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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners, City of New Smyrna Beach
The Honorable Chair and Utilities Commissioners, City of New Smyrna Beach

RE: January 11, 2007, Joint Workshop Reference Information

Mayor Vandergriff has requested, in preparation for this meeting, that I provide background information to include studies, presentations, and relevant information regarding the topic of electrical power generation and supply.

Since September, 2005, shortly after my appointment to the UC, the UC staff and I have been examining the many complex aspects of generation and supply for New Smyrna Beach. The public workshops and meetings initiated in September, 2005, have detailed impacts from Hurricane Katrina and other seasonal impacts affecting our local costs and supply. Renewable energy information has been presented at several public meetings during the past year. Also presented were serious studies identifying top priority utility system needs for future water supply (for both potable and irrigation purposes) and for existing and new growth infrastructure. Albeit electrical generation is a significant current and going-forward issue, it would be unconscionable to supersede water supply and infrastructure priorities as a consequence of the electrical generation discussion process.

The enclosed CD is voluminous and is separated into topical educational and reference files. It also includes abundant, and sometimes competing, perspectives. A number of documents are included for ease of reference should you wish to compare previously presented information. Some information may be timely, such as the Kyoto impacts, emissions, and carbon taxes/profit funds. As an experienced industry professional, my presentation will promote substantive discussion of this topic and, by necessity, related topics.

New Smyrna Beach has had an unfortunate history of hasty decision-making impacting the UC in many perspectives. Given that I had not originated this meeting, a preliminary discussion outline will be conveyed to you and is intended to be only a starting point for your joint meeting discussions.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Rodi

CD Attachment:

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