



Commission Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
**May 13, 2025**  
**2:00 P.M.**

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**Present:**

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Larry Mills, President  
Roger Chapin, First Vice President  
Linda Landman Gonzalez, Second Vice President  
Britta Gross, Commissioner

Clint Bullock, General Manager & Chief Executive Officer  
Attila Miszti, Chief Operating Officer  
Chris Browder, Chief Legal Officer  
Linda Ferrone, Chief Customer & Marketing Officer  
Christopher McCullion, Chief Financial Officer  
Michael Murtagh, Chief Transformation & Technology Officer  
Latisha Thompson, Chief Employee Experience Officer  
LeMoyne Adams, Orlando Alancastro, Luz Aviles, Jaison Busby, Jenise Osani, Vice Presidents  
Frances Johnson, Recording Secretary

The May 13, 2025 Commission Meeting was held in person at the Orlando Utilities Commission's Reliable Plaza Commission Chambers.

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President Mills asked Carlos Woody to provide the Safety and Security protocols for the meeting.

**Moment of Reflection**

President Mills asked Rebecca Greenberg to provide the moment of reflection.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Mills asked Kevin Sacco to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Call to Order**

The Commission Meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M. President Mills noted that Mayor Buddy Dyer was not in attendance, acknowledging a quorum was present.

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**Consideration of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Commissioner Landman Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Gross and unanimously carried, the reading of the April 8, 2025 Commission Meeting minutes was waived, and the minutes were approved.

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**Employee / Community Recognition**

Luz Aviles provided a brief overview of OUC's community volunteer events during Earth Month. She highlighted two community clean-up events: one on April 19<sup>th</sup> and in partnership with Keep Orlando Beautiful at Bill Frederick Park, and the other on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in partnership with Orlando Sports Foundation at Lake Lorna Doone Park. Refer to the appendix and video for more information.

Linda Ferrone announced OUC's recognition as a 2024 Utility Customer Champion, placing first among electric utilities in Florida and the southern region, and second nationally in a nationwide customer survey. The 2024



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residential study engaged over 60,000 residential customers of 142 utilities across the country, focusing on human behavior and analytics. President Mills expressed appreciation to the leadership team for being role models and setting the example for employees to follow. Refer to the appendix for more information.

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**Affirmative Items**

Clint Bullock asked Orlando Alancastro, VP of Transmission, to present on Affirmative Item A-12, Energy Management System (EMS) Replacement project. Mr. Alancastro provided an overview of OUC's two Pershing control centers and their reliance on the EMS. He explained the EMS key functions and historical background, and highlighted OUC's evolving needs and actions taken to upgrade the EMS. He emphasized the need for a technology upgrade, highlighting the improvements required by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) in resiliency, cybersecurity, and a modernized user interface.

Commissioner Gross asked if the EMS is well established and vetted nationally, acknowledging the importance of this transition and its implementation and testing process. Mr. Alancastro confirmed that the system is broadly utilized and explained that the current EMS will run in parallel with the new system to ensure redundancy and thorough testing before officially retiring the existing EMS. Refer to the appendix for more information.

President Mills presented the affirmative items for Approval.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Commissioner Gross and seconded by Commissioner Chapin, Affirmative Items A-1 through A-30 were approved as follows:

1. Ratification of the fuel procurements to the most responsive and responsible bidders in January 2025, in the aggregate amount of \$16,830,598.53 as follows:

**NATURAL GAS PURCHASES <sup>(1)</sup>:**

|              |                                    |                 |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| January 2025 | Clarke-Mobile Counties             | \$ 545,600.00   |
| January 2025 | ConocoPhillips                     | \$ 101,736.00   |
| January 2025 | EDF Trading                        | \$ 1,209,938.38 |
| January 2025 | Florida Gas Utility                | \$ 330,865.16   |
| January 2025 | Gas South                          | \$ 175,213.88   |
| January 2025 | Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia | \$ 2,344,237.24 |
| January 2025 | Pathpoint Energy                   | \$ 3,787,593.77 |
| January 2025 | Radiate Energy                     | \$ 991,055.59   |
| January 2025 | Tenaska Gas Storage, LLC           | \$ 1,352,309.32 |
| January 2025 | Texla Energy Management            | \$ 1,531,510.50 |

**COAL PURCHASES:**

|              |                           |                 |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| January 2025 | Crimson Coal Corporation  | \$ 4,045,261.72 |
| January 2025 | Foresight Coal Sales, LLC | \$ 415,276.97   |

2. Approval of an OUC initiated scope change and conforming Change Order No. 1 to NextEnergy Resources, LLC in the amount of \$249,600 to continue providing interim Executive Director services to the Florida Municipal Power Pool, increasing the total Purchase Order amount to \$344,600;
3. Approval of an OUC initiated scope change and conforming Change Order No. 1 to Air Centers of Florida, Inc. in the amount of \$197,222 to provide equipment and commissioning services, increasing the total Purchase Order amount to \$288,333;

4. Approval of RFP #8278 - Contract award to Cathcart Construction Company – Florida, LLC, the lowest, most responsive and responsible proposal, for construction services in the amount of \$200,000;
5. Authorization for the General Manager & CEO to execute a Contractual Service Agreement with GE Vernova International LLC at an estimated aggregate cost to OUC of \$65,857,000, subject to final OUC legal review and approval. Approval of a Capital Expenditure Estimate for the capital costs associated with the Contractual Service Agreement, which includes a milestone outage adjustment, quarterly payments for outage services, and a new GT rotor and stators in the amount of \$53,227,000. Approval of a sole source Purchase Order to GE Vernova International LLC to provide a new Gas Turbine rotor, parts, outage services and repairs, program management services, additional warranties, and automated performance monitoring to be provided by GE Vernova International LLC under the terms of the Contractual Service Agreement in the aggregate amount of \$65,857,000;
6. Approval of an OUC initiated scope change and conforming Change Order No. 2 to Accurate Power and Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$121,240 to continue providing Water Production with emergency generator inspection, preventative maintenance, and repair services, increasing the total Purchase Order amount to \$321,099;
7. Authorization for the General Manager & CEO to execute the Project and Reimbursement Agreement with Dr. Phillips, Inc. for the Packing District Water Main Extension Project. Approval of a Capital Expenditure Estimate for construction services necessary for the Packing District Water Main Extension Project in the amount of \$1,667,753.47. Approval of a Purchase Order to Dr. Phillips, Inc. for reimbursement of construction, administration, and inspection costs in the amount of \$1,405,458.72;
8. Approval of the Capital Expenditure Estimate for the installation of the underground electric distribution system to serve the Cross Prairie Subdivision - Edgewater Development 6 Phase 1A in the amount of \$659,740.29, with a customer contribution in the amount of \$163,513;
9. Approval of the Capital Expenditure Estimate for the Neptune Road Widening and Improvement Project is required for the relocation of electric distribution facilities along Neptune Road in the amount of \$2,128,382.14;
10. Approval of Change Request No. 1 to the Capital Expenditure Estimate in the amount of \$417,999.82 for additional construction costs for the Partin Settlement Road Widening & Improvement Project, increasing the total project cost to \$1,003,571.27;
11. Authorization for the General Manager & CEO to execute an Affected System Facilities Construction Agreement for Network Upgrades to Duke Energy's Transmission System. Approval of a Purchase Order to Duke Energy Florida, LLC d/b/a Duke Energy for transmission system network upgrades in the amount of \$118,500,800;
12. Approval of a Capital Expenditure Estimate for the Energy Management System – Replacement Project in the amount of \$9,250,832. Approval of a Purchase Order to Open System International, Inc. d/b/a AspenTech Digital Grid Management to provide professional implementation services in the amount of \$1,743,456. Approval of RFP #7429 – Contract award to Open System International, Inc. d/b/a AspenTech Digital Grid Management, the most responsive and responsible proposal, to provide Energy Management System software licenses, support, and maintenance services in the amount of \$3,385,390;
13. Approval of a Purchase Order to Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company Inc. for Operational Technology professional and managed services necessary to replace the Remote Terminal Units at two substations in the amount of \$300,000;

14. Approval of a Purchase Order to Leidos Engineering, LLC to provide engineering and support services for the Michigan Substation Breaker Relay Upgrade Project in the amount of \$195,000;
15. Approval of a sole source Purchase Order to Vendor No. 100000 to provide software patch assessment subscription and support in the amount of \$432,280;
16. Approval of an OUC initiated scope change and conforming Change Order No. 1 to KEMCO Industries, LLC in the amount of \$324,461 to provide substation protection and control switchboard panels for the Turkey Lake Substation, increasing the total Purchase Order amount to \$395,519;
17. Approval of a Purchase Order to Qualus, LLC to provide relay installation, testing, and commissioning services necessary for multiple transmission capital improvement projects in the aggregate amount of \$2,200,000;
18. Approval of a sole source Purchase Order to CGI Technologies & Solutions Inc. to continue providing software maintenance and support services in the amount of \$898,800;
19. Approval of Change Request No. 1 to the Capital Expenditure Estimate in the amount of \$4,200,000 for the procurement of the substation transformers necessary for the Pershing Substation Transformers Replacement Project, increasing the total project cost to \$4,299,750. Approval of a Purchase Order to Prolec-GE Waukesha, Inc. for two substation transformers in the amount of \$4,200,000;
20. Approval of an OUC initiated scope change and conforming Change Order No. 1 to Greencastle Associates Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$140,000 to continue providing professional and managed services, increasing the total Purchase Order amount to \$227,565;
21. Approval of a Purchase Order to CDW Government LLC for hardware, maintenance, and support in the amount of \$103,854;
22. Approval of a Purchase Order to Presidio Networked Solutions, LLC for implementation of services and software in the amount of \$244,445;
23. Approval of a Purchase Order to AHEAD, INC. for hardware, software, implementation services, and maintenance and support in the amount of \$466,023;
24. Approval of a sole source Purchase Order to Unify, Inc. for maintenance and support services in the amount of \$652,624.05;
25. Approval of a Purchase Order to Vetrina Way Investments LLC DBA Interior Contract Services to provide office furniture, demountable wall systems, and space optimization services in the amount of \$850,000;
26. Approval of a Capital Expenditure Estimate for the Caterpillar Wheel Loader Refurbishment in the amount of \$542,469. Approval of a sole source Purchase Order to Ring Power Corporation to refurbish the 2016 Caterpillar 980M wheel loader under the Second Life Rebuild Program in the amount of \$542,469;
27. Approval of additional funding in the amount of \$2,534,000 with conforming Change Order No. 1 to Genuine Parts Company to provide turnkey parts and on-site operation services, increasing the total Purchase Order amount to \$9,034,000;



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28. Approval of an OUC initiated scope change and conforming Change Order No. 1 to HydraDry, Inc.; Ironrock Commercial Construction, LLC; Matcon Construction Services, Inc.; Ovation Construction Company; S.A. Casey Construction; and The Watauga Company in the amount of \$300,000 to continue providing general contracting services, increasing the total Purchase Orders aggregate amount to \$1,300,000;
29. Approval of RFP #7762 - Contract award to EA Engineering, Science, and Technology Inc., the lowest, most responsive, and responsible proposal to implement and provide a cloud-based environmental compliance management software solution in the amount of \$173,000;
30. Authorization for the General Manager & CEO to grant an easement to Gamma Properties, LLC, located within the OUC Railroad property located south of the southerly extension of Florida Crown Drive, subject to final legal review.

Commissioner Gross expressed appreciation for OUC's prudence in ordering long lead time transformers under Affirmative Item A-19 to avoid undue project delays.

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### **New Business**

Mr. Bullock asked Chris McCullion to present the TruNet Solar Tariff Revision. Refer to the appendix for more information.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Commissioner Chapin, seconded by Commissioner Gross and unanimously carried, New Business Item 1 was adopted as follows:

NB-1 Adoption of the proposed TruNet Solar policy change effective July 1, 2025, pending Florida Public Service Commission review.

### **Presentation**

Chris McCullion presented the April 2025 Financial Report. Refer to the appendix for more information.

### **General Manager's Comments**

Jenise Osani, Vice President of Customer Experience & Sales, announced the official launch of OUC's newly redesigned website, OUC.com, aimed at enhancing customer engagement. She outlined the website's importance in providing a more seamless and user-friendly experience, then highlighted the key design features. Refer to the appendix for more information.

Kevin Noonan, Director of Legislative Affairs, provided the Federal and State Legislative update. He began with an overview of the federal and regulatory legislative themes and the key executive orders. He then outlined key State bills of interest and their anticipated impacts on the utilities industry. Mr. Bullock added that OUC is prepared to comply with a State bill which requires removal of fluoride from its water treatment system if the bill is signed by the Governor. Commissioner Landman Gonzalez inquired on the amount of fluoride that is added to OUC's water verses what is naturally in the water. Mr. Brad Jewell, the Director of Water Production, responded that 1.4 milligrams per liter naturally occurs in OUC's water and an additional 0.7 milligrams per liter as recommended by Center for Disease Control (CDC) is added. Refer to the appendix for more information.

Mr. Bullock announced the Grand Opening of OUC's Solar Energy Centers: The Harmony II Solar Energy Center and the Storey Bend Solar Energy Center. Further, explaining the OUC Sun Choice program which includes AdventHealth and Comcast NBCUniversal. Refer to the appendix for more information.

He concluded with remarks observing Memorial Day, honoring the veterans and OUC employees who have served in the U.S. military. He explained the significance of the Missing Man Table, a poignant symbol for those missing in



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action, prisoners of war, or those who made the ultimate sacrifice. He also recognized Latisha's team for their thoughtful efforts in setting up the display.

**Commissioners' Comments**


Commissioner Gross expressed gratitude to OUC for its hard work and for providing updates, especially regarding the Solar Energy Center Update. She also appreciated the proactive approach to preordering the equipment needed for operations, as well as the strategy used in running the two control centers.

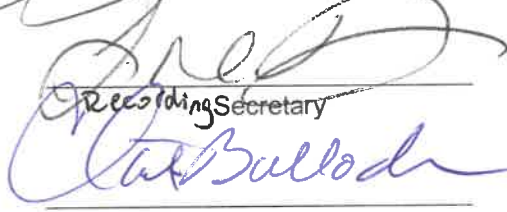
Commissioner Landman Gonzalez recognized OUC for their work in the community, stating it is not only good for the brand but also good for the community. She wished OUC well with its Energy Management System Replacement project.

Commissioner Chapin agreed it was a great meeting.

President Mills echoed Mr. Bullock's sentiments, encouraging everyone to reflect on the Missing Man Table located outside the Commission Chambers. He acknowledged Jenise Osani and the marketing team for their efforts in upgrading OUC.com. To conclude, he expressed appreciation for Kevin Noonan's thorough overview of Federal and State legislative affairs.

President Mills adjourned the meeting at 3:20 P.M.

  
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President

  
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Recording Secretary

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## **APPENDIX**

### **Employee/Community Recognition**

Community Volunteer Events

Escalent Customer Champion

### **Affirmative Items**

A-12 Energy Management System (EMS) Replacement

### **New Business**

NB-1 - TruNet Solar Tariff Revision

### **Presentation**

Financial Report

### **General Manager**

OUC.com Website Redesign Project Update

Federal & State Legislative Update

Grand Opening of OUC's Largest Solar Project

**Community Recognition**

Community Volunteer Events



# Community Volunteer Events



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Luz Aviles, Vice President, Marketing & New Products      05/13/25

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# Earth Month – Keeping Orlando Beautiful



- 80 Employees & Family
- 2 Locations
- 5 Hours

## 2 Community Clean-ups

- Turkey Lake: Bill Frederick Park
- Downtown: Lake Lorna Doone Park



# OUC's Quarterly Employee Volunteer Event

**720**  
**POUNDS**  
**OF INVASIVE**  
**PLANTS &**  
**8 POUNDS**  
**OF LITER**  
**REMOVED!**

The team at  
Bill Frederick Park



Video:

<https://youtu.be/cRViXd32rBE>



# + 10 Earth Month Events Orange & Osceola



## **Employee Recognition**

Escalent Customer Champion

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# Escalent Customer Champion



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Linda Ferrone,  
Chief Customer & Marketing Officer

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# Escalent 2024 Utility Customer Champion

**#1 in Florida**

**#1 in Southern Region**

**#2 in the nation**

*Among 142 utilities nationally*



# Engaged Customer Relationship



## Service Satisfaction

- Safety and Reliability

## Brand Trust

- Company Reputation

## Program Experience

- Product Usage



**Affirmative Items**

**A-12 Energy Management System (EMS) Replacement**

# Energy Management System (EMS) Replacement



Orlando Alancastro, Vice President  
of Transmission

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# Agenda

- Who uses the EMS and why
- EMS functions, background, and needs
- Procurement process
- Additional requirements

# Who & Why?

- Two Control Centers at Pershing
- Energy Control Center
  - 24x7x365 real-time monitoring
  - Balancing Authority Agent for the Florida Municipal Power Pool (FMPP) for FMPPA and Lakeland
  - Centralized Transmission Operator (CTOP) for KUA, Beaches Energy and City of Lake Worth Beach
- Distribution Control Center
  - Circuit breaker status & control
  - Outage restoration
  - Switching and tagging



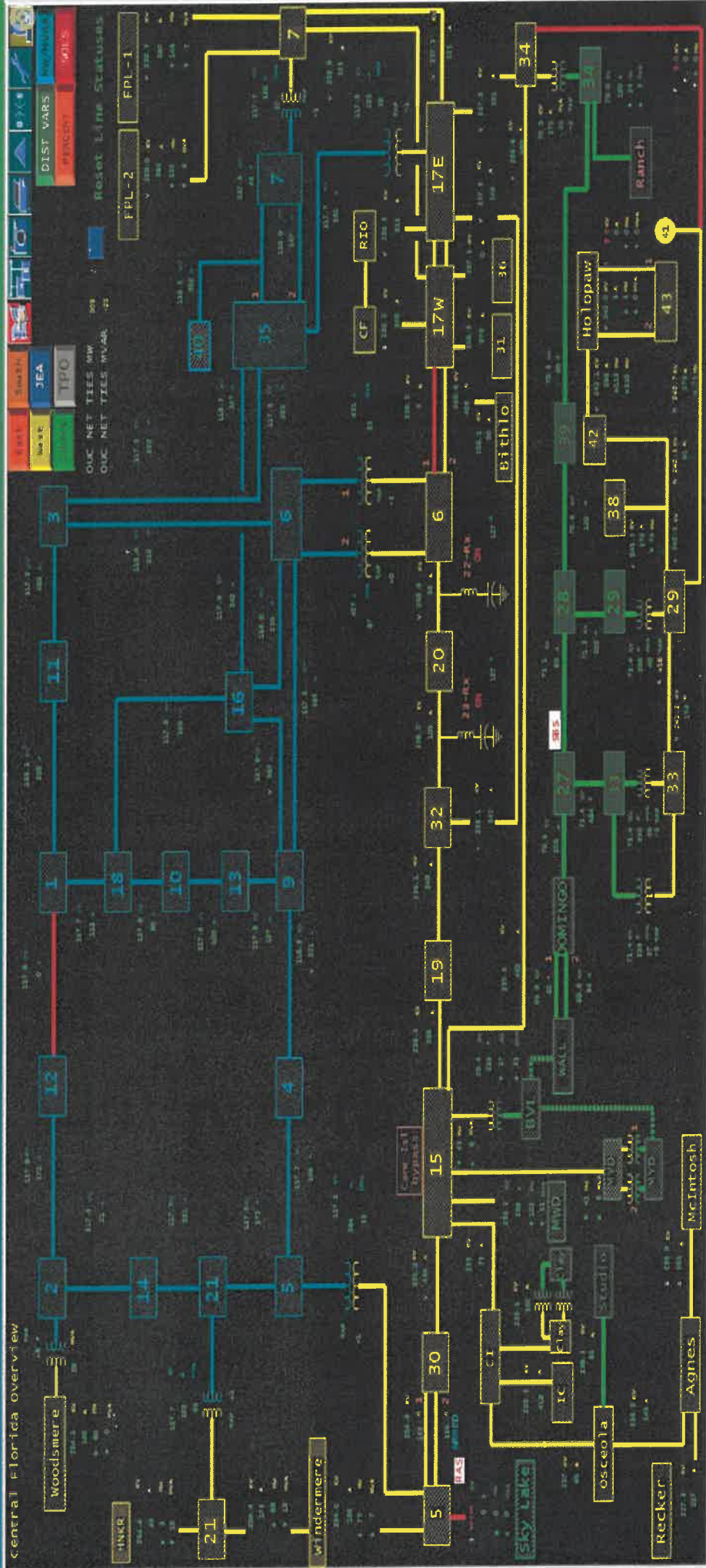
# EMS Functions

- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)
  - Remote control of breakers and switches within the Substation
  - Monitoring of alarms
  - Provides information on system status (voltage, current, power)
- Automatic Generation Control (AGC)
- Contingency Analysis
- Historical Database of measured values
- Training simulator and system modeling

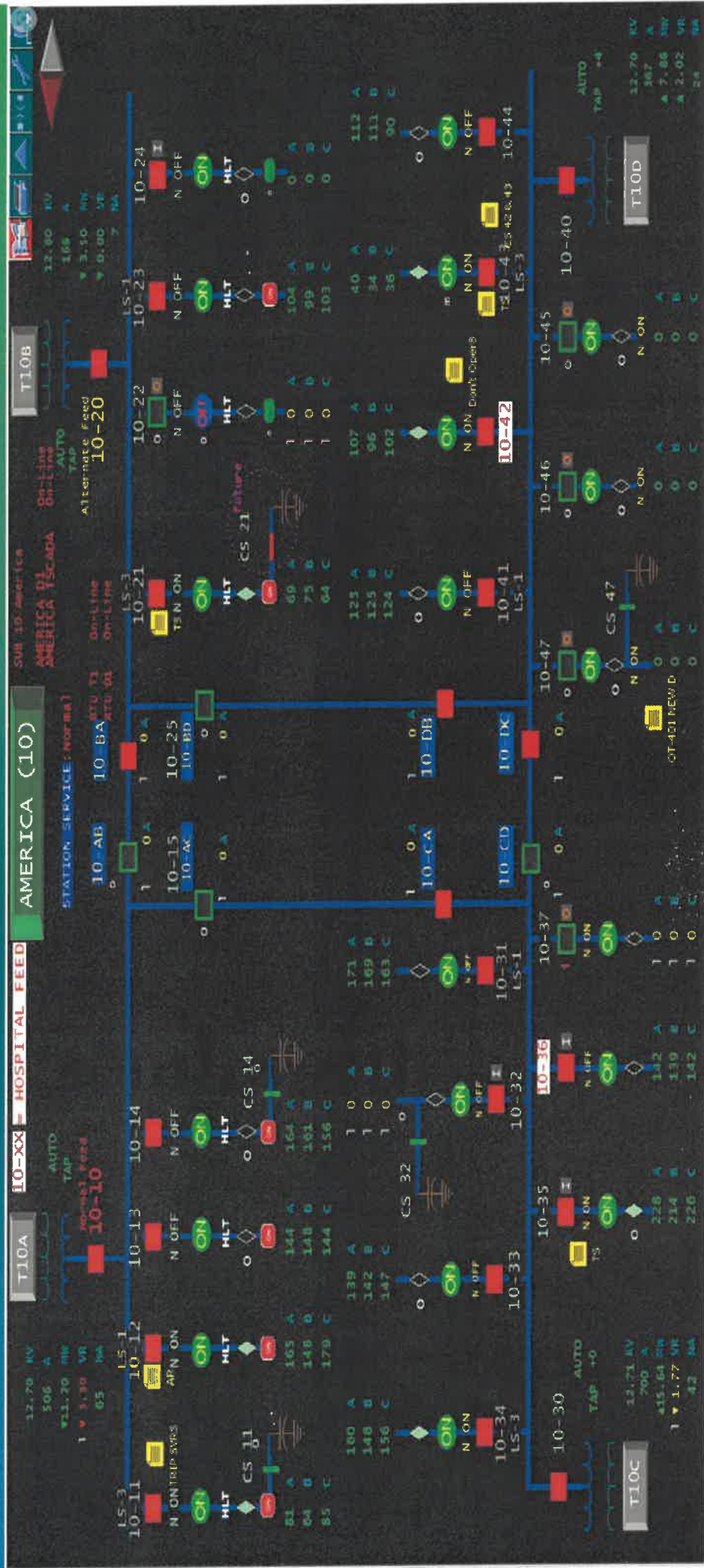
# OUC EMS Background

- 1980 - First EMS installed – Landis & Gyr system
- 1992 - Landis & Gyr becomes Telegyr, and a new system is installed
- 2003 – Telegyr is acquired by Siemens
- 2008 – Siemens Power TG is installed
  - Current application is now 17 years old
  - Siemens is no longer providing enhancements
  - User-base is decreasing as utilities move to newer systems

# OUC EMS Background



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# OUC Evolving Needs

- Integration of additional intermittent resources
- Complexity of managing generation resources in the most economical manner
- Increased operator training needs and simulation modeling
- Increased cyber security posture
- Product stability and enhancements



# Procurement Process

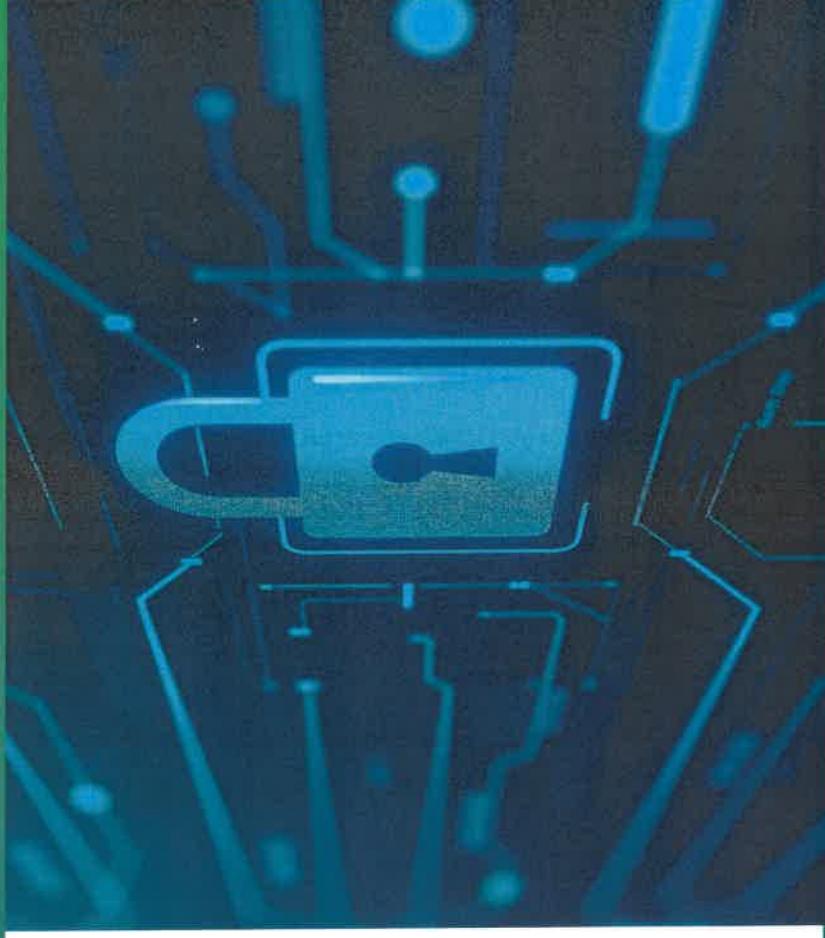
- EMS team and Procurement conducted research to assess available products and functionality
- Development of a Request for Proposal
  - Highly technical specifications
  - Software and Hardware requirements
  - Extensive future functionality needs
- Off the shelf solution with professional services support desired

# Vendor Selection

- Solicited bids from suppliers of Energy Management Systems
- Two vendors returned proposals that met requirements
- AspenTech's Monarch application was selected
  - Demonstration capabilities
  - Limited 3<sup>rd</sup> party software requirements
  - Responsiveness and limited exceptions to technical requirements
  - Other Florida municipal entities currently use the system

# System Requirements

- Resiliency
  - New servers
  - VMWare for virtualization of the operating environments
  - Redundant systems to support critical operations
- Enhanced cyber security
  - New firewalls and switches
  - Endpoint protection
- Modernized user interface
  - New workstations



# Recommended Action

- Commission approval of a Capital Expenditure Estimate for the EMS Replacement Project in the amount of \$9,250,832.
  - OUC will receive partial reimbursement from the FMPP and CTOP members based on contractual agreements.
- Commission approval of a Purchase Order to Aspen Tech to provide professional implementation services in the amount of \$1,743,456.
- Commission approval of a Purchase Order to Aspen Tech to provide Energy Management System software licenses, support, and maintenance services in the amount of \$3,385,390.

## **New Business**

**NB-1 - TruNet Solar Tariff Revision**

# NB-1 - TruNet Solar Tariff Revision

- In December 2024, the Board approved the TruNet Solar tariff effective July 1, 2025, as part of its PeakSHIFT approval
- Billing system modifications necessary to accommodate the TruNet Solar billing changes will not be completed prior to July 1, 2025
  - Expected date is tentatively March 2026
- Methods to manually bill the impacted customers between July 2025 and when the billing system modifications are complete have been investigated and are not cost effective, which would have negative impacts on the timeline for implementing the PeakSHIFT components
- The TruNet Solar tariff needs to be revised to allow for the continued use of the current billing method until the billing system modifications are complete
  - New rooftop solar customers, both those submitting an Interconnection Application for their current premise and new account holders of properties with existing rooftop solar systems, will temporarily receive the full retail value until the billing system modifications are complete
- Ongoing communication will inform impacted customers of the change
- Recommended Action: Commission adoption of the proposed TruNet Solar policy change effective July 1, 2025, pending Florida Public Service Commission review

**Presentation**

Financial Report.



# Financial Report (preliminary)

|   | FYTD       |          |      |
|---|------------|----------|------|
|   | April 2025 |          |      |
| \$ in millions                          | Actual     | Budget   | % Δ  |
| Retail and Wholesale Electric Revenues  | \$ 302.0   | \$ 299.1 | 1.0% |
| Water, Chilled Water and Other Revenues | 113.3      | 112.4    | 0.8% |
| Total Revenues, excluding Fuel Revenues | \$ 415.3   | \$ 411.5 | 0.9% |

## Overview

- Total Revenues excluding Fuel Revenues were \$3.8 million over Budget, net of deferrals, driven by increased variability in weather temperatures, resulting in higher-than-expected cooling and heating degree days.

**General Manager**

OUC.com Website Redesign Project Update

# OUC.com Website Redesign

## Project Update



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Jenise Osani, Vice President,  
Customer Experience & Sales

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# Goals & Objectives

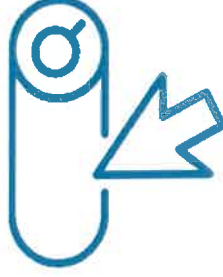
- Design Mobile-First
- Optimize Content and Content Management
- Continue to Promote Self-Service Adoption
- Enhance and Promote Key Programs and Services
- Generate Leads and Revenue
- Maintain OUC Brand Consistency

# Enhanced Features



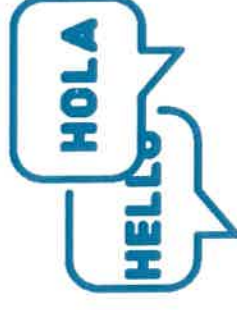
## A Modern Look- on Any Screen

- Intuitively adapts to phone, tablet or desktop
- Fully compliant with ADA standards



## Easier Navigation

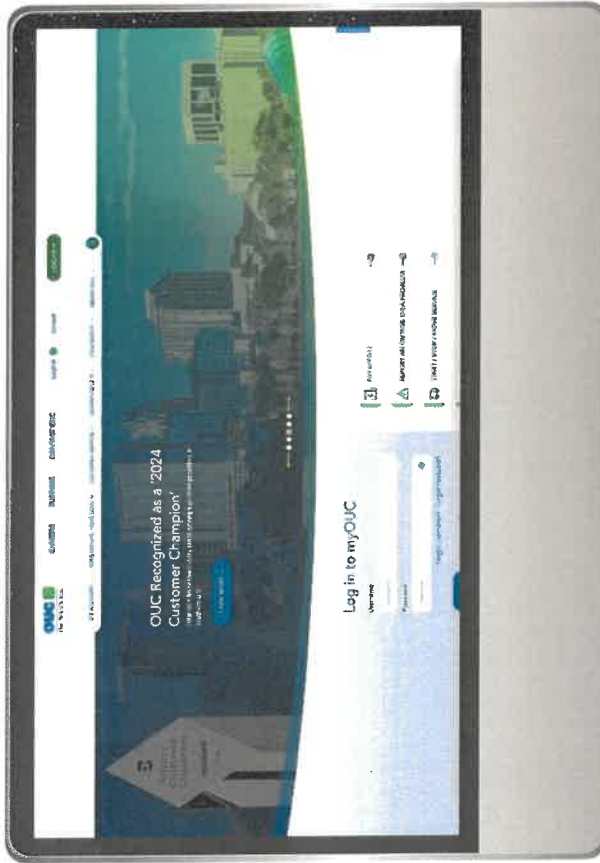
- Streamlined navigation
- Quicker and easier access for customers to information and support



## English and Español

- OUC.com, and now myOUC.com

# New OUC.com



**MY ACCOUNT** **SOLUTIONS & PROGRAMS** **CUSTOMER SERVICE** **SUSTAINABILITY** **COMMUNITY** **ABOUT OUC**

**English** **Español** **LOG IN**

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Take advantage of rebates, smart consumption tips, audits and programs to live a more efficient lifestyle while saving money on your utility bill.

### Optimize Your Home or Business and Save

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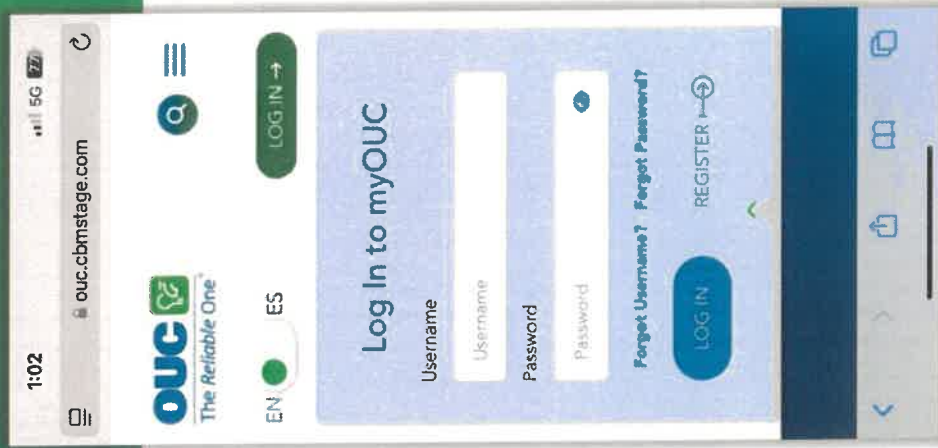
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**General Manager**

Federal & State Legislative Update



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Kevin Noonan – Legislative Affairs

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# Federal Update



# Federal & Regulatory Legislative Themes

- Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American
- Regulatory and Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership
- Make the United States the Artificial Intelligence Capital of the World
- Protecting and Bringing Back American Auto Jobs
- Innovation and Research
- Infrastructure Development & Grid Modernization
- Energy Security and Affordability
- Restore American Energy Dominance



# Key Executive Orders

As of May 12, 2025, the President has signed 147 executive orders including the following most relevant to the utility industry:

- **January 2025:** A “national energy emergency” was declared to boost fossil fuel development, which includes directives to expedite the permitting of energy projects under laws like the Clean Water Act.
- **January 2025:** Executive order “Unleashing American Energy” was signed, focusing on enhancing domestic energy production, particularly fossil fuels, which could alter regulations and timing of energy project approvals.
- **January 2025:** “Council to Assess the Federal Emergency Management Agency” established a review council to evaluate efficacy, priorities, and competence of FEMA.
- **February 2025:** “Council on Energy Dominance” established with the stated purpose of oversight and coordination of U.S. energy policy, with a strong emphasis on increasing domestic energy production to achieve energy dominance.



# Why a National Energy Emergency?

- Speeds up infrastructure development. Expedited permitting for generation and transmission to help bolster the electric grid as well as critical pipeline infrastructure
- Reduces regulatory hurdles by evoking emergency powers that could potentially bypass lengthy reviews such as the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act
- Promotes conventional energy sources by increasing refining and production of oil, gas, coal, nuclear, and hydro. Solar, wind, batteries, and hydrogen are not included in the scope of the emergency
- Potential impacts on renewables could be the slow down of projects on federal lands and unknown impacts to renewable incentives and tax related funding
- Secures the bulk power system by enhancing cyber, physical security, and supply chains for infrastructure components

# State Legislative Update



# State Update – Overview

## State Legislative Session

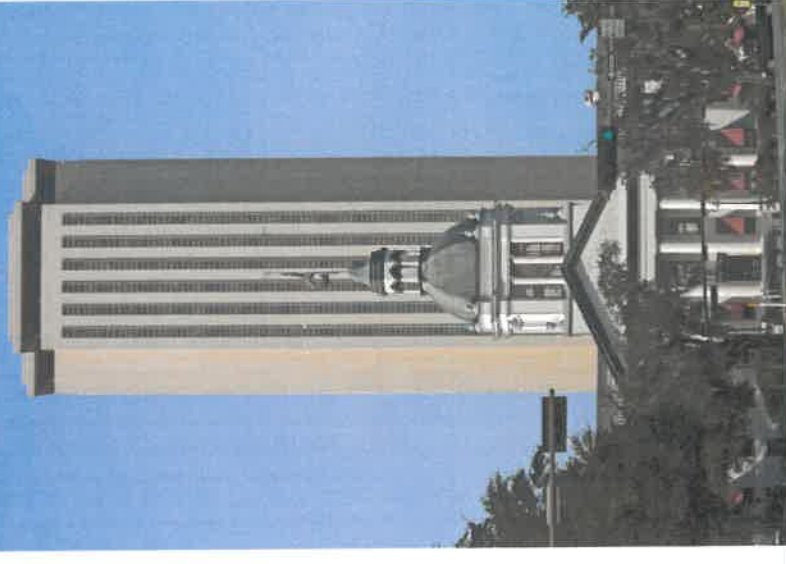
- 60 days: March 4th – May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup>
- 1,982 bills filed
- 255 bills passed both the House and Senate (13%)
  - 75 less bills than last year
- 19 bills have been signed by the governor, 0 vetoes

## Tension in the State Capitol

- Despite Supermajorities, the Governor, Speaker of the House, and President of the Senate are not on same page
  - Budget, Hope Florida, Tax Relief, Confirmations

## State Budget

- Budget not completed, extended sessions to be held in May/June
- Governor, House, and Senate have very different priorities
  - Property/sales taxes vs. homestead exemptions vs. tax holidays
  - Billions of dollars apart on what the total budget should be



# State Legislative Update – Key Themes & Issues

## Themes

- Ongoing tension between Governor and Legislature
  - Hope Florida Inquiry and Senate confirmations
- Major differences on budget – no consensus – extended session
- Child labor law – minimum wage – E-Verify (failed)
- School start times and cell phone use (passed)
- Rural Renaissance (in limbo)
- Continued local government preemptions

## Key Issues

- Relief for condo associations (passed)
- Keeping development out of state parks (passed)
- Property Taxes – New House study committee formed
- Hurricane relief, response, and recovery (passed)
- Restricting citizen led ballot initiatives (passed)





# State Update – Key Legislation

## Key Bills of Interest to OUC (detailed on following slides):

- HB 857 / SB 1386 – Assault or Battery on a Utility Worker (passed)
- HB 651 / SB 700 – Department of Agricultural & Consumer Services (passed)
- HB 1523 / SB 1704 – Utility Services (Municipal Utility Bill did not pass)
- HB 7047 / SB 7006 – Suits against the government – increasing sovereign immunity caps (did not pass)

## What didn't happen?

- No solution for EVs to contribute to the State Transportation Trust Fund
- No cybersecurity incident liability protection
- No pro-climate initiatives (carbon sequestration, renewables)
- No significant water-related legislation with direct impacts to OUC
- No changes to the Public Service Commission
- No changes to pole attachments



# State Update - Key Bills of Interest

## **HB 857 / SB 1386- Assault or Battery on a Utility Worker (passed)-**

Increases the criminal penalties for assault or battery on someone visibly identified as a utility worker while providing essential services.

- Covers all utility workers (electric, water, wastewater, gas, cable, telecom, propane, stormwater).
- This bill is in response to an increasing number of incidents nationwide.
- OUC actively advocated for this legislation.

## **HB 651 / SB 700 - Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services – The “Farm Bill” (passed) –**

In addition to many agricultural issues, the bill codifies recently passed EV rules, preempts utilities from adding fluoride to public water supplies, and gives the Department the first right of refusal to purchase former agricultural lands used as a solar farm, if the utility chooses to sell the property.

- Governor has indicated intent to sign the bill
- Fluoride discontinuance expected to be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>
- OUC stands ready to comply



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**HB 1523 / SB 1704 – Utility Services (did not pass)** - This year's version of the "municipal utility bill" would have:

1. Capped general fund transfers at 10% on gross revenues derived from extraterritorial customers
  2. Reduced the current statutorily allowable water/wastewater surcharge of 50% to 25% for those customers outside municipal boundaries
  3. Imposed additional public meeting and PSC reporting requirements
- This was the fourth attempt to pass similar legislation. It will be back again next year

**HB 301 / SB 1570 – Suits against the government – sovereign immunity (did not pass)** -

The bill would have increased the existing caps on the recovery of awards against a governmental entity from \$200,000 per person to \$500,000, and the cap for multiple claims or judgments arising out of the same incident to increase from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000. The bill would have also permitted a political subdivision of the state to settle a claim or judgment in excess of the caps without requiring the subdivision to seek further action by the Legislature.

- This issue will also be back again next year.

**General Manager**

Grand Opening of OUC's Largest Solar Project

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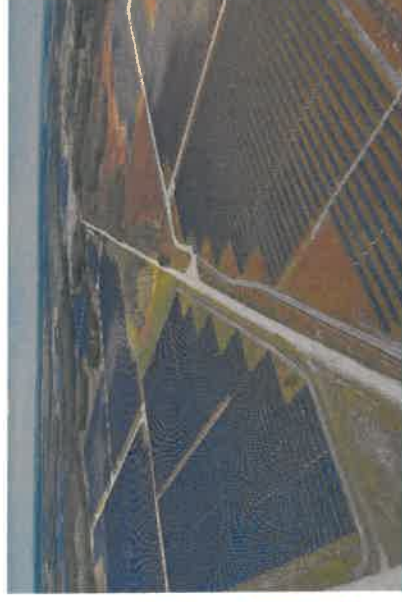
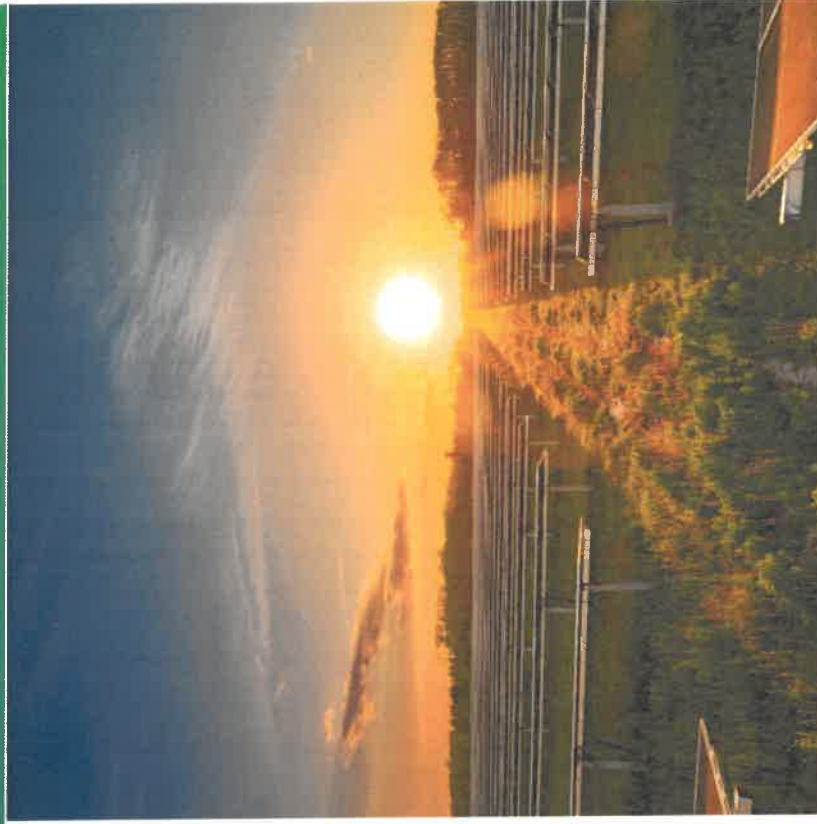
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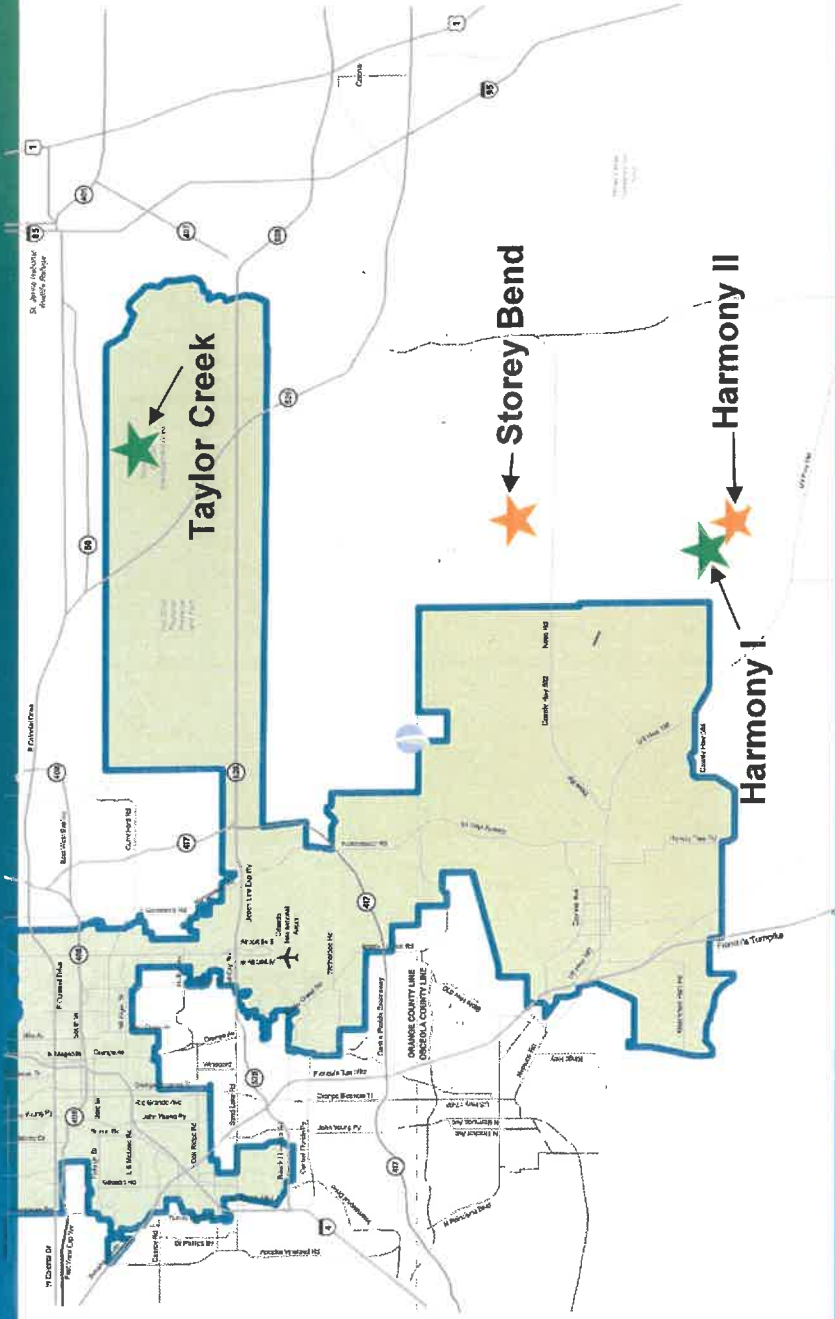
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# Grand Opening

Harmony II Solar Energy Center &  
Storey Bend Solar Energy Center



# Overview Map



□ OUC Electric Service Area

★ Existing Solar (2020)

★ New Solar (2024)

# Anchor Tenants

Harmony II



Storey Bend

