail to all parties. Those wishing to intervene in this proceeding, unless appearing on their own behalf, must be represented by an attorney or other person who can be determined to be a qualified representative pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code. Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed at least five (5) days before the final hearing, must conform with Rule 28-106.201(2), Florida Administrative Code, and must include allegations sufficient to demonstrate that the intervenor is entitled to participate in the proceedings as a matter of constitutional or statutory right or pursuant to Commission rule, or that the substantial interests of the intervenor are subject to determination or will be affected through the hearing.

Written comments regarding the need for the proposed plant and associated facilities may be sent to the Commission at the following address:

Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850
Re: Docket No. 090451-EM

GENERAL LOCATION AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GRU and GREC LLC propose the construction of one new unit, to be known as the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, which will consist of a nominal 100 megawatt (MW) net capacity steam unit designed to use clean woody biomass as its fuel supply. The plant will be located on GRU's existing Deerhaven Power Plant site within the City of Gainesville's corporate limits in Alachua County, Florida. The projected in-service date for the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center is December 1, 2013. The unit will be owned and operated by GREC LLC. GRU will receive power from the unit under a 30-year power purchase agreement with GREC LLC. All of the generation capacity from the unit will be committed to GRU for retail sale to its customers.

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held:

Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 6.00 p.m.
Gainesville City Hall
City Commission Auditorium
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

The purpose of this public hearing is to allow members of the public, who are not parties to the need determination proceeding, an opportunity to present public testimony in Gainesville regarding the need for the proposed plant prior to the commencement of the hearing in Tallahassee on December 16, 2009. The procedure at this public hearing shall be as follows: The Applicants will present a brief summary of the need for the proposed plant and then members of the public may present sworn testimony. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony. Members of the public who wish to present testimony are urged to appear promptly at the scheduled hearing time since the hearing may be adjourned early if no witnesses are present to testify.

JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding by Section 403.519, Florida Statutes.

A copy of the Applicants' petition for determination of need and supporting exhibits is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following location:

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
4075 Esplanade Way
Room 110 - Betty Easley Conference Center
Tallahassee, Florida

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Office of Commission Clerk at (850) 413-6770, at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF MEETING

If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of a hearing, Commission staff will attempt to give timely, direct notice to parties. Notice of cancellation will also be provided on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/>) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

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