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Cc: "Shalley, Nicolle M." <shalleynm@cityofgainesville.org>; "Murnahan, Alice F." <murnahanaf@cityofgainesville.org>; "Viehe, Kathy E" <VIEHEKE@gru.com>; "Baxley, Robin L." <baxleyrl@gru.com>
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2014 4:13 PM
Subject: RE: Seniors vs Crime Letter - GRU Customer Bills.pdf

Nicolle & Kathy,

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If we feel there are grounds to challenge this preliminary opinion, then we need to discuss it and allow the Commission to provide appropriate action. Similarly, if your professional opinion is consistent with the preliminary finding, the Commission will still need to hear options on how to best expedite a refund while considering the financial impacts to the utility.

My last question would be whether we should schedule this for the June 19th meeting for discussion or if you need more time to sift through the findings and provide us with an assessment of financial impact and options for reimbursement.

Regards,
Ed

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Ed Braddy
Mayor
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From: Andrew, Devonia L.
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2014 2:23 PM
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Devonia

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Sent: Friday, June 13, 2014 7:10 PM
Subject: Re: Seniors vs Crime Letter - GRU Customer Bills.pdf

Hello Mayor Braddy - This is the volunteer group to whom Shayla and I responded via letter on May 28th and copied to the Commission. Mr. Konish initiated a complaint with this group and continues to provide them with his interpretation of the Statutes.

The City, along with every other city & utility we researched, interprets the Statutes differently than Mr. Konish does with respect to the application of the Municipal Public Service Tax to the customer charge.

Meanwhile, Mr. Konish is filing tax refund requests on behalf of individual customers, raising a myriad of other issues. Staff is thoroughly reviewing all of these issues. At this point, staff does not believe any refunds are due. Certainly, if staff finds that any refunds are due, they will be processed in accordance with the law.

In addition, the same staff continues to work on a memo to the RUC to thoroughly explain the application and collection of the Municipal Public Service Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, City Surcharge & County Surcharge to the RUC and Commission. However, this memo will not be completed by June 19th.

Feel free to call me if you have any further questions.

Sent from my iPhone

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