## UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL

A guide for residential and non-demand business customers

1 SERVICE ADDRESS
Physical location service is being provided

## 2 security deposit

If you have a cash deposit on file with GRU, it will be listed here.

## 3 UTILITIES

Charges for GRU services used during the billing period.

## 4 City of gainesville

Charges for City of Gainesville
services such as garbage
pickup and stormwater.
GRU assists the city in billing for these services as a convenience so customers can avoid the need to make a separate payment.

## 5 taxes and surcharges

Various state, county and city
taxes and surcharges assessed
for utility services.

## 6 ADJustments \&

## SERVICE CHARGES

Any adjustments to your balance or other charges, such as late fees, rebates and interest earned on your security deposit.

7 PREVIOUS BILL ACTIVITY Summary of previous balance payments received and any outstanding balance forward.

## BILL FRONT



## 8 account

Each service address has a unique 12-digit account number. Include it on all payments and correspondence

## 9 bill date

Date on which your bill was prepared and sent

## 10 ACCOUNT SUMMARY

 Summary of account balance, which includes current charges, adjustments and any balance forward.
## 11 due by

Latest date to submit payment for new charges and avoid a late fee.

## 12 AVERAGE DAILY

 CONSUMPTIONInformation helpful for understanding seasonal changes in your bill. Provides comparisons of the current month's usage with last month and last year for electricity, gas and water. Includes average temperature and rainfall data to show how weather may have affected usage

## 13 messages

Important messages, including tip on how to lower your bill and save money.

## 14 PAYMENT STUB

Please detach and return with payment if paying by mail or in person. GRU offers several othe convenient payment options.
Go to www.gru.com or see the back of your envelope for details.

15 total amount due Pay this amount to keep your account current.

## A service details

In the header, find information about when and how meters were read and total consumption for that month.

## B CUSTOMER CHARGE

 Basic charge to cover costs of making electric, gas, water and wastewater services available when you need it.
## C USE CHARGES

Calculated by multiplying usage by the appropriate rate.
Billing Tiers: You can lower your electric and water bill by paying close attention to this section. GRU's rates are tiered which means the price per unit goes up for higher levels of usage to reflect the higher costs associated with providing that electricity or water.

## D FUEL ADJUSTMENTS

The Electric Fuel Adjustment and Purchased Gas Adjustment are used to recover fuel costs. GRU makes no profit on fuel.

## E GRAPH

Thirteen months of usage data to show seasonal trends and how changes in use affect the bill.

## F ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION

 Total amount of electricity used duringthe billing period measured in kilowatt hours (kWh).
Present reading: $\quad 74,573$ Previous reading: $\quad-73,670$
Difference: $\quad 903$
Meter multiplier:
Electric consumption: $\quad 903 \mathrm{kWh}$

## G meter multiplier

Meters can measure usage differently depending on the manufacturer. The meter multiplier is used to calculate consumption.
For most residential electric and water customers, the multiplier is 1 . For most residential natural gas customers, the multiplier is 1.017 .


## H NEXT METER READ

Approximate date of next meter reading

## $J$ BTU FACTOR

Monthly variable used to convert cubic feet to therms and calculate gas consumption; typical value is 1.020 .

## K GAS CONSUMPTION

Total amount of natural gas used during the billing period measured in therms.
Present reading: 3,221 Ccf

Previous reading: -3,204 Ccf
Difference: 17

| Meter multiplier: $\quad \times \quad 1.017$ |  |
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|  | 17.289 Ccf |

BTU Factor: x 1.020
Gas Consumption: 17.635

## $L$ METER READ TYPE

This will state "ACTUAL" if GRU was able to access the meter for reading It will state "ESTIMATED" if GRU was unable to read the meter (For example, if access to the meter was blocked by a locked gate). GRU will adjust for actual consumption the next time the meter is read

## $M$ dAYS OF SERVICE

The number of days in this billing period.

## N WATER CONSUMPTION

 Total amount of water used during the billing period measured in thousands of gallons (kGals). Present reading: 1113 kGals Previous reading: $\quad-1101 \mathrm{kGals}$ Difference: 12 Meter multiplier: x 1 Water Consumption: 12 kGals
## $P$ WASTEWATER CONSUMPTION

 For most residential customers, wastewater is not a metered service. Instead, wastewater charges are based on the amount of water used during a particular month or a customer's "winter max." GRU uses whichever amount is lower. Winter max is determined by water consumption that appears on the January and February bills. Depending on when your meter is read, this consumption will be based on the amount of water you used in December, January or February.