

# **Tax Reform and Impacts on the Business**

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# Tax reform was intended to result in a more equitable, simple tax code that would stimulate investment

## Where We Started



## **Tax Reform Bill**



Simplification?

- 6 versions of the bill
- 2,500 pages of legislative text
- 850 pages of legislative history
- 274 amendments proposed
- 19 revenue/budget analyses prepared

Definitely not simplified, but designed to stimulate investment



FPL 000035 20180046-EI U.S. companies react to tax reform

# THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. Apple to Pay \$38 Billion in Taxes on Cash Overseas, Build New U.S. Campus



Pfizer Plans \$5 Billion Boost in U.S. Manufacturing From Tax-Law Changes -- Update



**Cisco, Pfizer, Coca-Cola plan to turn over gains from proposed tax cuts to shareholders** 

The Washington Times

After Trump tax cuts, ExxonMobil to invest \$50 billion in U.S. business Bloomberg

FedEx to Borrow \$1.5 Billion for Contribution to Pension Plan After Tax Changes



FPL 000036 20180046-EI Tax Cuts and Jobs Act had an immediate impact on 2017 and will continue to impact 2018 and beyond

## Permanent Broad-based Corporate Tax Reform

- Immediate Impact
  - Altered approach to Hurricane Irma recovery
- Provisions with potential future impact
  - 40% reduction in statutory tax rate from 35% to 21%
  - 100% bonus depreciation for 5 years for unregulated business
  - Limitation on interest deductibility for unregulated business
  - Eliminated the domestic production deduction
  - Complex international tax provisions
  - Acceleration of revenue recognition

The direct and indirect impact on are material and far-reaching

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FPL 000037 20180046-EI



FPL 000038 20180046-EI 100% bonus depreciation applies to property acquired after Sept. 27, 2017 and placed in service prior to 2023

## **Bonus Depreciation**

### **Prior law**

- Qualified property eligible for bonus depreciation
  - 50% in 2017
  - 40% in 2018
  - 30% in 2019



## 2017 Tax Act

- Unregulated businesses
  - 100% bonus depreciation through 2022 (phase-down through 2026)
  - Prior law applies to assets under contract prior to Sept. 28, 2017
  - 50% or 100% bonus depreciation during Q4 2017

#### Regulated businesses

- Generally not eligible for bonus depreciation
- Prior law applies to assets under contract prior to Sept. 28, 2017

Accelerating deductions is NPV accretive, but extends PTC/ITC utilization



## Net interest expense limited to 30% EBITDA / EBIT

## **Interest Expense**

#### Prior Law

- Interest generally deductible

#### • 2017 Tax Act

- Defers net interest expense in excess of 30% EBITDA (30% EBIT after 2021)
- Deferred interest indefinitely carried forward
- Interest expense "properly allocable" to utilities exempt from limitation
- 30% EBITDA/EBIT determined at consolidated group level and separately at partnership level



EBITDA not expected to limit interest deductibility, allocation of holding company interest requires guidance



# Flexibility in the settlement agreement allows FPL customers to realize immediate benefits from tax reform

## **FPL Response to Tax Reform**

- Lower tax rate reduces revenue requirements by \$650M per year
- Hurricane Irma created a \$1.3 B regulatory asset
- FPL planned a 3-year storm surcharge
  - \$4.00 in 2018 and \$5.50 in 2019-2020
- The surcharge and tax benefits would have caused FPL to over-earn

- Immediately expense costs of Hurricane Irma in 2017 by writing off the regulatory asset
- Primarily offset Irma costs by reserve amortization/surplus
- Avoids FPL over-earning
  - Builds surplus
  - Maintains ROE within the allowed range
  - Potential to defer rate case by up to two years

Foregoing the surcharge will save the average customer \$250 and could preserve the settlement agreement



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