

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR DETERMINATION  
OF NEED FOR PROPOSED ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT**

TO

GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES  
GAINESVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER, LLC.  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

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.

ISSUED: September 22, 2009

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Rule 25-22.080(3), Florida Administrative Code, that the Florida Public Service Commission has received the petition of Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) and Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, LLC., for a determination of need for a proposed electrical power plant to be located within the confines of GRU's existing Deerhaven plant site in Alachua County, Florida. GRU will have title to 100 percent of the plant's output, including all environmental attributes (such as renewable energy credits, carbon offsets, etc.). The facility will be a new nominal rated 100 megawatt net (116 MW gross) biomass-fired electric generating facility, consisting of a biomass fuel handling system, a biomass-fired boiler, a condensing steam turbine generator with evaporative cooling towers and auxiliary support equipment. The facility will also utilize a zero liquid discharge system to eliminate industrial wastewater discharges in accordance with the site's restrictions pursuant to its current certification. The proposed unit is scheduled to come on line December 1, 2013. This matter has been assigned Commission Docket No. 090451-EM.

Copies of the petition and supporting documentation are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following location:

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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Room 110, Betty Easley Conference Center  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida

The final hearing in this docket has been scheduled for December 16, 2009.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission this 22nd day of September,  
2009.



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Commission Clerk

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