



**BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**DOCKET NO. 20210034-EI
IN RE: PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE
BY TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBIT
OF
REGAN B. HAINES**

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PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

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Q. Please state your name, address, occupation, and employer.

A. My name is Regan B. Haines. My business address is 702 North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602. I am employed by Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company") as Director, Capital and Planning.

Q. Please describe your duties and responsibilities in that position.

A. My duties and responsibilities include the oversight of capital planning and budgeting for the Electric Delivery and Energy Supply departments. This involves coordinating the capital planning process, including the annual and multi-year budgets, and prioritizing and managing capital spending for both departments. I am also responsible for developing Electric Delivery's long-term Transmission and Distribution ("T&D") System plan.

Q. Please provide a brief outline of your educational

1 background and business experience.

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3 **A.** I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical
4 Engineering and Master of Science degree in Electrical
5 Engineering specializing in Power Systems Engineering from
6 Clemson University in June 1989 and December 1990,
7 respectively. I have been employed at Tampa Electric since
8 1998. My career has included various positions in the areas
9 of T&D Engineering and Operations.

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11 **Q.** Have you previously filed testimony before the Florida
12 Public Service Commission ("Commission") or other
13 regulatory authority?

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15 **A.** Yes. I have filed testimony in Docket No. 20200067-EI,
16 which concerned approval of the company's 2020-2029 Storm
17 Protection Plan ("SPP"). I also testified in the company's
18 2008 rate case, Docket No. 20080317-EI.

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20 **Q.** What are the purposes of your direct testimony in this
21 proceeding?

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23 **A.** The purposes of my direct testimony are to: (1) describe
24 the changes to the company's T&D system since our last rate
25 case in 2013; (2) provide details about the company's

1 future plans for its T&D system and our grid modernization
2 strategy; (3) explain our Advanced Metering Infrastructure
3 ("AMI") project and our progress implementing it; (4)
4 preview other planned grid improvements; (5) demonstrate
5 that the company's T&D plant (i.e., electric delivery)
6 construction program and capital budget for 2022 is
7 reasonable and prudent; and (6) show that the company's
8 proposed level of operations and maintenance expense
9 ("O&M") for Electric Delivery in the 2022 test year is
10 reasonable and prudent. The T&D related capital and O&M
11 spending discussed in my direct testimony does not include
12 any capital or O&M associated with the SPP.

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14 **Q.** Have you prepared an exhibit to support your direct
15 testimony?

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17 **A.** Yes. Exhibit No. RBH-1, entitled "Exhibit of Regan B.
18 Haines" was prepared under my direction and supervision.
19 The contents of my exhibit were derived from the business
20 records of the company and are true and correct to the best
21 of my information and belief. The exhibit consists of eight
22 documents, as follows:

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24 Document No. 1 List of Minimum Filing Requirement
25 Schedules Sponsored or Co-Sponsored By

1		Regan B. Haines
2	Document No. 2	Historical Reliability Indices 2013-
3		2020
4	Document No. 3	AMI Infrastructure
5	Document No. 4	AMI Project Costs
6	Document No. 5	2021 Projected & 2022 Proposed Capital
7		Investments
8	Document No. 6	Electric Delivery Historical and
9		Projected O&M Expenses
10	Document No. 7	Electric Delivery 2012 O&M Benchmark
11		Comparison
12	Document No. 8	Electric Delivery O&M Budget for 2022
13		
14	Q.	Are you sponsoring any sections of Tampa Electric's Minimum
15		Filing Requirement ("MFR") Schedules?
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17	A.	Yes. I am sponsoring or co-sponsoring the MFR schedules
18		listed in Document No. 1 of my exhibit. The data and
19		information on these schedules were taken from the business
20		records of the company and are true and correct to the best
21		of my information and belief.
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23	Q.	Do the rate base and O&M amounts for the 2022 test year
24		and otherwise discussed in your direct testimony include
25		amounts related to the company's SPP?

1 **A.** The amounts I discuss for Electric Delivery capital
2 projects from 2013 to 2020 include historical costs
3 associated with SPP type investments; however, capital
4 costs for 2021 and 2022 exclude SPP projects as these
5 projects will be recovered through the SPP cost recovery
6 clause. Additionally, I have excluded vegetation
7 management and certain inspection costs from 2012 O&M
8 expenses so that the Commission can evaluate our 2022 O&M
9 expense levels under the O&M benchmark test on a comparable
10 basis.

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12 **Q.** Please briefly describe the company's SPP program.

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14 **A.** Section 366.96(3), Florida Statutes, requires each public
15 utility to file a T&D SPP that covers the immediate 10-
16 year planning period, and to explain the systematic
17 approach the utility will follow to achieve the objectives
18 of reducing restoration costs and outage times associated
19 with extreme weather events and enhancing reliability.
20 Tampa Electric submitted its first SPP to the Commission
21 in April 2020 and it was approved later that year in Docket
22 No. 20200067-EI.

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24 **TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OVERVIEW AND EVOLUTION**

25 **Q.** Please describe the company's current T&D system.

1 **A.** Tampa Electric's service territory covers approximately
2 2,000 square miles in West Central Florida, including all
3 of Hillsborough County and parts of Polk, Pasco, and
4 Pinellas Counties. The company has divided its service
5 territory into seven "service areas" for operational and
6 administrative purposes.

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8 Tampa Electric's transmission system consists of nearly
9 1,350 circuit miles of overhead facilities, including
10 approximately 25,400 transmission poles and structures.
11 The company's transmission system also includes
12 approximately nine circuit miles of underground
13 facilities.

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15 The company's distribution system consists of
16 approximately 6,300 circuit miles of overhead facilities
17 and approximately 414,000 poles. The distribution system
18 also includes approximately 5,500 circuit miles of
19 underground facilities.

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21 The company currently has 216 substations.

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23 **Q.** What role does safety play in Electric Delivery?

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25 **A.** Safety is the top priority at Tampa Electric and is

1 integral to the work that we perform. Electric Delivery
2 is committed to the belief that all injuries are
3 preventable and has implemented a Safety Management System
4 ("SMS"). The system is designed to ensure compliance with
5 Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA")
6 regulations and is aligned with OSHA recommended practices.
7 The SMS consists of 10 elements and includes the following:
8 Safety Leadership; Risk Management; Programs, Procedures,
9 and Practices; Communication, Training and Awareness;
10 Culture and Behavior; Contractor Safety; Asset Integrity;
11 Measuring and Reporting; Incident Management and
12 Investigation; and Auditing and Compliance.

13
14 We have reduced the number of work-related injuries
15 reported annually within Electric Delivery by 53 percent
16 since 2013.

17
18 **Q.** What is Asset Management and how has the company integrated
19 Asset Management techniques into its planning and
20 operations for Electric Delivery?

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22 **A.** Asset Management is a disciplined way of thinking and
23 managing that aligns engineering, operations, maintenance,
24 other technical and financial decisions, and processes for
25 the purpose of optimizing the value of our assets

1 throughout their lifecycles.

2
3 Tampa Electric seeks to achieve its asset optimization
4 goals by focusing on three Asset Management objectives.

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6 The first objective is the integration of asset monitoring;
7 health and risk assessment; work planning and scheduling;
8 capital planning; outage planning; risk management; and
9 other supporting asset management processes into
10 continuous business processes.

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12 The second objective is the broader engagement of team
13 members and subject matter experts in these continuous
14 processes, the establishment of asset management
15 responsibilities throughout the organization, and ensuring
16 team members are empowered with industry best practices
17 through awareness and training.

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19 Finally, we sustain the integrated processes and engagement
20 of our teams through documentation and standardization of
21 technical and business processes and the implementation of
22 supporting operational and information technology systems.
23 Applying Asset Management principles gives us a
24 comprehensive understanding of the condition of our assets
25 and the risks associated with them and allows us to better

1 identify and prioritize the work that needs to be done.
2 This level of understanding enables us to improve our
3 planning and scheduling of work, lowers the costs and risks
4 of operating our system, and improves efficiency and
5 reliability - all of which promote a good customer
6 experience. Asset Management is described in more detail
7 in the direct testimony of Tampa Electric witness David A.
8 Pickles.

9
10 **Q.** How has the company's Electric Delivery system evolved
11 since the company's last rate case in 2013?

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13 **A.** Since 2013, Tampa Electric's Electric Delivery system has
14 evolved in several ways. We expanded our overhead
15 transmission system by approximately 40 miles. We reduced
16 our overhead distribution system by approximately 50 miles
17 and increased our underground distribution system by
18 approximately 890 miles. We placed eight new substations
19 in service and added over 900 single and three phase
20 reclosing devices on the distribution system. We made these
21 changes to ensure that our Electric Delivery system can
22 provide safe and reliable electric service to both existing
23 and new customers.

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25 **Q.** Please describe the indicators the company uses to monitor

1 reliability and how they relate to what customers
2 experience.

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4 **A.** The experience our customers receive from Tampa Electric
5 is affected by many factors including the power quality
6 and reliability of our electric T&D system. We measure
7 system performance and track a variety of indices that
8 reflect how our Electric Delivery system performs.

9
10 The company calculates and monitors several reliability
11 indices but focuses primarily on System Average
12 Interruption Duration Index ("SAIDI") and Momentary
13 Average Interruption Event Frequency Index ("MAIFIe").

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15 SAIDI indicates the total minutes of interruption time the
16 average customer experiences in a year. It is the most
17 relevant and best overall reliability indicator because it
18 encompasses two other standard performance metrics for
19 overall reliability: The SAIFI and the Customer Average
20 Interruption Duration Index ("CAIDI").

21
22 MAIFIe reflects the overall impact of momentary outages on
23 customers and is defined as the average number of times a
24 customer experiences a momentary interruption event each
25 year.

1 Tampa Electric annually sets reliability goals for both
2 SAIDI and MAIFIE.

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4 We report our SAIDI, CAIDI and MAIFIE results annually to
5 the Commission per Rule 25-6.0455, F.A.C., which requires
6 the IOUs to file distribution reliability reports.

7
8 The company also tracks and sets goals around a measurement
9 known as Customers Experiencing Multiple Interruptions
10 ("CEMI-5"). CEMI-5 indicates the percentage of customers
11 who experience five or more outages annually.

12
13 **Q.** How has the reliability of Tampa Electric's Electric
14 Delivery system changed since 2013?

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16 **A.** Our reliability has steadily improved since 2013. Our SAIDI
17 improved from a high of 94.7 in 2018 to a low of 67.90 in
18 2020 and MAIFIE improved from a high of 12.16 in 2013 to a
19 low of 7.79 in 2020. Our CAIDI improved from a high of
20 84.54 in 2014 to 72.23 in 2020. Document No. 2 of my exhibit
21 reflects results since 2013 for these three indices. As a
22 result, the company's JD Power scores have improved over
23 recent years as I will discuss in more detail later in my
24 direct testimony.

1 **Q.** How did the company improve its Electric Delivery system
2 reliability?

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4 **A.** Tampa Electric attributes these improvements to three major
5 sources. The first major source is the company's robust
6 Asset Management Program implemented in 2016. The
7 cornerstone of this program, and the primary driver for
8 our reliability improvements, is the distribution
9 reliability plans we prepare each year. The second major
10 source of improvements is operational changes such as off-
11 shift crew staffing and improved call out and dispatch
12 processes. Finally, the third major source of improvements
13 is the implementation of Distribution Substation Auto Close
14 of Tie Breaker system which is described later in my direct
15 testimony.

16
17 **Q.** Please describe the annual distribution reliability plan
18 and how it is prepared.

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20 **A.** We prepare our distribution reliability plan by
21 evaluating the reliability of each distribution circuit on
22 an annual basis. The company considers the SAIDI, MAIFIE,
23 and SAIFI results to determine which circuits to target
24 for reliability improvement. We also evaluate our five-
25 year history of circuit outages by circuit to find the most

1 common cause and location of outages.

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3 The results of these evaluations are used to identify the
4 type and location of equipment needed to improve
5 reliability and to install that equipment in places that
6 will optimize reliability improvements. By installing new
7 equipment, such as three phase reclosers and Trip Savers,
8 and by making other circuit improvements, the company has
9 been able to significantly improve its system reliability.

10
11 **Q.** Has the company taken other actions to improve reliability?

12
13 **A.** Yes. Installing new equipment is only one way to improve
14 reliability. Operational changes have been made, such as
15 adding troubleshooters, dispatchers, and after-hours crew
16 staffing, each of which has helped reduce outage times when
17 outages do occur. We have also installed a Distribution
18 Substation Auto Close of Tie Breaker system in some
19 substations in a way that has significantly reduced outage
20 times.

21
22 **Q.** Please explain how the Distribution Substation Auto Close
23 of Tie Breaker system works.

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25 **A.** This system senses when a transformer trips due to an

1 internal fault and then verifies that the necessary load
2 transfer is safe and secure before automatically sending a
3 close signal to the tie breaker. This includes verification
4 that expected conditions are met and that the appropriate
5 equipment is deenergized and that the added load will not
6 overload the healthy transformer when transferred. It
7 allows us to maximize recovery of lost load by safely
8 transferring it to an in-service transformer in a few
9 seconds without any manual intervention by dispatchers or
10 field switching personnel. This system successfully
11 recovered a portion of the Downtown Tampa area load in
12 January 2021 after one of the transformers in the
13 Washington Street substation tripped due to a failed low
14 side bushing.

15
16 **Q.** Do you have an example of how the company's Asset
17 Management approach has benefitted customers?

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19 Yes. The Substation Medium Power Transformer Doble Testing
20 program is an example. Asset Management principles require
21 consistent testing of critical assets to ensure they
22 achieve their full life expectancy. We perform Doble
23 testing approximately every five years on all medium power
24 transformers. In the last three years, we detected seven
25 bushing and four lightning arrester issues before they

1 resulted in a failure. Early detection allowed for the
2 company to plan and coordinate the necessary repairs and
3 outages so that all customers fed from the affected
4 transformers were offloaded to other circuits, saving
5 approximately 60 seconds of SAIDI annually. Using the
6 United States Department of Energy's Interruption Cost
7 Estimate ("ICE") Calculator, this single application of
8 Asset Management principles conferred an economic benefit
9 to our customers of approximately \$1.9 million.

10
11 **Q.** Have the company's system performance and reliability
12 improvements improved Tampa Electric's customer
13 experience?

14
15 **A.** Yes. Tampa Electric measures improvements to customer
16 experience with JD Power scores, and those scores have
17 improved significantly over the last few years.

18
19 Our JD Power ranking for residential customers' overall
20 satisfaction has improved from the fourth quartile in 2017
21 to the top of the second quartile in 2020 and we are ranked
22 in the second quartile for the Power Quality and
23 Reliability driver.

24
25 For business customers, we are currently ranked in the

1 first quartile for overall satisfaction and ranked in the
2 first quartile for all drivers of satisfaction, including
3 Power Quality and Reliability.

4
5 The company has steadily improved its national industry
6 ranking for both residential and business customers and we
7 are now ranked 40 out of 143 brands compared to 81 out of
8 142 brands in 2019 for residential and 4th out of 86
9 national business brands.

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11 Since 2013, our outages are 20 percent shorter in duration
12 (SAIDI) and our momentary outages are 36 percent less
13 frequent (MAIFI). Both contribute to a better customer
14 experience.

15
16 **Q.** How does the amount of T&D plant in rate base for the 2022
17 test year compare to the amount of T&D rate base in the
18 company's 2013 rate case?

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20 **A.** In 2013, transmission plant totaled \$655.4 million and
21 distribution plant totaled \$2.04 billion, for a total T&D
22 rate base amount of \$2.7 billion.

23
24 The total amount in rate base projected for our 2022 test
25 year, and reflected in MFR Schedule B-07, includes

1 transmission plant of \$1.16 billion and distribution plant
2 of \$3.35 billion, for a total T&D rate base amount for the
3 2022 test year of \$4.5 billion.

4
5 This amounts to an increase in transmission plant of
6 \$500.93 million, an increase in distribution plant of \$1.30
7 billion and a total T&D rate base increase of \$1.80
8 billion. This includes \$37.94 million in SPP related
9 transmission plant and \$258.3 million in SPP related
10 distribution plant added from 2020-2022.

11
12 **Q.** What major projects since 2013 are reflected in this
13 increase?

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15 **A.** The areas and projects with the largest capital investment
16 since the company's 2013 rate case, years 2014 through
17 2022, include:

- 18
19 • \$474 million in distribution system expansion to
20 provide electric service to new residential and
21 commercial customers. Tampa Electric served
22 approximately 695,000 customers in 2013 and now serves
23 approximately 800,000, an increase of about 15
24 percent. By 2022, we expect to serve approximately
25 812,000 customers, an increase of about 17 percent

1 since 2013.

- 2 • \$293 million for preventative maintenance activities
3 on the distribution system including approximately
4 33,000 wooden pole changeouts costing approximately
5 \$178 million, underground cable replacements,
6 transformer changeouts, and capacitor bank
7 maintenance.
- 8 • \$306 million for corrective maintenance activities on
9 the distribution system, including replacing failed
10 overhead and underground equipment and restoration
11 activities following typical storm events.
- 12 • \$242 million, including AFUDC, modernizing our
13 metering infrastructure with new robust
14 telecommunications, metering infrastructure,
15 information systems and data management solutions.
16 Collectively our new AMI system is foundational to
17 establish new capabilities to meet customers'
18 expectations.
- 19 • \$221 million for new transmission lines and expanding
20 existing transmission facilities needed to add the
21 required capacity to provide electric service to new
22 residential and commercial customers. This includes
23 \$115 million in new transmission facilities required
24 to interconnect the new Polk Power Combined Cycle
25 generating unit placed in service in 2017 and \$27.8

1 million of AFUDC eligible capital for new transmission
2 facilities required to interconnect the new Big Bend
3 Combined Cycle generating unit to be placed in service
4 in 2022. This investment is reflected in MFR Schedule
5 B-13.

- 6 • \$135 million to convert old outdoor lights with new,
7 energy efficient LED Lights. This program has
8 substantial customer support; approximately 35
9 percent of our customers submitted letters to the
10 Commission in support of this program. Our LED
11 lighting program reduces the nominal average customer
12 bill by \$0.46/month per light, reduces long-term O&M
13 costs, results in less outages, provides automatic
14 outage detection, and improves illumination that may
15 help reduce crime and vehicular incidents.
- 16 • \$93 million for new Lighting installations to satisfy
17 new customer requests.
- 18 • \$103 million for required facility relocations to
19 accommodate governmental road improvement projects.
- 20 • \$159 million to construct eight new substations and
21 expand existing substation facilities needed to add
22 the required capacity to provide electric service to
23 new residential and commercial customers.
- 24 • \$94 million for substation preventative maintenance
25 activities including circuit breaker, relay, and

1 switch upgrades as well as approximately 50 spare
2 transformer purchases. These investments were
3 identified as part of our Asset Management Program
4 and have substantially reduced the chances of large
5 and extended outages, thus improving reliability and
6 service to our customers.

- 7 • \$87 million for new vehicle purchases required to
8 maintain a reliable fleet so our crews and field
9 personnel can provide the timely customer service
10 expected. The company performed a fleet study in 2019
11 that helped optimize the number of vehicles within
12 Electric Delivery, reducing the fleet by 68 vehicles
13 while the number of field team members remained
14 relatively constant. The company has been able to
15 increase its average utilization rate while
16 modernizing its fleet. At the end of 2018, the average
17 age of Tampa Electric's Electric Delivery fleet was
18 6.87 years, which is slightly higher than the industry
19 average of just over six years.

- 20 • \$24 million to implement a new Advanced Distribution
21 Management System ("ADMS") at our Energy Control
22 Center ("ECC"). This will allow our Outage Management
23 System to fully leverage the new AMI system and will
24 also provide advanced analytic and diagnostic tools
25 that will help us reduce customer outages and reduce

1 outage durations.

2 • Additionally, the company will continue to invest
3 capital in its T&D facilities, that may be AFUDC
4 eligible, and required to interconnect solar
5 facilities. These projects and costs are described
6 in the direct testimony of Tampa Electric witness C.
7 David Sweat and reflected in MFR Schedule C-13.

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9 **Q.** Were these plant additions prudent when made?

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11 **A.** Yes. All of these investments were made to accommodate
12 customer growth, improve reliability, respond to customer
13 demands, or were required to comply with government
14 requirements. The company made changes after careful
15 analyses that considered the conditions and circumstances
16 known at the time, safety, reliability, cost-
17 effectiveness, and then-existing government requirements.

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19 **FUTURE PLANS FOR TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

20 **Q.** Will the company need to continue investing in its Electric
21 Delivery system?

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23 **A.** Yes. Tampa Electric will need to continue investing in its
24 Electric Delivery system to maintain the level of safety,
25 system stability, and service reliability that our

1 customers expect. With more than 20 million residents,
2 Florida is one of the nation's fastest growing states, and
3 the Tampa Bay area and I-4 Corridor are its fastest growing
4 areas. Our future Electric Delivery capital spending to be
5 recovered through base rates will be driven by customer
6 growth, the need for infrastructure improvements, and
7 governmental/regulatory commitments.

8
9 **Q.** Will the company's Electric Delivery system need to evolve
10 to address changes in the utility industry?

11
12 **A.** Yes. Tampa Electric witnesses Archibald D. Collins, Melissa
13 L. Cosby, David A. Pickles, and Karen M. Mincey describe
14 how the expectations of our customers and the electric
15 industry are changing. To meet the challenge, Tampa
16 Electric must make long term investments in our Electric
17 Delivery system to ensure that it will be safe, secure,
18 reliable, synergistic with distributed generation and
19 battery storage, and will provide the data customers want
20 for managing their electric service. Accordingly, our long-
21 term plans include significant investments for grid
22 modernization. These investments support digitalizing the
23 grid which will increase our visibility into grid
24 operations and make data available for more efficient and
25 effective grid operations, grid planning, new customer

1 programs, new rate designs, and provide data directly to
2 customers so they can better manage their electric service.

3
4 **Q.** What factors and trends are behind the company's need to
5 modernize its Electric Delivery system?

6
7 **A.** There are several drivers shaping our strategy to
8 strengthen and modernize the grid.

- 9
- 10 • Our customers expect a user-friendly digital
11 experience and the benefits of automation.
 - 12 • Customers value improved reliability and expect an
13 "always on" service level from their utility.
 - 14 • Customer adoption rates for distributed energy
15 resources are accelerating.
 - 16 • Costs continue to decline for solar and battery energy
17 storage system options both on the utility and
18 customer side of the meter.
 - 19 • Energy and transportation preferences continue to
20 accelerate toward zero emissions.
 - 21 • The adoption of electric vehicles ("EV") continues to
22 accelerate as nearly every major car manufacturer now
23 has an EV offering.
 - 24 • Utilities are building capabilities to extract and
25 analyze the influx of data from an expanding suite of

1 enterprise systems like AMI, ADMS, Customer
2 Relationship and Billing system ("CRB"), Geographic
3 Information System ("GIS"), Energy Management System
4 ("EMS"), and Enterprise Resource Platform ("ERP").
5 Companies are developing new data analytics to improve
6 customer service, operations, and improve predictive
7 maintenance practices.

- 8 • Our workforce needs a new set of digital, analytic,
9 and technical skills to operate and maintain the
10 information technology supporting our Electric
11 Delivery System.
- 12 • Cyber security concerns will continue to influence
13 how we use information technology to support our
14 Electric Delivery system and protect against ever
15 increasing threats.
- 16 • The company's quest for World Class Safety continues
17 to inspire our construction and operating practices
18 and safety is a key driver across all facets of our
19 operations.

20
21 All these factors create pressure on our system and the
22 electric grid will need to modernize in order to respond.
23 The grid will need to have stability, flexibility, and
24 digital capabilities to integrate and optimize new
25 generation and storage resources, and the fluctuations from

1 the mobile load of electric vehicles.

2
3 **Q.** How is the company planning to address these considerations
4 and challenges?

5
6 **A.** We have developed and are implementing a Grid Modernization
7 Strategy that will (1) support an "always on" customer
8 experience; (2) build a future enabled and adaptable
9 electric grid; and (3) operate our grid to maximize
10 performance. Our grid modernization strategy includes
11 initiatives and projects such as: expansion and leverage
12 of an Asset Management program including the 2020-2029 SPP;
13 building a robust and secure communications network;
14 establishing micro-grids, expansion and dispatch of
15 distributed energy resources including solar and battery
16 storage devices; and taking full advantage of the
17 capabilities available through our new AMI and ADMS
18 systems.

19
20 **Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI")**

21 **Q.** What is the company's AMI project and how does it fit into
22 company's grid modernization strategy?

23
24 **A.** Our AMI project is one of the cornerstones for our grid
25 modernization strategy and will enable the company to fully

1 support a "Next Generation" power grid. AMI will transform
2 Tampa Electric's relationship with its customers by
3 delivering the choices and convenience that they have come
4 to expect.

5
6 In simple terms, the AMI initiative involves installing
7 advanced metering technology ("smart meters"),
8 communication infrastructure, data management systems, and
9 customer engagement programs and services.

10
11 We began our planning for this project in 2016 and began
12 work in 2018. We are in the process of replacing our
13 existing electric meters with 800,000 new AMI meters and
14 constructing a new communication system. Our AMI
15 communications infrastructure will include a wireless RF
16 mesh network, cellular technology where necessary, and
17 existing and new fiber optic infrastructure.

18
19 Tampa Electric is using an innovative deployment approach
20 for AMI. Typical AMI deployments perform the back-office
21 system integrations first and then deploy the AMI meter
22 populations after the AMI back office and communication
23 systems are in place. The company's approach decoupled the
24 back-office integration work and AMI meter deployment such
25 that both activities are proceeding concurrently.

1 The back-office and communications systems referred to
2 above consist of: (1) the head end, which will allow the
3 monitoring and control of the meters remotely through a
4 user interface; (2) network controllers which allow for
5 the control and monitoring of the Connected Grid Routers
6 collection devices; (3) meter data management systems which
7 allow for the collection, storage, and validation of data;
8 and (4) billing and support systems.

9
10 Once smart meters and the AMI communication network becomes
11 functional, we will implement several enterprise level IT
12 solutions. These new IT systems will enable the company to
13 better manage operations and provide enhanced customer
14 service and include a meter data management system
15 ("MDMS"), increased functionality in the SAP CRB system,
16 remote meter connect and disconnect capabilities, and
17 analytic tools to provide enhanced operational and customer
18 engagement capabilities.

19
20 The AMI infrastructure and its various components are
21 illustrated in Document No. 3 of my exhibit.

22
23 **Q.** What role do smart meters play in the AMI system?

24
25 **A.** The new smart meters are replacing our old Automatic Meter

1 Reading ("AMR") meters. The AMI meters will provide
2 granular, near real-time data that will enable customers
3 to take control of their energy usage and make decisions
4 that will lower their electric bills. The two-way
5 communications capability of smart meters will allow the
6 company to respond more quickly to customer service
7 requests, and, in some cases, begin responding to "trouble"
8 even before a customer is aware of it. The Electric
9 Delivery team will collaborate with our Customer Experience
10 team to provide these customer benefits and offer new
11 customer programs and services as our AMI system becomes
12 fully functional.

13
14 **Q.** When will the new AMI system be in service?

15
16 **A.** The company expects that its AMI system will be installed,
17 fully functional, tested, and ready to be placed in service
18 in December 2021. The project is currently on time and
19 within budget.

20
21 **Q.** What is the projected cost of the AMI system?

22
23 **A.** We expect the capital portion of the AMI system to cost
24 approximately \$242 million, which is reflected in our
25 projected rate base for the 2022 test year. We are

1 approximately nine months from completion, all major pieces
2 have been purchased, contracts are in place, and we expect
3 the project to come in within budget.
4

5 **Q.** Is the company's projected investment in its AMI system
6 prudent?
7

8 **A.** Yes. Our AMI system will provide substantial operational
9 and customer service benefits for the company and its
10 customers and was procured using the company's normal
11 practices which are designed to ensure that we purchase
12 goods and services at the lowest reasonable cost.
13

14 **Q.** How did the company procure the equipment and services for
15 the AMI project?
16

17 **A.** We selected our major vendor for the project - Itron -
18 using a rigorous RFP process. Itron was selected because
19 it offered the most cost-effective solution, was known as
20 an industry leader, had an excellent history of successful
21 projects, and its product can be updated and improved as
22 new applications become available. A schedule detailing
23 the major components and projected costs for our AMI
24 project by year is included in Document No. 4 of my exhibit.
25

1 **Q.** What benefits will the AMI system provide from an
2 operations perspective?

3
4 **A.** The new AMI system will provide significant operational
5 benefits for our company and our customers, including:

- 6 • The ability to collect interval meter data over the
7 network, thereby reducing truck rolls and increasing
8 read rates.
- 9 • The ability to remotely connect and disconnect service,
10 leading to faster connections, fewer truck rolls and
11 reduced call volumes in our call centers.
- 12 • The ability to identify consumption on inactive
13 accounts, identify abnormal usage, and detect
14 malfunctioning equipment, energy theft, and meter
15 tampering.
- 16 • The ability to automatically detect outages and verify
17 service restoration through near real-time
18 notifications.
- 19 • The ability to connect and coordinate equipment to our
20 electric grid other than meters, such as streetlights,
21 solar, battery storage, and electric vehicles.

22
23 Other additional benefits to our customers are discussed
24 in the direct testimony Ms. Cosby.

1 **Q.** Will there be any additional cost savings from the AMI
2 implementation?

3
4 **A.** Yes. The company will further realize some reductions in
5 meter reading expenses as well as expenses for field and
6 meter services such as meter connect and disconnect, energy
7 theft, and outage detection activities. However, most of
8 the cost savings were associated with meter reading and
9 such cost savings were realized when the company began
10 transitioning from electro-mechanical meters to AMR meters
11 almost 20 years ago. The AMR conversion program eliminated
12 the need for meter readers to take manual readings at each
13 individual meter. By converting from electro-mechanical to
14 AMR meters, the company reduced its meter reading workforce
15 from over 100 to fewer than 20 by the end of 2014.

16
17 **Q.** Will there be ongoing costs associated with the
18 implementation of AMI?

19
20 **A.** Yes. After our AMI system goes in service, Tampa Electric
21 will continue to incur costs associated with the IT systems
22 and integration of hardware, software, development,
23 security, management, and data analytics, as well as the
24 ongoing maintenance of these systems. Those costs are
25 anticipated to exceed the cost savings gained from the AMI

1 deployment and result in a net increase in O&M expenses.
2 These increased costs are required to provide the benefits
3 and improve our customer experience.
4

5 **Q.** Is the replacement of AMR meters and their early retirement
6 prudent?
7

8 **A.** Yes. The replacement of the company's AMR meters and
9 associated retirement on December 31, 2021 is prudent. As
10 previously described in my direct testimony, the new AMI
11 system is a key part of the company's grid modernization
12 strategy and will provide Tampa Electric's customers with
13 a wide range of new benefits. These new benefits would not
14 have been possible utilizing existing AMR meters, as such,
15 the retirement of the AMR meters is prudent.
16

17 **OTHER FUTURE ELECTRIC DELIVERY PLANS**

18 **Q.** What other Electric Delivery system improvements are being
19 planned to implement the company's grid modernization
20 strategy?
21

22 **A.** We will continue to focus our efforts on programs and
23 projects to further reduce outages, outage times, and, as
24 a result, improve overall customer satisfaction and
25 experiences. Some of the innovative projects being planned

1 or implemented in the Electric Delivery include:

2
3 1. Implement Distributed Energy Resources ("DER")
4 aggregation capabilities. Tampa Electric's control systems
5 do not currently have the capability to aggregate, monitor
6 or control DERs. This future initiative will ensure our
7 grid systems can safely integrate DERs into grid
8 operations, planning, and optimization, helping us better
9 serve our customers.

10
11 2. Implement AMI grid edge applications. One of the
12 reasons we selected Itron as our AMI vendor was its leading
13 position in the industry on grid edge data analytics. Our
14 AMI system will give us the ability to gather and use a
15 tremendous amount of new data to improve reliability and
16 offer new services to customers. These grid edge
17 applications will allow us to use data more efficiently by
18 analyzing it directly in real time at the meter and are
19 planned for deployment beginning in 2023.

20
21 3. Enable Smart City capabilities. Our AMI system
22 infrastructure and mesh network give us the capacity to
23 partner with local governments to support broader community
24 goals and enhance existing services. We are working to
25 develop applications in the areas of gunshot detection;

1 stormwater detection; traffic and pedestrian counting; and
2 surveillance. For example, the City of Tampa most recently
3 expanded their gunshot detection pilot which will attempt
4 to detect gunshots within a multiple block area by using
5 over 100 sensors that are attached to Tampa Electric poles.
6 Hillsborough County is working on a Vision Zero initiative
7 to have zero pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle fatalities.
8 Our AMI system is well positioned to enable and support
9 important community projects like these.

10
11 4. Implement EV pilots and technology advancements. The
12 company will initially serve in a facilitation role in the
13 EV market as it continues to grow and evolve. Proper grid
14 planning is critical to ensure reliability and develop our
15 internal competencies to provide long-term support of the
16 local market. The company has requested Commission approval
17 of a four-year public EV charging pilot to deploy up to
18 200 charging ports across our service territory. This
19 pilot, if approved, will allow us to develop a better
20 understanding of EV charging infrastructure, charging
21 behavior data, and how EV charging affects the operation
22 of our grid. This pilot will benefit our customers by
23 providing greater access to public charging, the lack of
24 which is recognized as a significant barrier, whether real
25 or perceived, to the adoption of EVs. The company currently

1 plans to invest approximately \$2.2 million on this
2 initiative by year end 2022.

3
4 5. AC/DC neighborhood microgrids. Tampa Electric and its
5 affiliate Emera Technologies LLC ("ETL") are working with
6 Lennar Homes Inc ("Lennar") to install an innovative Direct
7 Current Microgrid Pilot Program ("Pilot") in southern
8 Hillsborough County. The Pilot involves installation of
9 new direct current ("DC") electric microgrid technology
10 and associated generating equipment, known as the Block
11 Energy System, to provide power to approximately 37 homes.
12 The Pilot will test the capability of the Block Energy
13 System to power residential homes in Florida with a high
14 level of renewable energy as well as superior reliability
15 and resiliency. The Commission is considering this Pilot
16 in Docket No. 20200234-EI.

17
18 **Q.** How will the plans described in this section of your direct
19 testimony benefit the company and its customers in the
20 future?

21
22 **A.** The company and its customers will benefit from these plans
23 in numerous ways, including:

- 24 • Customers will be able to realize the benefits of
25 automation through a wide-ranging user-friendly

- 1 digital experience.
- 2 •
- 3 • Customers will have fewer and shorter outages through
- 4 the operations of Fault Location Isolation and Service
- 5 Restoration (“FLISR”) and pro-active maintenance
- 6 programs using enhanced data analytics.
- 7 • Customers will have fewer momentary outages.
- 8 • Customers will enjoy improved storm recovery times
- 9 because of the SPP Program and other Grid
- 10 Modernization resiliency programs.
- 11 • Customers will be able to use clean distributed energy
- 12 resources in a “plug and play” way.
- 13 • The company will be able to support accelerated EV
- 14 adoption rates.
- 15 • Customers will benefit from the company’s
- 16 capabilities to forecast, schedule, and operate an
- 17 extensive portfolio of cost-effective distributed
- 18 energy resources.
- 19 • The changes will further advance the ability to
- 20 improve our environmental footprint and reduce carbon
- 21 emissions through greater use of zero and low-carbon
- 22 generation, storage, and transportation technologies.

23

24 **2022 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

25 **Q.** What are Tampa Electric’s projected capital investments

1 for Electric Delivery in 2021 and 2022?

2
3 **A.** As shown in Document No. 5 of my exhibit, the non-SPP
4 related capital investment projections for the Electric
5 Delivery area totals \$320.2 million in 2021 and \$263.4
6 million in 2022. This total is comprised of \$242.2 and
7 \$225.3 million for sustaining capital projects and \$77.9
8 and \$38.1 million for strategic capital projects in 2021
9 and 2022, respectively. These additions to rate base are
10 prudent as described below.

11
12 **Q.** How does Tampa Electric determine the construction program
13 and capital budget for additional T&D facilities?

14
15 **A.** Tampa Electric determines its construction program and
16 capital budget for major additional T&D facilities through
17 its annual system planning and capital planning process.
18 This process and the resulting capital plan are intended
19 to ensure that management is aware of proposed future
20 spending requirements, the expected benefits to both
21 customers and the organization, and the impacts and or risk
22 of not making the proposed investments. The capital
23 planning process results in a prioritized list of T&D
24 projects for the current fiscal year capital budget and
25 the five-year capital plan, as well as the capital budgets

1 for smaller T&D additions, maintenance, restoration, and
2 other T&D related capital activities.

3
4 **Q.** How does the company plan and manage its major T&D capital
5 improvement projects?

6
7 **A.** The company plans to meet the future requirements of all
8 customers served from its T&D systems using system models
9 and well-established T&D planning criteria. We use internal
10 models and standards to ensure that the most cost-effective
11 distribution projects are identified. We also use local
12 and regional models and standards to identify transmission
13 projects.

14
15 Once the projects and all alternatives considered are fully
16 reviewed and approved as previously described, the
17 company's Electric Delivery Project Management team is
18 responsible for coordinating with all required engineering
19 and operations groups to develop detailed schedules and
20 budgets for managing all major T&D projects until they are
21 placed in service.

22
23 **Q.** You previously explained the company's T&D plant rate base
24 additions from 2013 to 2022, why they were prudent, and
25 that they continue to be used and useful to serve the

1 company's customers. Would you now please describe and
2 explain the additions to T&D plant rate base forecasted to
3 occur in the 2022 test year?
4

5 **A.** The total increase in the company's related T&D plant rate
6 base forecasted to occur in the 2022 test year amounts to
7 \$404.96 million, including \$94.22 million in transmission
8 plant and \$310.74 million in distribution plant as
9 reflected in MFR Schedule B-07. This includes \$16.50
10 million in SPP related transmission plant and \$141.66
11 million in SPP related distribution plant to be added in
12 the 2022 test year.
13

14 **Q.** What major projects are included in these amounts and why
15 are they prudent?
16

17 **A.** In general, these major projects are required to maintain
18 Tampa Electric's high level of reliable service while
19 simultaneously addressing aging infrastructure. Some of
20 the other T&D initiatives are critical to ensure reliable
21 operations, some are to improve customer satisfaction, and
22 some are required to meet regulatory requirements. All will
23 provide benefits to our customers.
24

25 Some of the major areas and projects planned for 2022 are

1 described in MFR Schedule F-08 and below with their
2 benefits:

- 3
- 4 • \$58 million for distribution system expansion required
5 to reliably serve new customers.
- 6 • \$24 million for preventative maintenance activities on
7 the distribution system including wooden pole
8 changeouts, underground cable replacements, transformer
9 changeouts, and capacitor bank maintenance. These
10 preventative maintenance activities will ensure that the
11 work can be planned and performed more cost effectively
12 than reactively when a failure was to occur. This will
13 also prevent unnecessary customer outages.
- 14 • \$33 million for corrective maintenance activities on the
15 distribution system including replacing failed overhead
16 and underground equipment and restoration activities
17 following typical storm events.
- 18 • \$23 million for new transmission lines and expanding
19 existing transmission facilities needed to add the
20 required capacity to provide reliable electric service
21 to new residential and commercial customers.
- 22 • \$28 million to advance our LED Lighting conversion
23 program. This is a continuation of the well-established
24 program and meets the demands of our customers for
25 reliable efficient LED lighting. The benefits of this

1 program include lower electric bills for our customers,
2 lower O&M expenses for the company, fewer outages, and
3 improved illumination that may reduce crime and vehicle
4 accidents.

- 5 • \$11 million for new Lighting installations to satisfy
6 new customer requests.
- 7 • \$8 million allocated to execute the early stages of the
8 Grid Modernization strategy. These expenditures are to
9 construct a private LTE communications network needed
10 for a reliable, resilient, and modern grid and to
11 establish the IT systems required to support our future
12 line sensing technology infrastructure.
- 13 • \$10 million to relocate our T&D facilities located in
14 public rights-of-way in conjunction with governmental
15 road improvement projects.
- 16 • \$33 million for new substations and to expand existing
17 substation facilities to add the required capacity to
18 provide reliable electric service to new residential and
19 commercial customers.
- 20 • \$7 million for substation preventative maintenance
21 activities including circuit breaker, relay, and switch
22 upgrades as well as approximately 50 spare transformer
23 purchases. These investments were identified as part of
24 our Asset Management Program and will significantly
25 reduce the chances of large and extended outages,

1 thereby improving reliability and service to our
2 customers.

- 3 • \$9 million for new vehicle purchases required to
4 maintain a reliable fleet so our crews and field
5 personnel can provide timely customer service.

6

7 **Q.** Is there any property being held for future T&D use?

8

9 **A.** Yes. As reflected in MFR Schedule B-15, the company is
10 holding property for future T&D use. Specifically, the
11 River to South Hillsborough corridor will be used for
12 future 230kV facilities driven by the need to continue to
13 reliably serve Tampa Electric's existing load and future
14 load growth and the company's adherence to existing NERC
15 Reliability Standards. In addition, we have property
16 located at Big Bend Road and US 41 that is adjacent to the
17 Big Bend power plant and is being held for a possible
18 future substation, site expansion, or renewable generation
19 project.

20

21 **2022 TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION O&M EXPENSES**

22 **Q.** What are Electric Delivery's O&M expenses budgeted for 2022
23 and how has the amount varied since 2013?

24

25 **A.** Document No. 6 of my exhibit shows Tampa Electric's

1 Electric Delivery department expenses (excluding all
2 activities related to storm hardening and SPP as those
3 costs are now recovered through the SPP cost recovery
4 clause) from 2013 to 2022. The budgeted amount in 2022 is
5 \$71.8 million.
6

7 **Q.** How does the adjusted 2022 test year total T&D O&M costs
8 per company books compare with the Commission O&M
9 benchmark?
10

11 **A.** As described in the direct testimony of Tampa Electric
12 witness Jeffrey S. Chronister and reflected in MFR Schedule
13 C-37, the company's adjusted 2022 total T&D O&M costs are
14 expected to be under the benchmark by \$9.1 million.
15 Specifically, the adjusted test year total T&D O&M per
16 company books in 2022 is \$57 million. The adjusted test
17 year total T&D O&M benchmark in 2022 is \$66 million. This
18 includes a favorable variance of \$6.1 million in
19 transmission related expenses and a favorable variance of
20 \$2.9 million in distribution related expenses. This
21 favorability can be attributed to continuous improvement
22 initiatives within Electric Delivery as well as the
23 implementation of Asset Management and Grid Modernization
24 programs.
25

1 **Q.** Was an adjustment made to the O&M expenses for benchmark
2 modeling, and if so, how much?

3
4 **A.** Yes. To obtain an "apples to apples" comparison, an
5 adjustment was made for the storm protection plan related
6 activities. We adjusted the test year by \$26 million and
7 the base year by \$11.5 million. The SPP adjustments for
8 the test year are shown in MFR Schedule C-38 and the
9 adjustments for the base year are shown in MFR Schedule C-
10 39. The adjusted T&D O&M benchmark calculation is shown in
11 MFR Schedule C-41 and shown in Document No. 7.

12
13 **Q.** How has development of the company's SPP and implementation
14 of the related SPP cost recovery clause affected the amount
15 of T&D O&M expense to be recovered through base rates?

16
17 **A.** As part of the SPP, the company shifted several legacy
18 storm hardening activities into SPP programs. Cost recovery
19 of the O&M expenses associated with these activities was
20 also shifted from base rates to the SPP cost recovery
21 clause. These activities and costs included vegetation
22 management, pole inspections, and transmission structure
23 inspections.

24
25 **Q.** What are the main drivers for the company's Electric

1 Delivery's related O&M expenses.

2
3 **A.** The main drivers for Electric Delivery's O&M expenses are
4 maintenance expenses, meter services, restoration, and
5 load dispatching costs. Document No. 8 of my exhibit
6 reflects Electric Delivery's O&M expenses for the test year
7 2022.

8
9 Maintenance expenses include the costs associated with non-
10 SPP related equipment inspections, condition-based
11 substation preventative maintenance, downtown Tampa
12 network inspections, and activities to correct or repair
13 non-operable or unsafe conditions on the system that have
14 been identified through a non-SPP inspection.

15
16 Meter services expenses include remotely reading and
17 managing disconnection and reconnection services; meter
18 testing; servicing meters; and meter installation.

19
20 Restoration expenses reflect the costs of activities
21 associated with patrols, switching, and repairing
22 facilities that have failed and are required to restore
23 service to customers. These costs are incurred due to
24 weather or other causes/events that result in equipment
25 failure.

1 Control Center dispatch expenses include the costs of
2 activities related to operating the balancing area and the
3 bulk electric transmission system and costs required to
4 operate the distribution network.

5
6 **Q.** What major factors have contributed to an increase in total
7 O&M spending in the Electric Delivery area?

8
9 **A.** Although Electric Delivery is below the O&M benchmark, it
10 should be noted there are a few areas that have seen
11 increases in O&M spending. Operation and maintenance of
12 the IT and communication components of our AMI system
13 requires additional software and team members with new and
14 different skill sets. Separate and apart from our SPP
15 activities, we are spending more resources to improve our
16 Emergency Preparedness. Our internal labor and contract
17 labor costs have increased and outpaced CPI due to market
18 conditions with limited skilled workers and extremely high
19 demands for their services. The cost of using outside
20 contractors has increased due to the increased demand in
21 resources needed to implement the various SPPs across the
22 state. We have moderated these increases by developing a
23 work culture that focuses on continuous improvement and
24 efficiency and has resulted in cost control and cost
25 reduction measures, some of which are described below.

1 **Q.** What safety initiatives are reflected in T&D O&M expenses
2 for the 2022 test year and why are those initiatives
3 beneficial for customers?

4
5 **A.** Following the SMS previously described in my direct
6 testimony is one of the cornerstones of Electric Delivery's
7 operations. The SMS is designed to ensure compliance with
8 OSHA regulations and is aligned with OSHA recommended
9 practices. The requirements and programs of each element
10 are embedded in the operating costs of the business. By
11 implementing a SMS, the company is not only promoting the
12 safety of its team members, but also its customers and the
13 public.

14
15 Our SMS program benefits our customers in several ways,
16 including fostering a safety-first culture that promotes
17 working safely and ensuring the electric service provided
18 is safe, reliable, and cost effective. As previously noted,
19 the number of work-related injuries reported annually
20 within Electric Delivery has decreased by 53 percent since
21 2013 as a result of the safety initiatives implemented.

22
23 **Q.** Please describe the change in outside professional services
24 for the historical and projected test year.

1 **A.** As noted in MFR Schedule C-16, Electric Delivery's outside
2 professional services costs have declined since 2020 in
3 the areas of contractors and consultants while our Line
4 Clearance costs have increased. Line clearance costs are
5 higher due to increased tree trimming activities associated
6 with the SPP which will be recovered through the SPP cost
7 recovery clause. Consultant and contractor costs are lower
8 due to efficiencies and reduced dependency on field
9 contractors, as well as lower use of consultants, which
10 assisted in process improvement initiatives and SPP plan
11 development in 2020.

12
13 **Q.** What steps has Tampa Electric taken to control T&D O&M
14 costs while maintaining a safe and productive workplace?

15
16 **A.** First and foremost, the company and Electric Delivery have
17 developed a culture of continuous improvement. This culture
18 and approach help control O&M cost pressures without
19 sacrificing safety. The company has also implemented
20 numerous cost savings initiatives since our last rate case
21 in 2013.

22
23 Our Asset Management program has played a critical role in
24 controlling Electric Delivery O&M expenses by ensuring that
25 the right assets are maintained, repaired, or replaced at

1 the right time to eliminate outages, customer impacts and
2 expensive unplanned maintenance activities. The use of
3 technology has helped control O&M costs. For example, the
4 company has implemented a new call out system, ARCOS, which
5 significantly improved our call out response times, thereby
6 reducing outage times and restoration costs. The company
7 has also upgraded its Field Dispatch software, PCAD, which
8 has provided more capabilities to our troubleshooters,
9 again reducing outage times and restoration costs. In
10 addition, the company has started using drones for
11 transmission inspections, which is less costly than
12 traditional helicopter patrols. Finally, optimizing field
13 crew schedules has allowed for increased productivity and
14 safety while reducing restoration costs.

15
16 Some other continuous improvement initiatives that have
17 helped manage costs include:

- 18
19 • Grid Operations implemented new solar forecasting and
20 dispatch tools to optimize the use of solar
21 generation.
- 22 • Warehousing implemented a new barcoding system in 2020
23 to ensure better inventory controls and provide real-
24 time information on inventory levels.

1 **Q.** Is the overall level of T&D O&M expense for 2022
2 reasonable?

3
4 **A.** Yes. The proposed O&M expenses for 2022 are reasonable and
5 support those activities required for system operations
6 and restoration, inspection programs, maintenance of
7 equipment and computer systems, meter services, and
8 required compliance activities.

9
10 The company's culture of continuous improvement has
11 generated many initiatives and cost control measures that
12 have been implemented from 2013 to 2020. These have helped
13 mitigate cost pressures in several areas, including the
14 higher labor rates and contractor costs that have outpaced
15 inflation due to market conditions and increased demand
16 for a limited supply of utility workers.

17
18 Our current O&M expense levels have allowed Tampa Electric
19 to maintain and improve its system reliability and customer
20 experience. The company's five-year SAIDI average ranks
21 second in the state when compared to our peers and is in
22 the top quartile when compared to other Southeastern
23 utilities. Our MAIFIe, or momentary interruptions, have
24 decreased by 36 percent since 2013. The reliability and
25 the resulting operational and customer service

1 improvements can be attributed to our implementation of
2 Asset Management Program principles in the Electric
3 Delivery area.

4
5 **SUMMARY**

6 **Q.** Please summarize your direct testimony.

7
8 **A.** Tampa Electric forecasts that it will invest \$260.6 million
9 in Electric Delivery capital and incur \$71.8 million in
10 Electric Delivery O&M expenses for the 2022 test year.

11
12 Electric Delivery's proposed T&D budgets support and align
13 with the company's strategic priorities. Our capital budget
14 includes investments for the transmission, distribution,
15 and substation expansion and upgrades needed to support
16 customer growth, maintain system reliability and
17 resiliency, replace aging infrastructure, improve our
18 customers' experience, and meet our governmental and
19 regulatory commitments. Our 2022 forecasted O&M amounts
20 will support the activities required for system operations
21 and restoration, inspections, maintenance of equipment and
22 computer systems, meter services, and required compliance
23 activities. Electric Delivery's continuous improvement
24 initiatives and cost control measures implemented from 2013
25 to 2020 have resulted in O&M spending below the expected

1 levels despite increased costs from newly implemented AMI
2 software, additional Emergency Management support, and
3 higher labor rates and contractor costs that have outpaced
4 inflation due to market conditions and increased demand
5 for a limited supply of utility workers. This is reflected
6 by the T&D O&M expenses for the 2022 test year being \$9
7 million below the Commission's Benchmark.

8
9 Tampa Electric has significantly improved its system
10 reliability. The company's five-year SAIDI average ranks
11 second in the state when compared to our peers and is in
12 the top quartile when compared to other Southeastern
13 utilities, while our MAIFIE, or momentary interruptions,
14 have decreased by 36 percent since 2013. Both improvements
15 can be attributed to the robust Asset Management Program
16 Electric Delivery has implemented and putting systems and
17 personnel in place to minimize outage times when outages
18 do occur.

19
20 The company's grid modernization efforts described in my
21 direct testimony, including AMI, are reasonable and prudent
22 and are necessary to meet the future demands of our
23 customers and electric industry changes. All of these
24 projects will provide real benefits to our customers.

1 Overall, Tampa Electric's proposed T&D capital and O&M
2 budgets for 2022 represent a strategic and balanced
3 approach that will provide the modern grid required to meet
4 our customers' increasing expectations at a reasonable cost
5 and should be approved.
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7 **Q.** Does this conclude your direct testimony?
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9 **A.** Yes, it does.
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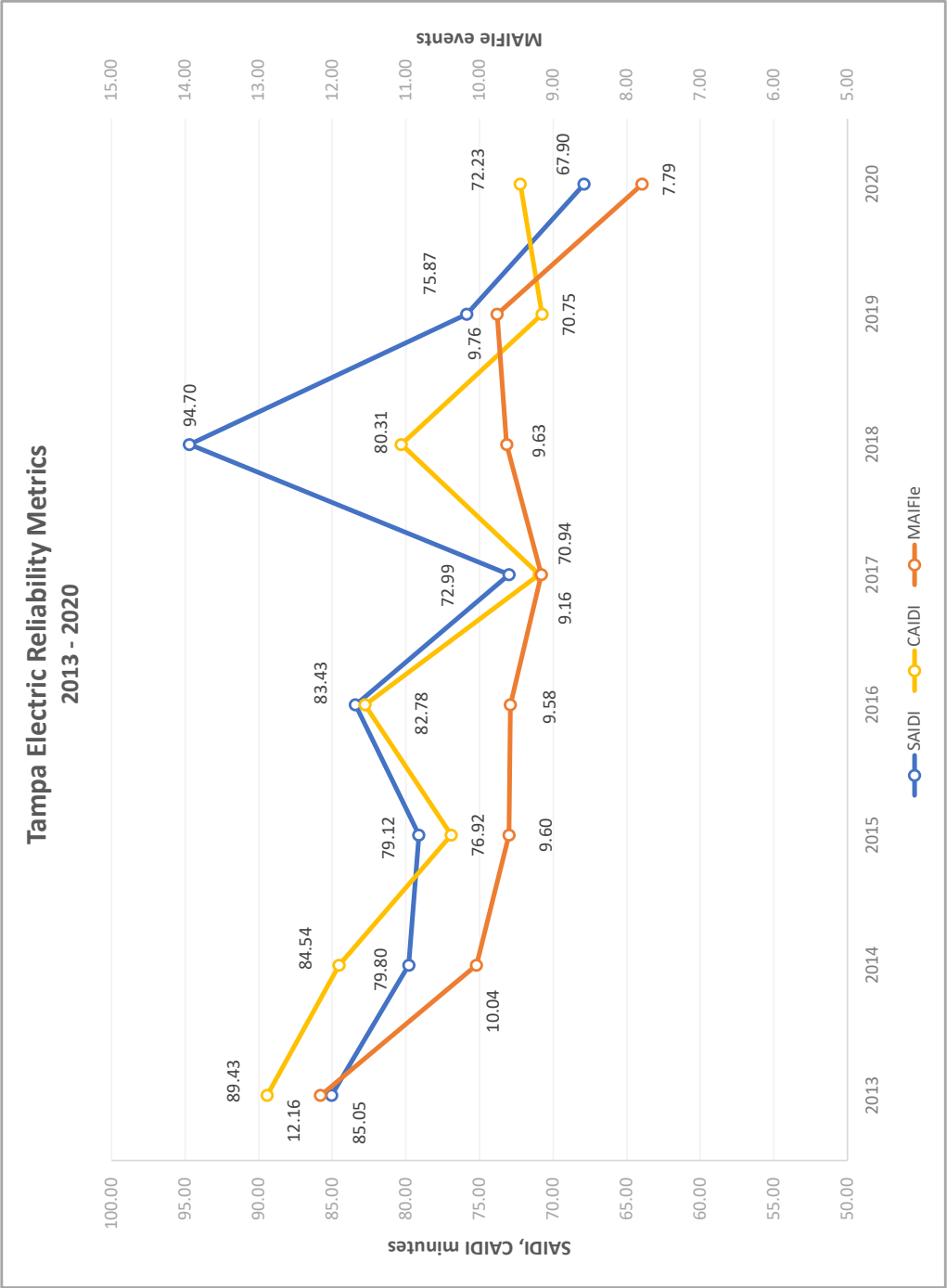
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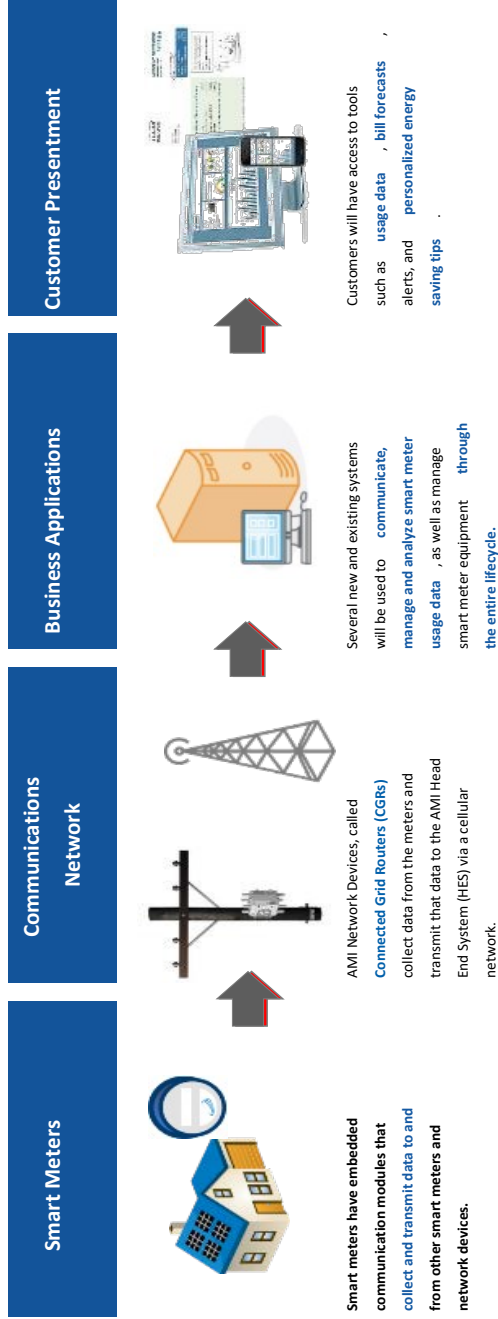
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AMI INFRASTRUCTURE

The Smart Components of AMI

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) describes the integration of:



These components work together to transmit energy usage data from smart meters to TEC systems and eventually to the customer through the web portal and in their monthly bill.

Description	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
AMI - Communications	1,913,375	1,622,695	816,554	514,706	551,006		5,418,336
AMI - Hardware		1,150,627	181,511	69,869	-		1,402,008
AMI - Software	168,498	19,764,923	31,441,048	32,725,248	26,243,347	172,738	110,515,801
AMI - Adv Metering Infrastructure	2,255,657	7,001,920	48,786,044	42,783,652	8,537,610		109,364,883
AMI - Other		817,239	74,084	486,831	25,000		1,403,155
Subtotal - Capex	4,337,530	30,357,404	81,299,241	76,580,306	35,356,963	172,738	228,104,183
AMI - Communications		177,592	267,937	326,486	366,535		1,138,550
AMI - Software		290,891	1,982,389	4,347,547	6,529,637		13,150,464
Subtotal - AFUDC	-	468,482	2,250,326	4,674,033	6,896,172	-	14,289,014
Grand Total incl AFUDC	4,337,530	30,825,887	83,549,568	81,254,339	42,253,135	172,738	242,393,197

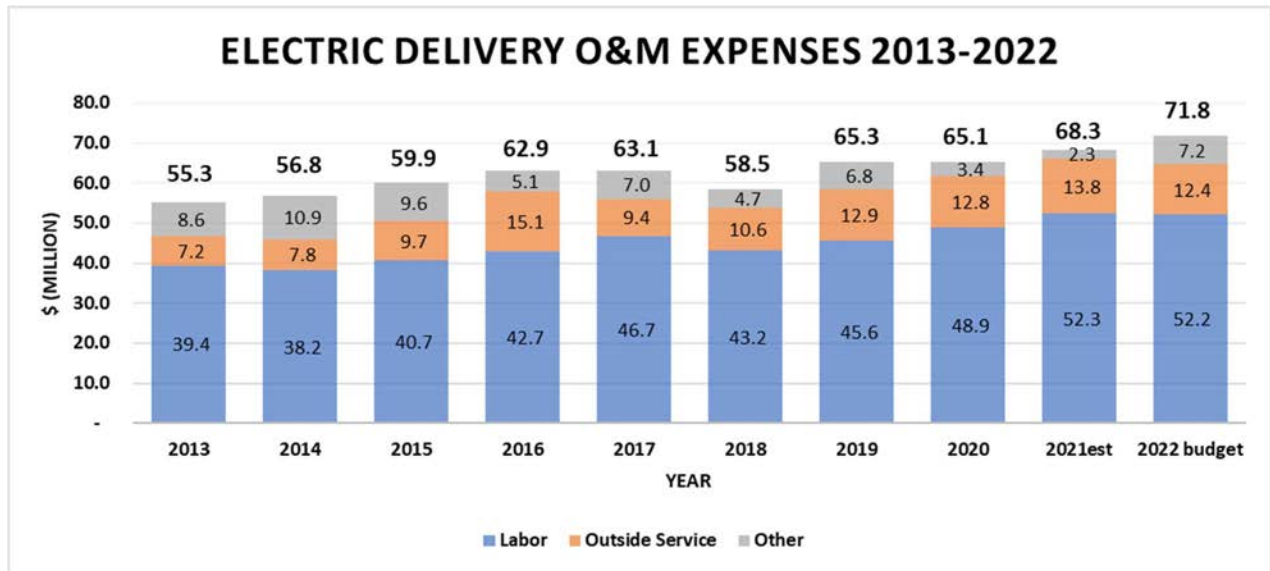
Projects Excluded

AMP Pilot-AMI Bridge Over	325,616						325,616
AMI Phase 1 Pilot	2,114,424	3,153,958	12,454				5,280,837
	2,440,041	3,153,958	12,454	-	-	-	5,606,453

Transmission and Distribution
Capital Investment
(\$000)

	2021	2022
Distribution	127,834.3	116,013.1
Transmission	20,448.9	32,719.8
Substation	61,628.0	44,463.1
Meter	3,961.0	3,960.2
Lighting	13,783.1	13,797.9
Property Held for Future Use	500.0	500.0
Non Construction (Primarily Technology)	1,924.0	4,000.0
Tools/Equipment/Structures/Vehicle Purchases	9,862.5	7,896.7
Equipment/Vehicle Salvage	2,257.5	1,935.0
Total Recurring Capital	242,199.2	225,285.7
Big Bend Modernization - Trans/Sub	374.8	-
Grid Modernization	3,000.0	8,599.7
LED Conversion	30,691.4	27,989.1
AMI	35,357.0	172.7
ADMS	8,528.4	1,365.9
Total Strategic/Non-Recurring	77,951.6	38,127.4
SPP - Distribution	105,651.4	137,657.5
SPP - Transmission	16,480.3	16,502.7
SPP - Substation	-	4,000.0
Total Storm Protection Plan (Clause)	122,131.7	158,160.2
Grand Total Capital	442,282.50	421,573.35
Grand Total Capital less SPP	320,150.77	263,413.18

ELECTRIC DELIVERY HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED O&M EXPENSES



ELECTRIC DELIVERY 2012 O&M Benchmark Comparison

	2012	2022 Budget
T&D O&M expenses	\$ 58,406,000	\$ 57,035,000
2012 Actual SPP related O&M expenses	\$ 11,538,314	
2012 adj O&M less SPP expenses	\$ 46,867,686	
Escalation factor using CPI & Customer Growth	1.4103	
2012 actual converted to 2022 \$'s using factor	\$ 66,099,607	
Comparison	\$ 66,099,607	\$ 57,035,000
Percentage Variance		-13.7%
\$ Variance		\$ (9,064,607)

**Energy Delivery
O&M Budget for 2022**

	2022 Budget Less SPP
Transmission	(000s)
Operation Supervision & Engineering	\$ 717
Load Dispatching	\$ 2,490
Station Expenses	\$ 1,455
Overhead Line Expense	\$ 2
Misc Transmission Expense	\$ 1,090
Rent	\$ -
Maintenance of Structures	\$ -
Maintenance of Computer Software	\$ 1,533
Maintenance of Communication Equipment	\$ 453
Maintenance of Station Equipment	\$ 1,065
Maintenance of Overhead Lines	\$ 700
Total	\$ 9,505
Distribution	
Operation Supervision & Engineering	\$ 865
Load Dispatching	\$ 1,022
Station Expenses	\$ 1,312
Overhead Line Expense	\$ 5,093
Underground Line Expense	\$ 526
Street Lighting Expenses	\$ 553
Meter Expense	\$ 4,322
Customer Installation Expense	\$ 124
Misc Distribution Expense	\$ 4,744
Rent	\$ 343
Maintenance of Structures	\$ 592
Maintenance of Station Equipment	\$ 2,112
Maintenance of Overhead Lines	\$ 13,364
Maintenance of Underground Lines	\$ 2,742
Maintenance of Line Transformers	\$ 352
Maintenance of Street Lighting & Signal Systems	\$ 875
Maintenance of Meters	\$ 370
Maintenance of Miscellaneous Distribution Plant	\$ 16
Total	\$ 39,327
Customers Service	
Meter Reading	\$ 2,788
Customer Records & Collection	\$ 2,359
Maintenance & General Plant	\$ 595
Customer Accts Supervision	\$ 3
Customer Assistance Expenses	\$ 15
Customer Service Informational & Instructional Advertising	\$ 3
Administrative & General Salaries	\$ 563
Office Supplies & Expenses	\$ 59
Administrative Expenses Transferred- Credit	\$ (316)
Outside Services Employed	\$ 146
Employee Pensions & Benefits	\$ 11,949
Regulatory Commission Expenses	\$ 11
Miscellaneous General Expenses	\$ 135
Admin & General Rents	\$ 27
Total	\$ 18,338
Other	
Taxes other than Inc Taxes-Utility Operating Inc	\$ 3,296
Total	\$ 3,296
Grand Total	\$ 71,796