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Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: 25-6.0185 Electric Utility Procedures for Long-term Energy Emergencies

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Rule 25-6.0185 of Florida Administrative Code, Gainesville Regional Utilities hereby submits its 2026 Long-term Energy Emergency Plan via the Commission's electronic platform.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding GRU's plan.

Sincerely,

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Long-Term Energy Emergency Plan

2026

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this plan is to establish a systematic and effective means of anticipating, assessing, and responding, in an appropriate and coordinated manner, to a long-term energy emergency caused by a fuel supply shortage.

2 SCOPE

This document applies to all GRU personnel supporting NERC Registered Functions and associated reliability responsibilities within GRU's electric utility operations.

3 FUEL EMERGENCY PLAN

This plan is intended to protect the health, safety, and welfare of customers within GRU's service territory (Gainesville and surrounding Alachua County areas) during a fuel supply emergency. The plan will be invoked by GRU's initiative and will be coordinated with the emergency plans of other utilities in the State of Florida through the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC).

An electric energy emergency exists when GRU has inadequate energy-generating capability due to a fuel supply shortage, is unable to purchase the additional energy needs from other utilities and is thereby prevented from operating at required levels to supply its energy load obligations. An energy emergency differs from a short-term capacity emergency in that energy requirements cannot be met over an extended period. The period of advance warning and expected duration of an emergency is usually measured in terms of weeks or months, as opposed to minutes or hours for a short-term capacity deficiency.

This plan covers:

- Notifications
- Fuel conservation actions
- Operational mitigation measures
- Public communications
- Plan termination

3.1 Notifications

The Fuels Manager is responsible for continuously monitoring the adequacy of the fuel inventory and keeping the Energy Supply Officer updated. When fuel supplies are decreasing or are anticipated to decrease below a level adequate to provide for continuous, uninterrupted service to GRU's customers, the Energy Supply Officer will notify the Chief Operations Officer.

The Chief Operations Officer will assess the fuel situation and if they determine that a fuel supply emergency exists, GRU's CEO and all senior GRU leadership will be notified. Following these notifications, the FRCC Reliability Coordinator (RC) will be notified of the impending emergency.

If, as a result of the FRCC notification, a fuel supply alert is designated by the Florida Public Service Commission and the Governor of the State of Florida declares a fuel supply emergency pursuant to Chapter 377.703 Florida Statutes or other appropriate statutory authority, then the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) shall be notified of the fuel emergency and the fuel conservation actions (Section 3.2) will be initiated by GRU.

3.2 Fuel Conservation Actions

Upon designation by the Governor of the State of Florida that a fuel supply emergency exists, steps A-D will be implemented and followed as appropriate. Should it become necessary in the implementation of this plan to bypass any of these steps and immediately proceed with more severe measures, the actions under the steps bypassed shall be implemented as appropriate.

3.2.1 Step A

Step A involves the following actions:

- Curtail all use of electrical energy at all GRU buildings and facilities.
- Cancel transmission and generation outages, as appropriate.
- Turn off all unnecessary lights at all GRU buildings and facilities.
- Turn off or adjust the thermostat to all air conditioning (A/C) or heating as required at all GRU buildings and facilities.
- Curtail energy consumption of customers subscribed to GRU's curtailable rates
- Discontinue all non-firm sales of electric energy to other utility companies.
- Operate all existing GRU generating sources to minimize the use of the fuel in short supply.
- Purchase power from other utilities, where possible, to conserve the fuel in short supply.
- If fuel is available from other utilities, it may be purchased at an agreed-upon price.
- Request authorization from the proper authorities to ease environmental and other regulations where such actions will be effective in increasing the supply of alternative fuels.

3.2.2 Step B

If the actions of the preceding Step A have not been adequate to mitigate the energy emergency and a continued downward trend in energy supplies is anticipated, the

additional measures in Step B will be implemented. Step B involves the following actions:

- All the previously implemented steps shall be continued.
- Make public appeals to all GRU customers, both residential and commercial, to reduce their consumption of electrical energy.
- GRU's large commercial and industrial customers will be contacted individually and requested to reduce their consumption of electrical energy.
- Make request to GRU's customers to reduce all outdoor decorative lighting and lighting used for advertising except for the minimum required to indicate commercial facilities open after dark.
 - Reduce all GRU's street lighting to a minimum level necessary for life and property protection, per agreement with the City of Gainesville and Alachua County.

3.2.3 Step C

If the actions of the preceding Steps A and B have not been adequate to mitigate this energy emergency and a continued downward trend in fuel supplies is anticipated, the following additional measures in Step C will be implemented:

- All the previously implemented steps shall be continued.
- Maximize the use of purchase power.
- Implement voltage reduction across the GRU system as applicable.

3.2.4 Step D

If the energy emergency continues to worsen, then the following additional measures in Step D will be implemented as a last resort:

- All the previously implemented steps shall be continued.
- To the extent legally permissible, through the use of legal authority, enforce the reduction of energy consumption to the degree necessary to protect public health and welfare.
- Finally, implement rotating blackouts on selected feeders as designated on the most current Load Shed Priority List which is on file in the Systems Control Center (see GRU document EOP-PR-006-Y, *Load Shedding – Manual Circuit Rotation*).

3.3 Public Information and Communications

All communications with the public, media, and external agencies will be coordinated through GRU Communications.

Coordination may include:

- City of Gainesville and Alachua County leadership
- Alachua County Emergency Management

- Local law enforcement and fire departments

Public conservation messaging may include:

- Turn off all unnecessary lights.
- Reduce or curtail the use of air conditioning and electric heat.
- If air conditioning is essential, set thermostat at 80 to 85 degrees.
- If electric heat is essential, set thermostat at 60 to 65 degrees.
- Curtail all use of clothes dryers, dishwashers, and hot water.
- Set hot water thermostats at 120 degrees.

3.4 Plan Termination

When fuel supply conditions improve:

- GRU leadership will scale back emergency actions in reverse order.
- The chief executive officer (or their designee) will formally terminate the emergency.
- Notifications will be issued to FRCC and relevant agencies.

4 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- GRU Load Shedding – Manual Circuit Rotation (EOP-PR-006-Y)

5 REVISION HISTORY

Date	Notes
December 1982	
October 1990	
June 2000	
March 2003	
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