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SVC Case File AL00395

June 10, 2014

Shayla McNeill
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Dear GRU Attorney McNeill:

This office has finished its preliminary calculations regarding application of the 10% Public Service Tax shown on GRU customer bills. The application of this tax upon portions of customer bills has also been compared to a recently received Florida Attorney General's Advisory Legal Opinion (Opinion) dated June 7, 2013, which I recently supplied to your office. I received this Opinion from our complainant and I believe you will find the Opinion credible and relevant.

Our preliminary calculations reveal that potentially \$10.4 Million may have been collected by GRU beyond the limitations imposed by the Opinion. Consequently, there is cause to believe that the return of these monies to GRU's customers should be considered.

Mr. James Konish, who is our complainant in this case file reference above, has a copy of the preliminary calculations and I can arrange for him to release a copy to you upon your request.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

File Copy

John Caravella
SVC Office Manager

via U.S. First Class mail
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cc: The Honorable Ed Braddy
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