

Review of the 2023 Ten-Year Site Plans for Florida's Electric Utilities

Staff's Data Request #3 to TAL

1. Please refer to TAL's 2023 TYSP, Schedule 2.2. It appears that the Utility's 2022 Total Sales to Ultimate Customers, in the amount of 2,649 GWh, increases by 2.29 percent more than TAL's 2021 Total Sales, which is 2,590 GWh. Please explain the major contributors to this sales increase.

*Total Sales to Ultimate Customers were up in 2022 from 2021 across all major customer categories: Residential, Non-Demand, Demand, Large Demand, Interruptible, and Off-System Sales, by a similar percentage of around 2%. The likely contributor in an across-the-board trend such as this is weather variation. Evidence supports this hypothesis through cross-referencing Cooling Degree Days in 2021 (2776) to 2022 (2931), which had an increase of 5.6%.*

2. Please refer to TAL's 2023 TYSP, Schedule 2.3, column (6), Total Number of Consumers. It appears that TAL's total number of customers is anticipated to grow at an average annual rate of about 0.78 percent for the next 10-year period, compared to the 1.04 percent actual annual increase experienced during the 2013-2022 period. Please explain the major cause(s) for this projected reduction in the rate of growth of total number of customers.

*Historical and projected economic and demographic data, including population, for Leon County and the Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) were obtained from Woods & Poole Economics (W&P), a nationally recognized provider of such data. Population projections were also obtained from the Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR). The BEBR projections reflected a less optimistic outlook for population growth across the City's service area than the W&P projections. The final population projection reflected an equal-weighted blending of the W&P and BEBR forecasts.*