## Supervisors Hold Over Utility Company Study

Supervisor Gary Patton's recommendation that county do a study on whether it can become the local electric company was held over one week by action of the board Tuesday.

Patton, in response to recent increases in PG&L's power rates, said that among other alternatives and protests the county should determine if it can afford to start up a utility company.

"As the (state government) paper points out, communities which have municipal utilities are experiencing much lower energy rates than those now being served by

PG&E and other large public utilities."

Supervisor Dan Forbus said the suggestion needed a certain amount of reasoned debate and asked that it be

held over for one week.

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