

GRU Residential New Rate Structure Is Merely a Cost-Shift **– NOT “SAVINGS”**

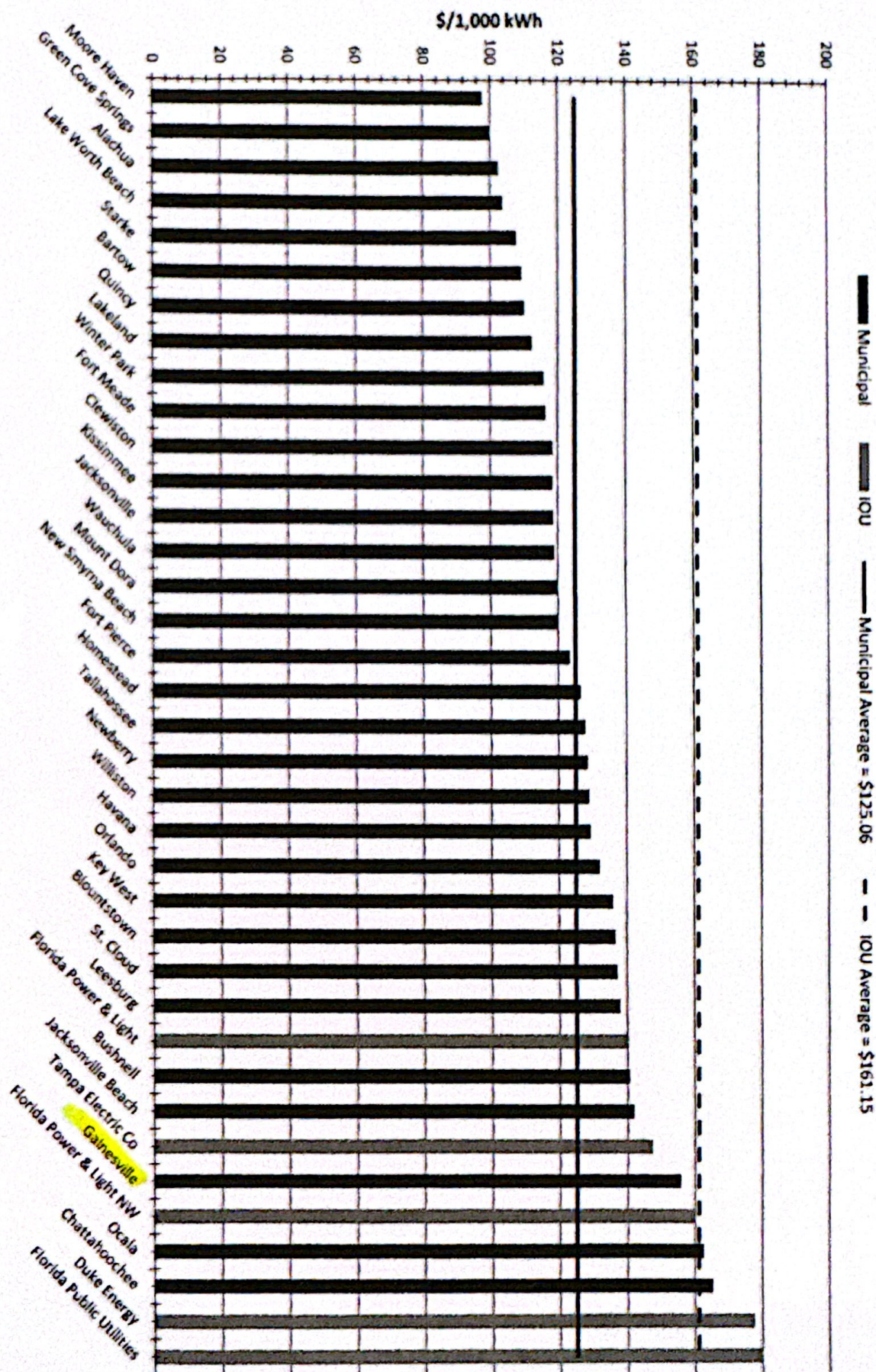
Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) has changed its residential electric rate structure by expanding the lower-priced Tier of electricity. Previously customers paid the lower “Tier 1” rate for the first 850 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of power each month, and any usage above that was charged at a higher “Tier 2” rate. Starting in 2025, the Tier 1 threshold has been raised to 1,000 kWh, meaning more of a household’s monthly usage is now billed at the cheaper rate of 8.48 cents per kWh. Only usage above 1000 kWh falls into Tier 2, which was been increased from 11.2 cents to 12.1 cents per kWh to balance out the change.

GRU claims that for most residential GRU electric customers, this shift means lower bills. Households using between 850 and 1000 kWh per month will now pay less because a larger share of their electricity is charged at the lower rate. For example, a customer using exactly 1,000 kWh each month will save \$4.05 on their bill. Those using 850 kWh or less will not see any change because they were already being billed fully in the lower Tier. Higher use households above 1450 will pay more without limit since the higher usage rate above 1,000 kWh has gone up. GRU has refused to say if this change to their residential electric rate structure is revenue-neutral.

Bielarski's Claimed \$30 "Savings" on GRU
In City Residential 1000MW Electric Bill
10/23-3/25

- - \$4.05: Change in Rate Structure (Cost Shift – Not Saving) (Kwh 1-1000: 0.0848 - increased from 850) (1000 Kwh up 11.2 increased to 12.1)
- + \$16.75: Increase in 96 Gal. Garbage (Within City)
 - a. 10/23 @ \$32.75
 - b. 3/25 @ \$48.40
- + \$0.60 Stormwater
 - a. 10/23 @ \$10.40
 - b. 3/25 @ \$11.00
- Fuel Adjustment Charge - \$15.00
 - a. 10/23 @ 0.05 Kwh
 - b. 3/25 @ 0.35 Kwh
- Elimination of Winter Max for GRU Wastewater
- County Surcharge
- Pyramiding of Taxes & Surcharges
- Fuel Levelization Balance
 - a. 10/23 @ \$4,541
 - b. 10/24 @ \$5,670

1,000 kWh Residential Bill Comparison: October 2023 Municipals & IOUs, Lowest to Highest



1,000 kWh Residential Bill Comparison: July 2025 Municipals & IOUs, Lowest to Highest

