

July 13, 2026

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

Re: DN 20260000-OT
GRU's Response to TYSP Staff Data Request #2 - GRU

Dear Sir/Madam,

Gainesville Regional Utilities hereby submits its response to the Public Service Commission's Ten-Year Site Plan Staff Data Request #2 – GRU. A copy of this submission was also emailed to SSanchez@psc.state.fl.us and PEllis@psc.state.fl.us.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jamie Verschage, P.E.
Power Planning and Contracts Manager

1. Please identify and list any Department of Energy orders issued since 2023 that the Utility has been subject to. As part of this response, explain how these orders have impacted the Utility’s planning or operations, and state whether these impacts are contained within the Utility’s 2026 Ten-Year Site Plan.
2. Please refer to GRU’s 2026 Ten-Year Site Plan, Schedules 2.2, Column (8), and 2.3, Column (6), as well as Table 1 below for the following questions:

Table 1. GRU's Actual and Projected Growth in Sales & Customer Numbers				
	Total Sales to Ultimate Consumers	Annual Increase	Total No. of Customers	Annual Increase
	(GWh)	(%)		(%)
Year	Sch. 2.2 (8)	Staff Calculated	Sch. 2.3 (6)	Staff Calculated
2022	1,797		101,051	
2023	1,811	0.78%	103,865	2.78%
2024	1,836	1.38%	104,510	0.62%
2025	1,877	2.23%	104,730	0.21%
2026	1,871	-0.32%	105,541	0.77%
2027	1,882	0.59%	106,325	0.74%
2028	1,892	0.53%	107,080	0.71%
2029	1,903	0.58%	107,810	0.68%

- a. As shown in Table 1, in 2025, while the Utility’s annual percentage increase in “Total No. of Customers” is much lower than previous years, GRU achieved a significantly higher annual percentage increase in “Total Sales to Ultimate Consumers” than the previous two years. Please explain the reason(s) behind the inconsistency.

The primary driver behind the increase in energy sales from 2024 to 2025 was weather-related heating and air conditioning loads. Weather-related factors that contributed to stronger-than-average energy sales in 2025 include a 3% increase in the heating degree days (from 2024) as well as a 5% increase in cooling degree days (from 2024).

Year-to-year variation in energy sales due to varying weather conditions is not uncommon. Over the past 10 years, GRU has experienced changes in year-to-year energy sales from +3% to -2%.

- b. As shown in Table 1, for 2026, while GRU’s projected increase in “Total No. of Customers” is relatively high (0.77 percent), the Utility projects a 0.32 percent annual decrease in “Total Sales to Ultimate Consumers.” Please explain the reason behind the projected negative annual growth rate in total sales for 2026.

GRU uses the last 10 years of local weather data (heating and cooling degree-days) in determining its electric energy forecast. Since the weather experienced in 2025 was more extreme (in terms of cooling and heating degree days) than what is used in the forecast, the weather-related energy sales bump in 2025 is not forecasted to recur year after year, which results in lower predicted energy sales in 2026 compared to 2025.

Over the past 10 years, residential usage per customer has declined 0.20% per year and non-residential usage per customer has declined 0.5% per year. Improvements to building envelopes, appliance efficiencies, increasing real prices in electricity, participation in behind-the-meter solar energy, and the rise in online shopping are examples of factors that influenced declining usage per customer.

Non-residential usage per customer is forecasted to decline by 0.11% per year from 2026-2035. However, the residential usage per customer is forecasted to increase by an average of 0.14% per year from 2026-2035 due to electrification of vehicles and gas furnaces.