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## **ELECTRONIC FILING**

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Florida Public Service Commission	
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard	
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850	
In re: Petition for Rate Increase by Tampa Electric Company	DOCKET NO. 20240026-EI
In re: Petition for approval of 2023 Depreciation and Dismantlement Study, by Tampa Electric Company	DOCKET NO. 20230139-EI
In re: Petition to implement 2024 Generation Base Rate Adjustment provisions in Paragraph 4 of the 2021 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, by Tampa Electric Company	DOCKET NO. 20230090-EI

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing on behalf of Tampa Electric Company in the above-referenced docket is the Rebuttal Testimony of Valerie Strickland and Exhibit No. VS-2.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

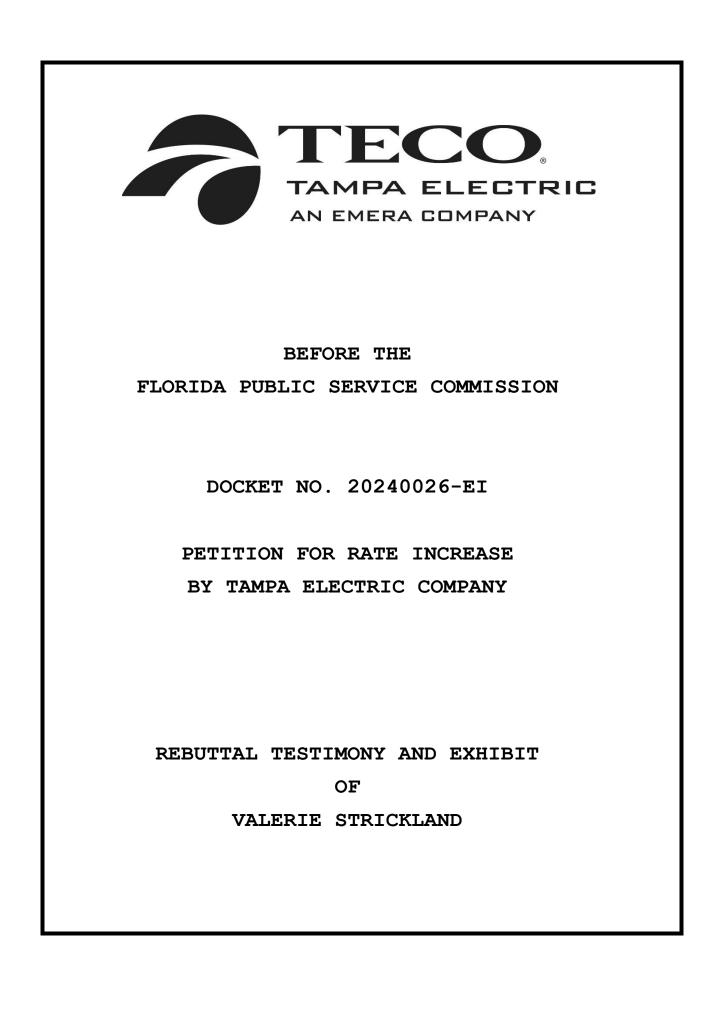
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Sincerely,

J. Jeffry Wahlen

cc: All parties

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TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY DOCKET NO. 20240026-EI FILED: 07/02/2024

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1		BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2		REBUTTAL TESTIMONY
3		OF
4		VALERIE STRICKLAND
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6	Q.	Please state your name, address, occupation and employer.
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8	A.	My name is Valerie Strickland. My business address is 702
9		North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602. I am employed
10		by Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or the
11		"company") as Director Corporate Tax.
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13	Q.	Are you the same Valerie Strickland who filed direct
14		testimony in this proceeding?
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16	A.	Yes.
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18	Q.	Have your title and duties and responsibilities changed
19		since the company filed your prepared direct testimony on
20		April 2, 2024?
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22	A.	No.
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24	Q.	What are the purposes of your rebuttal testimony?
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1	A.	My rebuttal testimony addresses proposals by Office of
2		Public Counsel ("OPC") witness Lane Kollen on the
3		ratemaking treatment of the company's regulatory
4		liability for deferred production tax credits ("PTC"),
5		investment tax credits ("ITC") for energy storage
6		devices, and the company's pre-2022 ITC for solar
7		facilities. My testimony complements the rebuttal
8		testimony of Tampa Electric witness Jeff Chronister, who
9		uses some of the information in my rebuttal testimony to
10		explain the company's position on revenue requirement
11		issues raised by OPC and the other intervenors.
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13	Q.	Have you prepared an exhibit supporting your rebuttal
14		testimony?
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16	A.	Yes. Rebuttal Exhibit No. VS-2, entitled "Rebuttal
17		Exhibit of Valerie Strickland," was prepared by me or
18		under my direction and supervision. The contents of this
19		rebuttal exhibit were derived from the business records
20		of the company and are true and correct to the best of my
21		information and belief. My rebuttal exhibit consists of
22		the following two documents:
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24		Document No. 1 3-year life - Battery Storage ITC -
25		2025 test year

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	Document No. 2 3-year life - Battery Storage ITC -
	SYA 2026 and 2027
Ι.	REGULATORY LIABILITY FOR DEFERRED PTC
Q.	Do you agree with Mr. Kollen's statements on lines 2
	through 9 on page 36 of his testimony regarding the
	company's deferral of PTC?
A.	No. From the beginning, the company understood based on
	the 2021 Agreement that any new tax credits arising from
	tax reform during the term of the agreement should benefit
	customers. Mr. Kollen's explanation is misleading and
	fails to acknowledge the significant discussions Tampa
	Electric held with OPC regarding PTC and the requirement
	in paragraph 11(c) of the 2021 Agreement for the company
	to "normalize" new tax credits arising from tax reform
	for the solar projects addressed in the agreement.
	As noted in my direct testimony, the Inflation Reduction
	Act ("IRA") became effective on August 16, 2022. Tampa
	Electric promptly began discussing the meaning of the tax
	credit "normalization" language with OPC and agreed to
	establish a regulatory liability to reflect the revenue
	requirement value of the PTC exceeding the amount of ITC
	used to calculate its 2023 and 2024 GBRA.
	Q.

On October 27, 2022, the company filed a letter with the 1 Commission in Docket No. 20220148-EI advising of those 2 3 discussions and agreeing to collect its 2023 GBRA subject to refund pending resolution of the issue. The company 4 5 filed a similar letter for its 2024 GBRA in Docket No. 20230090-EI on October 23, 2023. Tampa Electric and OPC 6 discussed the PTC normalization issue multiple times, 7 beginning in December 2022 and continuing through early 8 2024, when the company filed its proposal in Docket No. 9 20230090-EI to resolve the issue in this case. The company 10 11 consulted with OPC before each filing, and OPC did not object. 12 13

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Q.

What did the company propose to do in this rate case?

The company indicated that in this case it would propose 16 Α. an amortization period for the PTC deferred balance, 17 reflect the amortization of the deferred PTC using its 18 proposed period as a reduction to income tax expense in 19 20 the calculation of test year net operating income, and explain its proposed amortization period in its direct 21 22 testimony. It noted that the appropriate amortization 23 period for the deferred PTC would be an issue in this case and that the parties would be free to advocate for 24 25 an amortization period other than the one proposed by the

company. 1 2 Do you agree with Mr. Kollen's proposal to amortize the 3 Q. company's regulatory liability for deferred PTC as of 4 5 December 31, 2024, over three years? 6 No. The proposed three-year amortization period is too 7 Α. short because it will create an abnormal profile in the 8 The company's proposed 10-year 9 revenue requirement. amortization ensures a smoother profile in the revenue 10 requirement reduction associated with this item. The IRS 11 allows the company to claim a PTC for 10 years following 12 a qualifying asset's in-service date; therefore, the 13 14 company believes it is reasonable to mirror this period for amortization of the deferred PTC. 15 16 If the Commission makes Mr. Kollen's proposed adjustment 17 Ο. reflecting a three-year amortization period, 18 is the ("NOI") 19 amount of his proposed net operating income 20 adjustment correct? 21 Excluding the carrying charges adjustments of \$1,073,000, 22 Α. Tampa Electric agrees that Mr. Kollen's calculated amount 23 of \$12,771,000 accurate. Mr. Chronister further is 24 explains why carrying costs on the deferred PTC balance 25

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1		should not be recovered as proposed by Mr. Kollen.
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3	Q.	If the Commission makes Mr. Kollen's proposed adjustment
4		reflecting a three-year amortization period, are the
5		amounts of his proposed rate base adjustments, correct?
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7	A.	No. The company disagrees with the proposed adjustment
8		because, among other reasons, it was calculated using a
9		simple average as opposed to a 13-month average, and it
10		reflects a carrying charge which Mr. Chronister discusses
11		in his rebuttal testimony.
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13	II.	RATEMAKING TREATMENT OF ITC FOR ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES
14	Q.	How has the company accounted for ITC associated with
15		energy storage devices in the 2025 test year and 2026 and
16		2027 subsequent year adjustments ("SYA")?
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18	A.	The company used the normalization method of accounting
19		and calculated the deferral and amortization of ITC to
20		conform with IRS normalization rules under Code Section
21		46. This is consistent with both the company's historical
22		treatment of ITC for its pre-2022 solar generating assets
23		and FPSC practice. Under this approach, the company's cost
24		of service is reduced by the ITC amortization based on
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1		capital for the deferred ITC at the weighted average cost
2		rate of investor sources of capital.
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4	Q.	What does OPC Witness Kollen propose?
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6	A.	Mr. Kollen proposes that the company elect out of the
7		normalization method of accounting, which is a
8		permissible method under the IRA, and to amortize the ITC
9		over a three-year period. He also proposes to assign a
10		zero cost of capital to the deferred ITC balance in the
11		company's capital structure.
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13	Q.	Do you agree with OPC's proposal?
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15	A.	No. While the IRA allows for an opt out of normalization
16		for Energy Storage devices, the company believes that
17		normalization is integral to accounting for income taxes
18		in the Florida regulated environment and arises from
19		Internal Revenue Service guidance on the ratemaking
20		approach.
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22		Normalization is a method of ensuring that regulated
23		utilities and customers benefit from the various tax law
24		provisions that were designed to encourage capital
25		expenditures. For example, accelerated depreciation and

ITC have historically been intended to encourage capital expenditures, not to subsidize customers' utility costs.

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Deferring the ITC а shorter period than over the 4 5 regulatory life of the asset would lower the regulated utility's revenues in the short term and not be 6 representative of the company's normal income 7 tax profile. Normalization protects revenues from the effects 8 of lower rates in the short term and allows regulated 9 utilities and customers to share the benefits 10 of 11 accelerated depreciation and investment tax credits over the life of the related assets. 12

14 It is prudent and reasonable to rely on the long history of normalizing deferred ITC for the purpose of determining 15 16 the tax expense in the 2025 cost of service and SYA. The normalization method of accounting avoids 17 intergenerational cost inequities. It allows regulated 18 companies and customers to share benefits and achieve 19 better balancing of the benefits of ITC over the life of 20 assets giving rise to the ITC. This method 21 the of 22 accounting for ITC has been approved by the FPSC for 23 decades. Finally, consistent with normalization rules and long standing Commission practice, the deferred ITC 24 should be stated in the capital structure using a weighted 25

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1		cost rate of investor sources of capital.
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3	Q.	Why does the company propose to normalize the ITC
4		associated with energy storage but is willing to "flow-
5		through" the PTC associated with solar?
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7	A.	The company proposes different approaches because the
8		design of the two credits is different.
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10		Like solar ITC, the ITC for energy storage arises (or is
11		earned) only in the year the qualifying asset goes into
12		service, so flowing through the entire ITC value when the
13		asset goes into service would only give the value of the
14		credit to customers receiving electric service from Tampa
15		Electric in the year the asset goes in service.
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17		The PTC for solar is structurally different in that the
18		tax credit is available to be earned over ten years, not
19		just the year the solar assets are placed in service.
20		Thus, unlike the ITC, the basic design of the PTC has a
21		normalizing effect that allows current and future
22		customers to enjoy the benefit of the credit over more
23		than one year. This has the effect of moderating
24		intergenerational customer inequities, which is one of
25		the ideas behind normalization.

Q. What cost rate should be applied to deferred ITC for energy storage devices in the company's capital structure?

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The weighted average cost rate of investor sources 5 Α. of capital should be applied to the unamortized balance of 6 the deferred ITC. Since the ITC was enacted decades ago 7 to incentivize capital investments, it is well 8 established by the IRS and Commission practice that when 9 a rate of return is based on a taxpayer's cost of capital, 10 11 the credit may not be assigned a cost of capital rate lower than the overall cost of capital rate, determined 12 on the basis of a weighted average for the capital that 13 14 would have been provided if the ITC was not available. As a result, there should be no change to the company's 15 16 proposed capital structure related to deferred ITC, its accumulated deferred income tax ("ADIT") balance at zero 17 cost of capital, or the Clean Energy Transition Mechanism 18 ("CETM") revenue requirement calculation proposed by the 19 20 company.

Q. If the Commission approves OPC's proposal to amortize deferred ITC for energy storage devices over three years, is the amount of Mr. Kollen's adjustment to the company's 2025 test year revenue requirement correct?

No. The ITC amortization calculated by Mr. Kollen does Α. 1 not consider the correct start date of amortization which 2 3 begins the month following the placed in-service date of the asset. Mr. Kollen assumed a half year amortization 4 5 convention using the amounts of ITC disclosed on MFR Schedule B-23. Additionally, some new additions in 2024, 6 although not material, include solar lighting assets 7 subject to normalization and amortized over 30 years for 8 the test year (35 years in 2023 and 2024). If the 9 Commission agrees with Mr. Kollen on this adjustment, 10 11 Document No. 1 of my rebuttal exhibit shows that the requirement decrease should be \$10,850,000 12 revenue compared to his proposed \$12,607,000 for a difference of 13 14 \$1,757,000. 15 16 Q. If the Commission approves OPC's proposal to amortize deferred ITC for energy storage devices over three years, 17 the amounts of Mr. Kollen's adjustment to 18 are the company's 2026 and 2027 SYA correct? 19 20 In Document No. 2 of my rebuttal testimony, 21 Α. No. we 22 recalculated the amount using a three-year amortization period and concluded that the reduction in the revenue 23 \$3,767,845 compared requirement would be the 24 to

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\$2,792,228 proposed by Mr. Kollen.

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### III. AMORTIZATION OF PRE-2022 SOLAR ITC

Q. How has the company accounted for ITC associated with solar facilities placed into service prior to January 1, 2022, in its 2025 test year?

A. The company claimed ITC for solar generating facilities
placed in service prior to 2022. It deferred and amortized
the ITC over the regulatory life of the asset, which is
30 years, as proposed in the company's recently filed
depreciation study.

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12 Q. If the Commission adopts OPC's recommended 35-year life 13 for the depreciation of solar facilities, should the 14 Commission also adjust the amortization period for pre-15 2022 solar ITC?

17 A. Yes, in order to avoid a violation of the IRS
 18 normalization rules, the Commission would need to adjust
 19 the ITC amortization using the 35-year life should this
 20 longer life be adopted by the Commission.

Q. Should the Commission approve OPC's proposal to use a 35year depreciation life for solar facilities, is the amount of Mr. Kollen's adjustment to the company's 2025 income tax expense on a grossed up basis correct?

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1	A.	Yes. Tampa Electric agrees with the proposed increase of
2		\$1,636,000.
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4	IV.	SUMMARY
5	Q.	Please summarize your rebuttal testimony.
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7	A.	My rebuttal testimony addressed the statements made by
8		OPC witness Lane Kollen related to the ratemaking
9		treatment of the company's deferred PTC balance
10		amortization and the treatment of the ITC for energy
11		storage devices and pre-2022 solar generating facilities.
12		I demonstrated the following:
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14		• Amortizing the deferred PTC balance over a ten-year
15		period will provide a less volatile revenue requirement
16		reduction profile and be in sync with the period during
17		which a company may claim the PTC, which is ten years
18		under IRS rules.
19		• Applying the well-established FPSC and IRS normalization
20		rules to the ITC for energy storage devices will avoid
21		volatility in the company income tax profile and
22		preserve ITC amortization benefits among existing and
23		future customers.
24		• The ITC related to the pre-2022 solar generating
25		facilities should be amortized in the 2025 test year

1		using a 30-year life, as proposed in the company's					
2	depreciation study.						
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4	Q.	Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?					
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6	A.	Yes.					
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## REBUTTAL EXHIBIT

 $\mathbf{OF}$ 

VALERIE STRICKLAND

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## 3-year life- Battery Storage ITC-2025 test year

## Tampa Electric Company 2025 Budget Additions that Qualify for ITC

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Feb Apr Dec

2,977,530

1,267,725 1,709,805

1,521,270 2,564,707

145,040 4,231,017

10 10 10 Amortiz years

> 25,647,069 42,310,166

15,212,700 1,450,397

2025

Annually

Deferred ITC - Battery Storage					Per OPC - 3-yr Amort.	Deferred ITC - Battery Storage
ITC 30%	15,212,700	16,337,249 9,309,820	25,647,069	1,450,397	42,310,166	42,310,166
Went In Service	February		April	December		1 11
Total	50,709,000 February	54,457,495 31,032,733	85,490,229 April	4,834,658 December	141,033,886	141,033,886
Solar Project	Wimauma Battery Storage	Lake Mabel Battery Storage MacDill Battery Storage	I	Big Bend II Flow Battery Storage	Total Battery Storage	Total ITC

	Feb	Apr	Dec	-
2025	4,225,750 Feb	5,699,349 Apr		9,925,099
Annually	5,070,900	8,549,023	483,466	14,103,389
Amortiz years	ო	т	e	
	15,212,700	25,647,069	1,450,397	42,310,166
Deferred ITC - Battery Storage				

1.34364 C-44	0.981594 C-4, Investment Tax Credits line	
Revenue Expansion Factor	Jurisdictional Factor	

(10, 850, 000)

Revenue Requirement Decrease

6,947,569 1,278,900 8,226,469

2025 Change in 2025 ITC Amortization 2025 Change in 2024 ITC Amortization

 Tampa Electric Company

 2024 Budget Additions that Qualify for ITC

Solar Project	Total	Went In Service	ITC 30%
Battery 15MW Dover	18,270,000	18,270,000 September	5,481,000
	Total ITC 18,270,000		5,481,000

## Per MFR / Rate Case Submission

	137,025 September				
2024				548,100 137,025	
Annually	548, 100			548,100	
Amortiz years	10	10	10		
<b>Deferred ITC - Battery Storage</b>	5,481,000			5,481,000	

Per OPC - 3-yr Amort.

Deferred ITC - Battery Storage		
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5,481,000		1,827,000

2024 Change in 2025 ITC Amortization 1,278,900

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# 3-year life- Battery Storage ITC- SYA 2026 and 2027

Tampa Electric ITC Calculations As Filed - 10 year

Revenue	Requirement	Impact	1,703,366	1,756,110	833,936	4,293,413		Revenue	Requirement	Impact	2,044,039	2,195,138	1,250,905	5,490,082	1106 660	C00'02T'T		Revenue	Requirement	Impact	2,044,039	2,195,138	1,250,905
		NOI Impact NOI Multiplier	1.34364	1.34364	1.34364					NOI Impact NOI Multiplier	1.34364	1.34364	1.34364							NOI Impact NOI Multiplier	1.34364	1.34364	1.34364
		NOI Impact	1,267,725	1,306,980	620,655	3,195,360				NOI Impact	1,521,270	1,633,725	930,982	4,085,977						NOI Impact	1,521,270	1,633,725	930,982
	Prorated for In-	Service	83.33%	80.00%	66.67%				Prorated for In-	Service	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%						Prorated for In-	Service	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
		Annual ITC	1,521,270	1,633,725	930,982	4,085,977	2026			Annual ITC	1,521,270	1,633,725	930,982	4,085,977			2027			Annual ITC	1,521,270	1,633,725	930.982
		Years	10	10	10					Years	10	10	10							Years	10	10	10
		Ц	15,212,700	16,337,249	9,309,820	40,859,769				ЦС	15,212,700	16,337,249	9,309,820	40,859,769						IIC	15,212,700	16,337,249	9,309,820
		ITC %	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%					ITC %	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%							ITC %	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%
		Cost	50,709,000	54,457,495	31,032,733					Cost	50,709,000	54,457,495	31,032,733		maat	IIIhact				Cost	50,709,000	54,457,495	31,032,733
			Wimauma	Lake Mabel	South Tampa	Totals					Wimauma	Lake Mabel	South Tampa	Totals	tornal lotanaroad AVA 2000						Wimauma	Lake Mabel	South Tampa

4,964,514 OPC Rebuttal 2026 SYA 1,196,669 as proposed per company (3,767,845) OPC Reduction in Revenue Requirement

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2027 SYA - Incremental Impact

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2027 SYA - Incremental Impact

	Revenue	Requirement	tiplier Impact.	1.34364 5,677,887	1.34364 4,878,085	1.34364 2,779,788	13,335,759		Revenue	Requirement	tiplier Impact.	1.34364 6,813,464	1.34364 7,317,127	1.34364 4,169,682	18,300,273	4,964,514			kevenue	Requirement	tiplier Impact	1.34364 6,813,464	1.34364 7,317,127	1.34364 4,169,682	18.300.273
			pact NOI Multiplier	4,225,750 1.3	3,630,500 1.3	2,068,849 1.3	9,925,099				pact NOI Multiplier	5,070,900 1.3	5,445,750 1.3	3,103,273 1.3	9,923						pact NOI Multiplier	5,070,900 1.3	5,445,750 1.3	3,103,273 1.3	9,923
		for In-	ce NOI Impact				9,92			for In-	ce NOI Impact				13,619,923					for In-	ce NOI Impact				13,619,923
		Prorated for In-	ITC Service	,900 83.33%	,750 66.67%	,273 66.67%	,923			Prorated for In-	ITC Service	,900 100.00%	,750 100.00%	,273 100.00%	,923					Prorated for In-	ITC Service	,900 100.00%	,750 100.00%	,273 100.00%	.923
2025			Annual ITC	5,070,900	5,445,750	3,103,273	13,619,923	2026			Annual ITC	5,070,900	5,445,750	3,103,273	13,619,923		1000	2021			Annual ITC	5,070,900	5,445,750	3,103,273	13,619,923
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			ITC	15,212,700	16,337,249	9,309,820	40,859,769				ITC	15,212,700	16,337,249	9,309,820	40,859,769						ITC	15,212,700	16,337,249	9,309,820	40,859,769
			ITC %	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%					ITC %	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%							ITC %	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	
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				Wimauma	Lake Mabel	South Tampa	Totals					Wimauma	Lake Mabel	South Tampa	Totals	2026 SYA - Incremental Impact						Wimauma	Lake Mabel	South Tampa	Totals

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oPC Rebuttal - 3-Year

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the foregoing rebuttal testimony and exhibit have been served by posting on a shared document site, hand delivery of a USB drive or by electronic mail on this 2nd day of July, 2024 to the following:

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