

**Preliminary Recommendations
Regulatory and Legislative Policy Committee
October 2008**

Purchaser of Wholesale Electricity Recommendation

ReWa should partner with energy consultants and state legislature to evaluate the viability of becoming a wholesale purchaser of electricity, the appropriate timing of such action and the steps needed.

Retail Recommendation

ReWa should identify opportunities and the related legislative actions needed to expand into businesses that complement our primary services.

Multiple-use of Rights-of-way Recommendation

ReWa should investigate opportunities related to multiple-use rights-of-way, especially as related to reuse conveyance. Intergovernmental agreements with other agencies should be put in place now to address any related issues that may arise with multiple-use rights-of way.

Residential Capacity Allocation Recommendation

ReWa should work with DHEC to appropriately adjust the Unit Contributory Load per residence when determining wastewater treatment plant capacity because of the advances and widespread use of water conservative fixtures; and improved residential service and collection line quality currently utilized in residential construction.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity Allocation Recommendation

ReWa should partner with DHEC and the legislature to consider a new methodology to determine when expansion of wastewater treatment plants should occur in light of permitted flows.

Recommendations reassigned from Technical Committee – Growth workgroup

1. Support county or regional policies that maintain or reduce the ratio of land development increase to population increase through higher density infill development. **Issue/importance:** Reducing the growth ratio will minimize sprawl and thus decrease the need for more wastewater infrastructure to build and maintain (and so reduced costs to ReWa).
2. Support county or multi-county policies that encourage planned wastewater infrastructure to areas of desired growth. **Issue/importance:** This is a proactive approach to better manage growth that will enable better more informed decisions on capital projects.

3. Encourage support and work with the County to proactively plan for future growth areas based on the availability of public facilities and services including wastewater treatment. **Issue/importance:** This could be a potential way to help accomplish the first issue and should be high priority. Proactive land use planning based on availability of facilities will reduce overall infrastructure costs and greatly reduce impact on existing facilities.
4. Plan wastewater transportation and treatment facilities for areas within the ReWa boundaries that do not presently have sewer service. The plan should include temporary and permanent facilities to accommodate initial and progressive growth, as well as, ultimate build-out of these areas. **Issue/importance:** The plan will provide information that will assist in land use planning and reduce the overall cost of the wastewater transportation and treatment.