

The Florida Public Service Commission narrowly has approved Gainesville's proposal to build a 100-megawatt wood-burning power plant in a hearing in Tallahassee, reversing course from February, when the commission was poised to deny the project before giving city officials more time to answer commissioners' concerns.

The PSC, a five-member board that regulates the state's utilities, voted 3-2 in favor of the project: Lisa Polak Edgar, David Klement and **Nathan Skop** voted in favor of it, while Chairwoman Nancy Argenziano and Ben "Steve" Stevens were against it.

Under a 30-year contract with Gainesville Regional Utilities, the Boston-based company American Renewables will build, own and operate the plant, to be called the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center.