# Our Past Success in Energy Conservation and Our Future Program Designs

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How Do We Consider Cost Effectiveness?

#### • All Rate Payers' Test (RIM)

- Encourages conservation without crosssubsidy between customers
- Everyone benefits with affordable rates

#### Additional Conservation Efforts

- Energy surveys and customer consultation
- Address difficult to reach customers (renters and low-income households)
- Encourage renewable energy use (solar water heating and photovoltaics)

## **Evaluating Cost Effectiveness**

- Free Riders
  - Customers who install conservation measures without incentives

### Rebound Effect (Kazoom)

 Customers use high-efficiency AC more because it costs less

#### • Diversity & Coincidence with Peak

 Not all customers demand power at the same time or at our system peak

#### **Example of Daily Summer Load**



### Our Conservation Programs Summer Power Savings (cumulative kW)



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## **Conservation Effect Vintaging**

- Most Energy Conservation Measures Have A Limited Lifespan
- Effects Of Conservation Are Removed When Expected Lifespan Reached
- Load Forecast Incorporates Vintaging
- Accurate Forecasting Is Our Goal

### Our Conservation Programs Energy Savings (cumulative MWh/yr)



### Our Conservation Programs Winter Power Savings (cumulative kW)



#### **Residential Energy Survey Requests**



## Our Current Residential Energy Conservation Programs

- Conservation Surveys
- Self-Audit Materials
- New Construction Consultation
- Green Builder Program
- Customer Consultation
- Low-Income Weatherization
- Solar Water Heating Rebates

- Solar Electric Interconnection and Buyback
- Gas Water Heating Rebate
- Gas Heating Rebate
- Gas Range Rebate
- Gas Dryer Rebate
- Gas New Construction Rebate

### Natural Gas Rebates New Single-Family Construction



## Natural Gas Programs Save Energy and Reduce Power

- Natural Gas Appliances Reduce
  Overall Energy Use
  - Source energy efficiency:
    Natural gas water heater ~50%
    Electric water heater ~30%
- Natural Gas Appliances Reduce Electric Power Demand

#### Natural Gas Rebates for Retrofits

Water Heating



## Encouraging Renewable Energy Use

- Solar Water Rebates Reduce The Initial Cost; The Largest Barrier
- Participating in Front Porch Florida Initiative for Low-Income Homes
- Photovoltaic Interconnection and Buyback Agreement



#### Solar Water Heating Rebates



## Our Current Commercial Energy Conservation Programs

- Conservation Surveys
- Commercial Lighting Service
- Solar Water Heating Rebates
- Solar Electric Interconnection
  and Buyback
- Gas Air Conditioning Rebate
- Gas Dehumidification Rebate
- Gas Water Heating Rebate
- Infra-Red Scanning Service



#### **Commercial Energy Survey Requests**



## **Commercial Lighting Service**

Approximately 50%
 Of Energy Used in
 Commercial Buildings
 is for Lighting



- Shared Savings Program
  - We provide lighting equipment and simple installation services
  - Customer repays GRU from savings
  - Customer can have neutral cash flow during repayment period

### Commercial Lighting Service Contract Activity (\$x1000/yr)



## **Energy Conservation Education**

- Energy Conservation Curriculum
  - working with Alachua County Schools
- Developed Conservation TV Ads
  - in response to workshop suggestions
- Solar Energy Curriculum
  - Solar in Schools Program for Alachua Co
- Energy Conservation Publications
  - for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses
- Information On Our Website:

#### www.gru.com

### **Duct Leakage Repair Pilot and Incentives**

- The Monster in the Attic
- Identify Customers Who May Benefit
- Identify Qualified Evaluation Contractors
- Identify Qualified Repair Contractors
- Determine Potential for Savings
- Determine Local Repair Costs
- Determine Maximum Incentive

## **Reducing Air Conditioning Needs**

- High Efficiency Central AC Sizing
- High Efficiency Room AC
- AC Maintenance
- Heat Pipe Enhanced AC
- Heat Recovery Units for Hot Water
- Mobile Home Roof Coatings

## **Helping Commercial Customers**

- Targeted Custom Incentives
  - Provide incentive for package of measures
  - Address the facility as a whole
  - Partner with customer and third-party integrators
- Thermal Energy Storage Systems
  - Reduce Peak Power Demand
  - Cost Effective for all ratepayers
- More Potential For Lighting Improvements

### More Help For Hard to Reach Customers

- Weatherization for low-income households
- Solar water heaters for low-income households
- Green building evaluations for apartments
- Counseling for payment-troubled customers

## Innovative Demand Response Initiatives

- Request for Proposals For Innovative
  Demand Side Management Programs
  - We issued to energy service companies, agencies and individuals
- We Will Pay For Measurable, Verifiable And Cost-Effective Energy and Power Conservation
- Due Date For Proposals: April 30, 2004

Next Steps to Implementing Additional Conservation Programs

- Evaluate Cost-Effectiveness Of New Proposals, Proposed and Existing Energy Conservation And Power Demand Reduction Programs
- Optimize Demand-Side Management Portfolio (2 MW current project impact)
- More Resources Needed To Increase Energy Conservation Activities