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UAB members,

Perhaps most of you have seen today's Gainesville Sun editorial, which, among other things, opines as to the GREC purchased negotiations:

"This time, the city has a Utility Advisory Board to help. The expertise of the board's members should help make a decision on the purchase that fully weighs the financial implications. It would be a test of the City Commission's contention that an independent GRU governance board with real decision-making powers isn't needed."

One of your members has posted to The Sun an assurance that the UAB is all over the GREC purchase negotiations and that the public should assured because he is . . .

". . . fully committed to a complete, open, and transparent vetting of any potential deal between GRU and GREC to purchase the biomass plant."

This sort of public reassurance, while likely well meaning, is disappointing.

A so-called 'Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement' has been signed by GRU General Manager Ed Bielarski, GRU CFO Justin Locke, GRU Chief Operating Officer Tom Brown, Gainesville City Attorney Nicolle Shalley, and Assistant City Attorney Liz Waratuke. In it, they have agreed 'to maintain in confidence and keep confidential all aspects' of their oral communications with GREC. They may talk only with others who have signed the agreement, or who may sign it in the future. Those who will be permitted to sign it are narrowly classified. Members of the Utility Advisory Board are excluded.

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