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Hublic Service Commission

October 7, 2009



Subject:

Docket No. 090451-EM (In re: Joint Petition to Determine Need for Gainesville Renewable Energy Center in Alachua County, by Gainesville Regional Utilities and

Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, LLC.)

To the parties of record and other legally interested parties:

On or about October 2, 2009, I was assigned to serve as the pre-hearing officer for the subject docket. In the interest of full disclosure, I am a current residential customer of Gainesville Regional Utilities for electric, water and gas utility services.

Openly disclosed, I do not believe that that this fact creates a material conflict of interest in this matter which would preclude me from performing my assigned duties as the pre-hearing officer, or from rendering a decision on the merits for the docketed matter in a fair and impartial manner.

In the interest of due process, the parties of record and other legally interested parties are hereby provided notice of the potential conflict thereby affording them with ample opportunity to raise any concerns prior to the pre-hearing should such action be required.

Sincerely,

Nathan A. Skop, Esq.

Commissioner

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