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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20240012-EG

Commission review of numeric
conservation goals (Florida
Power & Light Company).

DOCKET NO. 20240013-EG

Commission review of numeric
conservation goals (Duke
Energy Florida, LLC).

DOCKET NO. 20240014-EG

Commission review of numeric
conservation goals (Tampa
Electric Company).

DOCKET NO. 20240015-EG

Commission review of numeric
conservation goals (Florida
Public Utilities Company).

DOCKET NO. 20240016-EG

Commission review of numeric
conservation goals (JEA).

DOCKET NO. 20240017-EG

Commission review of numeric
conservation goals (Orlando
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2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: All right. Excellent.

3 I think we've got a little bit of a full
4 house. Welcome. It is -- today is August 8th, and
5 this is the Commission's review of the numeric
6 conservation goals.

7 I'm going to go ahead and ask staff to please
8 read the notice.

9 MR. IMIG: By notice issued July 12th, 2024,
10 this was the time and place that was set for a
11 hearing in dockets -- Docket Nos. 20240012-EG,
12 20240013-EG, 20240014-EG, 20240015-EG, 20240016-EG
13 and 20240017-EG. The purpose of the hearing is set
14 out in the notice.

15 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you, Mr. Imig.

16 Let's move to appearances. We have a lot of
17 folks -- go ahead. Go ahead, staff.

18 MR. IMIG: There are six dockets to address
19 today in this consolidated proceeding. Staff
20 suggests that all appearances be taken at once.
21 All parties should enter their appearances and
22 declare the dockets that they are entering an
23 appearance for. After the parties make their
24 appearances, staff will need to make theirs.

25 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Excellent. so what I was

1 going to -- thank you.

2 So I what I was going to say was that we've
3 got a lot of folks before us. I don't know that we
4 are all sitting in the order, so I am going to go
5 ahead and just call each party out, and then, of
6 course, if I miss anybody, I will make sure to look
7 up and we include them.

8 Let's start with FPL.

9 MR. COX: Good afternoon, Chairman La Rosa and
10 Commissioners. William Cox appearing today on
11 behalf of Florida Power & Light. I would also like
12 to enter an appearance for Christopher Wright.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

15 Duke Energy.

16 MS. CUELLO: Good afternoon. Stephanie Cuello
17 and Matt Bernier for Duke Energy, and it's go to be
18 in the 13 docket.

19 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

20 TECO.

21 MR. MEANS: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
22 Malcolm Means with the Ausley Law Firm appearing on
23 behalf of Tampa Electric. I would also like to
24 enter appearances for Jeff Wahlen and Virginia
25 Ponder. And we are in the 14 docket.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

3 FPUC.

4 MS. KEATING: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman.

5 Commissioners. Beth Keating with the Gunster Law
6 Firm here this afternoon for FPUC in Docket
7 20240015.

8 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Excellent. Thank you.

9 JEA.

10 MR. PERKO: Good afternoon, Commissioners,
11 Gary Perko of the Holtzman Vogel Law Firm on behalf
12 of JEA in Docket No. 20240016.

13 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

14 OUC.

15 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

16 Robert Scheffel Wright and John T. Lavia, III
17 from the Gardner Bist Law Firm. By agreement
18 amongst all parties, we have entered appearances in
19 all six of the dockets that had to do with
20 specifically covering the representation of one of
21 the witnesses, Mr. Herndon. So technically I am
22 appearing in all the six dockets, but OUC is my
23 main client.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

1 MS. WRIGHT: Hi, Commissioners. Good
2 afternoon. Kelly Wright, Sean Garner and Erik
3 Sayler for FDACS in all dockets.

4 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

5 FIPUG.

6 MR. MOYLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jon
7 Moyle with the Moyle Law Firm, appearing on behalf
8 of Florida Industrial Power Users Group, FIPUG. I
9 would also like to enter an appearance for Karen
10 Putnal. And we are in the three dockets involving
11 the investor-owned utilities, TECO, Duke and FPL.

12 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

13 PCS Phosphate.

14 MR. BREW: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman,
15 Commissioners.

16 For White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, PCS
17 Phosphate, I am James Brew. I would like to note
18 an appearance for Laura Baker and Sarah Newman.
19 And we are appearing in the 13 docket.

20 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

21 Nucor.

22 MR. BRISCAR: Good afternoon, Commissioners,
23 Mr. Chairman.

24 Joseph Briscar on behalf of Nucor Steel
25 Florida. I would like to also enter an appearance

1 for Peter Mattheis and Michael Lavanga. And we are
2 appearing in the 0013 docket.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

5 Walmart.

6 MS. EATON: Good afternoon. Stephanie Eaton
7 here on behalf of Walmart, Inc. And also entering
8 an appearance for Steven Lee.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

11 SACE.

12 MR. GARNER: William Garner on behalf of the
13 Southern Alliance for Clean Energy. And we are
14 intervening in Dockets 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17.

15 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

16 Florida Rising, LULAC.

17 MR. MARSHALL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 Bradley Marshall and Jordan Luebkekmann on
19 behalf of Florida Rising, the League of United
20 Latin American Citizens of Florida, better known as
21 LULAC, and the Environmental Confederation of
22 Southwest Florida, better known as ECOSWF, in the
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24 and LULAC in the 20240013 and 14 docket. And on
25 behalf of Florida Rising in the 20240016 and 17

1 dockets.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

4 Staff.

5 MR. IMIG: Jacob Imig, Commission staff. I
6 would also like to enter an appearance for Jon
7 Rubottom and Adria Harper.

8 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

9 MS. HELTON: And Mary Anne Helton is here as
10 your Advisor, along with your General Counsel,
11 Keith Hetrick.

12 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you for -- we are
13 almost in order --

14 MR. COX: Chairman La Rosa, my apologies. I
15 realize I did not say my docket number for FPL at
16 the beginning. So for FPL, it was William Cox and
17 Christopher Wright in the 20240012 docket only.

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you. So, you know,
20 going first sometimes, you know, it happens. I
21 should have -- I should have mentioned it, but
22 thank you for clarifying.

23 Let's go ahead and move to preliminary
24 matters.

25 MR. IMIG: Before addressing staff's

1 preliminary matters, Mr. Moyle with FIPUG, would
2 like to address the Commission.

3 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Sure.

4 Mr. Moyle, you are recognized.

5 MR. MOYLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And
6 thank you and your staff for giving me just a brief
7 opportunity to make a couple of points about what I
8 view largely as a procedural issue, and wanted to
9 bring this to the attention of the full Commission.
10 We had a brief discussion about this with the
11 Prehearing Officer, and it relates to Issue 8a,
12 which was an issue that was put forward by staff.

13 As you know, demand-side management programs
14 are important. There are a number of demand-side
15 management programs like curtailable systems, and
16 interruptible systems, and standby generator, where
17 people that have grocery stores, and things like
18 that, they have standby generators; or large power
19 users, on a hot day they will get a call and say
20 can you shut off? We need to -- we need to use
21 your energy, don't -- don't take it, and they have
22 agreed to be interrupted. The grocery store, the
23 same thing. They can crank up their generators and
24 have supply available. It's a good he -- it's a
25 good program.

1 There has been an issue that was raised by
2 staff about, well, we are -- these programs are
3 part of the goals docket, demand-side management,
4 these programs. I don't think anybody really
5 debates whether they are good or not. But the
6 question has become, where should the compensation,
7 the rates for these programs be decided?

8 And this issue was phrased by staff, and there
9 were two options. Should it be in the goals docket
10 or should it be in a rate case docket? And that
11 issue is still a live issue before you today.

12 And by me sharing some remarks, which I
13 appreciate, I think -- I think we are going to be
14 able to resolve that okay, but I did want to just
15 make the Commission aware it's an outstanding
16 issue. I believe it's created a lot of
17 inefficiencies and uncertainties. And in FIPUG's
18 case, we filed testimony in this docket. We filed
19 testimony in the rate case, which is not efficient.

20 The parties have been kind of split on what's
21 the right way to do it. And I don't really want to
22 spend a lot of time arguing here's the right way to
23 do it, because I understand that there are -- there
24 are differing views on it. But I did want to just
25 today indicate that I don't think that the way it's

1 working now should continue to persist, and that
2 between now and the next goals docket, I would hope
3 that there could be a collective effort, parties,
4 Commission and others, to try to find a better way
5 to handle this issue.

6 So I appreciate the chance to briefly bring it
7 to your attention. It's caused a lot of -- a lot
8 of discussions. There are stipulations that are
9 pending before you that staff has spent a lot of
10 time on, the parties have spent a lot of time on.
11 And FIPUG has made a decision to not go ahead and
12 present this as an issue for you to decide today.
13 We are going to, in our individual capacity in each
14 of the dockets, announce our position on it. But I
15 did want to just have a brief chance to alert you
16 to this as being an issue that's been one that
17 we've wrestled with. I don't think we've come up
18 with a good solution, but I sure hope the next time
19 we are in a goals docket, we not having -- we are
20 not having an issue potentially be alive in two
21 places at the same time. It's been -- it's been --
22 it's been a challenge.

23 So thank you, Mr. Chair, for the opportunity
24 to make those comments.

25 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: No problem. Thank you, and

1 certainly heard.

2 Let's go back and then start with preliminary
3 matters if we're ready to go.

4 MR. IMIG: All witness testimony and exhibits
5 have been stipulated to in all dockets, and all
6 witnesses have been excused from this proceeding.
7 All parties have agreed to waive opening
8 statements.

9 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: All right. Thank you.
10 We'll go through each docket, and then take a
11 vote, and we will start with -- with FPL.

12 Staff.

13 MR. MOYLE: As alluded to, we want to go ahead
14 and join the stipulation on Issue 8a for FPL. So
15 we have not done that. Just so the record is
16 clear, we would -- we would do that with FPL, and
17 want to make that comment, and also make it for
18 TECO and also for Duke.

19 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

20 MR. IMIG: The parties in the FPL docket have
21 reached stipulations on all issues. Staff
22 recommends that the Commission allow the parties to
23 brief Issue 10.

24 Issues 1 through 9 and 11 through 14 are in a
25 posture for a bench decision by the Commission.

1 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. Commissioners, any
2 questions or --

3 MR. COX: Chairman, La Rosa, may FPL be heard
4 on this recommendation?

5 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yes.

6 MR. COX: Thank you. I appreciate -- I
7 appreciate the time.

8 FPL understands on this issue that, you know,
9 staff is not willing to support the stipulation
10 that we arrived at with all of the intervening
11 parties that actually took positions on this issue
12 in the case, and that they clearly oppose the
13 program.

14 You know, this is, again, a program, as the
15 stipulation reads, it would simply say, our new
16 HVAC On-Bill option for the residential OnCall Load
17 Management Program is to allow greater customer
18 access to new energy saving HVAC equipment in a way
19 that passes the RIM cost-effectiveness test, and
20 should be included in our proposed goals.

21 We understand their opposition. We understand
22 that's the case. We would appreciate the
23 opportunity to file a legal brief on it and give
24 that to you to consider. And we thank you for your
25 consideration.

1 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

2 Commissioners, are there any questions or
3 thoughts on the issues before us, Issues 1 through
4 9 and Issues 11 through 14?

5 Seeing none, is there a motion? Motion --

6 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Can I just have
7 one --

8 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yeah. Absolutely.

9 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
10 I appreciate FPL's comments here. I would
11 welcome a brief from you. I don't want to stake up
12 too much time here. I know we've gotten -- y'all
13 did a lot of work to get these stipulations, and I
14 want to hold you to them. Because, you know, we
15 will come back to that issue, I do want to see if
16 any of the customer facing, you know, representing
17 parties here would like to briefly explain why they
18 stipulated to -- agreed to the stipulation, what
19 they see as a benefit for customers for this
20 program. I am curious to get your thoughts,
21 because we are only going to get a brief from the
22 utility.

23 I am looking at you, Mr. Marshall.

24 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yeah, you see you moved to
25 your button. So you are recognized.

1 MR. MARSHALL: I would say that stipulation is
2 part of a comprehensive agreement with Florida
3 Power & Light what we believe moves us in the right
4 direction, and that would be my -- my statement.

5 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Nothing specific just
6 on the HVAC programs?

7 MR. MARSHALL: I don't have anything specific
8 to add on Issue 10 beyond what is stated in the
9 stipulation.

10 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: All right. Well,
11 with that, Mr. Chair, I motion to approve the --
12 all stip -- the stipulations for all issues in this
13 docket.

14 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: And just to clarify, Issues
15 1 through 9 and 11 through 14?

16 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Yeah. Yeah.
17 Exactly.

18 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. So a motion on the
19 table for 1 through 9 and 11 through 14.

20 Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: All right. Hearing a
23 second hearing.

24 All those in favor signify by saying yays.

25 (Chorus of yays.)

1 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yay.

2 Opposed no --

3 MS. HARPER: Commissioners, I'm sorry to
4 interrupt.

5 I just want to make sure that we're -- I know
6 there was an amended stipulation, correct, on this
7 docket. So we're -- I just want to make sure that
8 we are voting on the amended stipulations?

9 MR. COX: Yes. There was an amended
10 stipulation. Staff had asked us to make sure that
11 the numbers matched up with the comprehensive
12 exhibit list because we filed our stipulations
13 before the comprehensive exhibit list was
14 finalized.

15 There was also a minor wording change on Issue
16 9 that staff requested, which didn't affect the
17 substance on our renter pilot program.

18 MS. HARPER: So we are voting today -- you
19 guys are voting today, I am not. You guys are
20 voting today on the August 5th revised stipulations
21 that FPL filed. I just wanted to be clear on that
22 for the record.

23 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: And I am happy to
24 make another.

25 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yeah. Let's so I move that

1 we -- that the August 5th revised stipulations,
2 including Issues 1 through nine and 11 through
3 14 --

4 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: So I move that we --
5 that the August 5th revised stipulations, including
6 Issues 1 through 9 and 11 through 14.

7 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Hearing a motion.
8 Is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Hearing a motion and a
11 second.

12 All those in favor signify by saying yay.

13 (Chorus of yays.)

14 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yay.

15 Opposed no.

16 (No. response.)

17 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Show that these
18 stipulations as described are -- have passed.

19 Let's move on to Duke.

20 MR. IMIG: The parties in this docket have
21 stipulated to all issues, and the docket is in the
22 posture for a bench decision by the Commission.

23 I would note that the stipulations that you
24 would be voting on were filed today, August 8th.

25 MR. MOYLE: FIPUG should be shown as

1 affirmatively agreeing to Issue 8 also, and taking
2 no position on all the other issues.

3 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. Commissioners, is
4 there any questions or thoughts on these set of
5 stipulations?

6 Seeing none, is there a motion?

7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Move to approve the
8 issues in the Duke docket.

9 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Hearing a motion and
11 hearing a second.

12 All those in favor signify by saying yay.

13 (Chorus of yays.)

14 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yay.

15 Opposed no.

16 (No. response.)

17 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. So let's move now to
18 the TECO docket.

19 MR. IMIG: The parties in this docket have
20 stipulated to all issues, and the docket is in the
21 posture for a bench decision by the Commission.

22 MR. MOYLE: Same comment from FIPUG. We are
23 -- we are agreeing affirmatively to Issue 8, and
24 taking no position on the remaining issues, so a
25 Type 2 stipulation for us.

1 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. Thank you.

2 Staff, is there any other alterations that
3 need to be considered?

4 MS. HARPER: I'm just confirming, I might have
5 gotten this mixed up, but did TECO file revised
6 stipulations at some point too? No. Okay. So we
7 are in the posture for the right one.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Commissioners, any
10 questions or thoughts on these set of stipulations?
11 If not, then I am open for a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I move to
13 approve the stipulated items in the TECO
14 settlement.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Hearing a motion and
17 hearing a second hearing.

18 All those in favor signify by saying yay.

19 (Chorus of yays.)

20 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yay.

21 Opposed no.

22 (No. response.)

23 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Show that the docket and
24 the stipulation -- or those stipulations do pass.

25 Let's move to FPUC. Staff.

1 MR. IMIG: The parties in the FPUC docket have
2 agreed to Type 2 stipulations that were listed in
3 the Prehearing Order on all issues, and the docket
4 is in a posture for a bench decision by the
5 Commission.

6 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: I am going to look to
7 staff. So, okay, we are okay. We are in good
8 shape, Commissioners.

9 Any questions or thoughts on these? Seeing
10 none, open for a motion.

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I would
12 move to approve all the items in the 0015 docket.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Hearing a motion and
15 hearing a second.

16 All those in favor signify by saying yay.

17 (Chorus of yays.)

18 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yay.

19 Opposed no.

20 (No. response.)

21 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Show that the FPUC docket
22 passes.

23 Let's move to JEA. Staff.

24 MR. IMIG: The parties in this docket filed
25 stipulations on August 6th to all issues, and the

1 docket is in the posture for a bench decision by
2 the Commission.

3 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Seeing no other alterations
4 other than -- staff, is there any -- I mean,
5 Commissioners, any questions or thoughts?
6 Questions or thoughts?

7 The floor is open for a motion.

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I move to approve all
9 stipulated items in the 0016 docket, Mr. Chairman.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Hearing a motion and
12 hearing a second.

13 All those in favor signify by saying yay.

14 (Chorus of yays.)

15 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yay.

16 Opposed no.

17 (No. response.)

18 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Show that the JEA docket
19 and stipulations pass.

20 Let's move to OUC. Staff.

21 MR. IMIG: The parties in this docket filed
22 stipulations on August 6th to all issues, and the
23 docket is in the posture for a bench decision by
24 the Commission.

25 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Seeing no alterations,

1 Commissioners, questions or thoughts on the OUC
2 docket?

3 Seeing none, the floor is open for a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Mr. Chairman, move to
5 approve stipulated issues in Docket No. 0017.

6 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Hearing a motion and
8 hearing a second hearing.

9 All those in favor signify by saying yay.

10 (Chorus of yays.)

11 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yay.

12 Opposed no.

13 (No. response.)

14 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Show that the OUC docket
15 and stipulations pass.

16 Okay. Staff, let's move, then, to prefiled
17 testimony.

18 MR. IMIG: Staff asks that the prefiled
19 testimony of all witnesses identified in Section VI
20 of the Prehearing Order be entered into the record
21 as though read.

22 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: All right. So the prefiled
23 testimony of all witnesses are entered into the
24 record as read.

25 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of Tim

1 Duff was inserted.)

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DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA
DOCKET NO. 20240013-EG
UPDATED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
TIM DUFF

1 **INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

2 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. My name is Timothy J. Duff. My business address is 525 South Tyron Street,
4 Charlotte, NC 28201.

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6 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

7 A. I am employed by Duke Energy Florida, LLC (“Duke Energy Florida,” “DEF,”
8 “the Company,” or “the utility”) as General Manager, Grid Strategy Enablement,
9 in the Pricing and Customer Solutions Department.

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11 **Q. Please describe the duties and responsibilities of your position with the**
12 **Company.**

13 A. I am responsible for the development of strategies, policies, regulatory
14 planning, and compliance related to the implementation of Customer Solutions
15 retail products and offerings that are designed to create customer and utility
16 system value including Demand-Side Management (“DSM”) programs. By
17 DSM, I mean both dispatchable (demand response or direct load control) and

1 non-dispatchable (energy efficiency) types of programs. I also oversee the
2 analytics functions associated with evaluating and tracking the performance of
3 Customer's Solutions retail products and services. My responsibilities cover all
4 of Duke Energy's utility operating companies, including DEF.

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6 **Q. Please summarize your educational background and professional**
7 **experience.**

8 A. I graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political
9 Economics and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and received a
10 Master of Business Administration degree from Stephen M. Ross School of
11 Business at the University of Michigan.

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13 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Florida Public Service**
14 **Commission?**

15 A. Yes. I have provided both written and oral testimony to the Florida Public
16 Service Commission ("FPSC" or the "Commission") on behalf of the Company
17 on numerous occasions in support of the Company's DSM programs and
18 Energy Conservation Cost Recovery clause filings.

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20 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

21 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present an update to Duke Energy Florida's
22 proposed numerical DSM goals ("Recommended goals") for 2025-2034 for

1 Commission review and approval. On July 15th, 2024, a Joint Motion for
2 Approval of Settlement Agreement was filed in Docket No. 20240025, which
3 contained changes to DSM program measures that necessitated an update to
4 this petition, testimony, and exhibits in accordance with the Settlement
5 Agreement. Those changes include updates to the non-residential credit levels,
6 residential Neighborhood Energy Saver program participation levels and clear
7 data representation on the Multi-Family New Builder Construction program.
8 DEF's Updated proposed Recommended goals are based upon the analysis
9 completed by the Company in accordance with the requirements set forth by
10 Commission Staff in the Order Establishing Procedure (OEP) in this docket and
11 Fla. Admin. Code Rule 25-17.0021 ("Rule 25-17.0021"). Additionally, the
12 Updated proposed Recommended goals proposed in this proceeding are
13 supported by the results of a new Technical Potential ("TP") study completed
14 by Resource Innovations, Inc. ("RI") as outlined by Witness Jim Herndon's
15 testimony in Exhibit JH-3.

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17 **Q. Please describe how the Company conducted the analysis on the cost-**
18 **effectiveness of the portfolios responsive to the Rulemaking change**
19 **effective June 6, 2023, for Rule 25-17.0021?**

20 A. Rule 25-17.0021 was amended effective June 6, 2023. Rule 25-17.0021(3)
21 states that "each utility must file its proposed demand-side management goals.
22 Each utility must also file demand-side management goals developed under

1 two scenarios: one scenario that includes **potential demand-side**
2 **management programs** that pass the Participant and Rate Impact Measure
3 Tests, and one scenario that includes **potential demand-side management**
4 **programs** that pass the Participant and Total Resource Costs Tests.”
5 (emphasis added). As such, in compliance with Rule 25-17.0021, the Company
6 assessed the respective cost-effectiveness test of the portfolio at the program
7 level and not at the measure level as done in prior goals setting proceedings.
8 DEF also provides an Updated proposed Recommended Portfolio evaluation,
9 Rate Impact Measure (“RIM”) portfolio evaluation and a Total Resource Cost
10 Test (“TRC”) portfolio evaluation.

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12 **Q. Are you sponsoring any Exhibits to your testimony?**

13 A. Yes, I have prepared or supervised the preparation of the following exhibits to
14 my direct testimony:

- 15 1. Exhibit TD-1: Duke Energy Florida's Updated Residential and Non-
16 Residential Annual Potential RIM Portfolio Evaluation for 2025-2034 at the
17 generator.
- 18 2. Exhibit TD-2: Duke Energy Florida's Updated Residential and Non-
19 Residential Annual Potential TRC Portfolio Evaluation for 2025-2034 at the
20 generator.

- 1 3. Exhibit TD-3: Duke Energy Florida Updated Residential and Non-
2 Residential Annual Potential Recommended Portfolio Evaluation for 2025-
3 2034 at the generator.
- 4 4. Exhibit TD-4: Duke Energy Florida's Avoided Cost Assumptions.
- 5 5. Exhibit TD-5: Updated Projected Costs of implementing the RIM, TRC and
6 Recommended Portfolio and the associated Projected Residential
7 Customer Rate Impacts.
- 8 6. Exhibit TD-6: The Updated RIM, TRC and Participant Tests benefits and
9 cost analysis for all programs for all Portfolios.
- 10 7. Exhibit TD-7: The Updated cost-effectiveness tests for all programs in the
11 RIM Portfolio.
- 12 8. Exhibit TD-8: The Updated cost-effectiveness test for all programs in the
13 TRC Portfolio.

14 These exhibits are true and accurate.

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16 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

17 A. My testimony presents the Company's Updated proposed Recommended
18 goals for the 2025-2034 period for Commission review. I describe the process
19 that was used to develop the three potential portfolios for proposed DSM goals
20 and provide a summary of those results. My testimony includes the estimated
21 average residential customer bill impacts for the RIM Portfolio evaluation, the
22 TRC Portfolio evaluation, and a Recommended Portfolio evaluation that

1 includes measures that passed RIM, TRC or both, as well as measures
2 included in programs targeting low-income customers. I will also discuss the
3 current DSM programs and provide an explanation for the differences in the
4 Updated proposed Recommended goals and the current goals.

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6 **Q. Are the utility's proposed goals based on an adequate assessment of the**
7 **full Technical Potential of all available demand-side and supply-side**
8 **conservation and efficiency measures, including demand-side renewable**
9 **energy systems?**

10 A. Yes, the TP, which is the basis for the Updated proposed Recommended goals,
11 includes an evaluation of all potential demand-side conservation and efficiency
12 measures and demand-side renewable energy systems available in the DEF
13 Service territory. Demand-side renewable energy systems were evaluated
14 based on the same cost-effectiveness standards that were used to evaluate
15 other energy efficiency measures. No renewable measures were found to be
16 cost-effective and therefore, none are included in the measure adoption
17 forecasts results.

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19 **Q. Do the utility's proposed goals adequately reflect the costs and benefits**
20 **to customers participating?**

21 A. Yes. The Updated proposed Recommended goals are based on measures that
22 pass the Participant Cost Test (PCT). The PCT compares the incremental cost

1 to participants to the participant benefits (bill savings). This ensures that the
2 measures provide net benefits to participants.

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4 **Q. Do the utility's proposed goals adequately reflect the costs and benefits**
5 **to the general body of ratepayers as a whole, including utility incentives**
6 **and participant contributions?**

7 A. Yes, the Updated proposed Recommended goals adequately reflect the total
8 costs and benefits to the general body of ratepayers as a whole because the
9 Recommended goals are based on measures that pass RIM, TRC and PCT,
10 except for a few measures included in programs targeting low-income
11 customers. The RIM, TRC and PCT tests, altogether, effectively ensure both
12 participants and non-participants benefit.

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14 **Q. Do the utility's proposed goals adequately reflect the need for incentives**
15 **to promote both customer-owned and utility-owned energy efficiency and**
16 **demand-side renewable energy systems?**

17 A. Yes. DEF does not believe there is currently a need for incentives to promote
18 demand-side renewable energy systems as the demand-side renewable
19 market has continued to mature and there has been significant growth in
20 customer sited demand-side renewable energy systems. DEF continues to see
21 significant growth in the number of customers installing demand-side
22 renewable systems on their own, without incentives from the utility.

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2 **Q. Do the utility's proposed goals adequately reflect the costs imposed by**
3 **state and federal regulations on the emissions of greenhouse gases?**

4 A. Yes. Given the uncertainty of future carbon regulation and the lack of any
5 formally established cost of carbon emissions, it is reasonable to exclude any
6 formal recognition of the cost of carbon emissions in this DSM goals setting
7 process. Any state and federal mandates pertaining to equipment efficiency
8 and availability in Florida related to the emissions of greenhouse gases have
9 been appropriately recognized in the development of the TP evaluation. The
10 Company believes that the utilization of a high fuel cost sensitivity in the
11 economic modeling performed by RI serves as an appropriate proxy for any
12 needed recognition of the cost of carbon emissions.

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14 **Q. Do the utility's proposed goals adequately reflect consideration of free**
15 **riders?**

16 A. Yes, the Updated proposed Recommended goals are based on measures that
17 have greater than a two-year payback period. A two-year payback period is a
18 reasonable time period in which to limit measures and assume that customers
19 will adopt them absent a utility incentive. This time period has been recognized
20 by the Commission in past proceedings as a reasonable proxy to eliminate free
21 riders. Since 1991, a payback of two years or less has been recognized by the
22 Commission as an appropriate threshold to reduce free ridership, limit

1 unnecessary program incentive costs ultimately borne by customers, and
2 maximize cost-effectiveness.

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4 **Q. What residential and commercial/industrial summer and winter Megawatt**
5 **(MW) and annual Gigawatt-hour (GWh) goals should be established for**
6 **the period of 2025-2034?**

7 A. DEF requests the Commission approve the Updated proposed Recommended
8 cumulative numeric goals for 2025-2034 presented in Table 1 below. The
9 annual goals that comprise the Updated proposed Recommended cumulative
10 goals are provided on Exhibit TD-1. Exhibit TD-2 and Exhibit TD-3 provide a
11 breakdown of the Updated proposed RIM and TRC annual goals, respectively,
12 into the energy efficiency and demand response components that reconcile to
13 the EE achievable potential and DR achievable potential presented in the TP.
14 These Updated proposed Recommended goals, at the program level, have
15 been developed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 25-17.0021(3),
16 which directs utilities to propose goals "... based upon the utility's most recent
17 planning process, and must reflect the annual (KW) and energy (KWH) savings,
18 over a ten-year period". These Updated Recommended goals are based on
19 programs that are cost-effective based on RIM, TRC, and PCT and exclude
20 measures that have a payback period of less than 2 years. The conjunction of
21 these tests captures all the relevant costs and benefits that should be evaluated
22 when considering an efficiency or load reduction program. Evaluating

1 measures with RIM ensures that non-participating customers will not subsidize
 2 participating customers and reasonably limits overall rate impacts to
 3 customers. Evaluating measures using TRC accounts for the total benefits of
 4 the program including both the participants and the overall value to the utility
 5 system. The PCT ensures that the energy efficiency measures provide benefits
 6 to participants. Updated proposed Recommended Goals based on RIM, TRC,
 7 and PCT ensure that the benefits and costs are considered from the
 8 perspective of participants as well as ratepayers to ensure the rate impact for
 9 non-participants is appropriately considered.

10 **Table 1**

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA - UPDATED RECOMMENDED GOALS 2025-2034 @generator			
	Winter Peak MWs	Summer Peak MWs	GWH's
Residential	331	215	527
Non-Residential	42	84	55
Total	373	300	582

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13 **Q. What goals, if any, should be established for increasing the development**
 14 **of demand-side renewable energy systems?**

15 A. Given that renewable systems were not deemed cost-effective under the RIM
 16 test, it would not be appropriate to establish goals for demand-side renewable
 17 systems in this goals setting proceeding. Demand-side renewable systems
 18 were evaluated using the same criteria as were used for other energy efficiency
 19 measures. Programs that provide incentives to customers who install

1 renewable systems would result in cross subsidies between participants and
2 non-participants and increase rates to all customers.

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4 **Q. Provide a description of how the utility's Technical Potential Study has**
5 **been updated and modified, including any measures eliminated or added**
6 **since the utility's last filed Technical Potential Study. Specifically identify**
7 **any changes associated with changes to building code or appliance**
8 **efficiency standards.**

9 A. DEF, along with the other FEECA utilities, contracted with RI to develop a new
10 comprehensive TP study of all available demand-side conservation and energy
11 efficiency measures, including renewable energy systems, to support this goals
12 setting process. To maintain modeling consistency, DEF also contracted with
13 RI to develop the economic analysis and measure adoption forecasts of these
14 measures for the utility.

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16 The FEECA utilities worked collaboratively with RI and interested parties to
17 develop a list of measures and assumptions for potential demand and energy
18 impacts for each of the measures included in the TP. The results of that effort
19 and a discussion of that process are included in the TP presented in Exhibit
20 JH-3 to Mr. Herndon's testimony. This report includes a summary of the
21 measures eliminated or added compared to the 2019 TP study and discusses

1 changes associated with updated building codes and standards and are
2 presented in Exhibit JH-9.

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4 RI then developed the avoided cost assumptions for the base case (no carbon
5 dioxide pricing) and the high and low fuel sensitivities and carbon sensitivity as
6 identified in the OEP. The assumptions that support each of these cases are
7 provided in Mr. Herndon's testimony.

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9 RI collected the cost-effectiveness of each measure included in the TP study
10 based on both a RIM and TRC evaluation. RI evaluated the cost-effectiveness
11 for the base case, the fuel sensitivities, and the 1 and 3-year payback
12 sensitivities for free ridership. The list of passing measures for the base case
13 and each sensitivity for the RIM and TRC scenarios was developed by RI for
14 the Economic ("EA") analysis. The list of passing measures for the base case
15 and each sensitivity are provided in Exhibit JH-9.

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17 RI then performed the economic screening and developed the EA for the base
18 case and each of the sensitivities utilizing the results of the RIM and TRC
19 scenarios. Next, RI developed the measure adoption forecasts for customer
20 adoption and current known market conditions for the base case for both a RIM
21 and TRC portfolio. A detailed discussion of the process to develop the

1 economic screening and measure adoption forecasts is included in RI's TP
2 report.

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4 DEF reviewed the results of the measure adoption forecasts for
5 reasonableness by comparing the results to historical actual achievements and
6 analyzing the potential impacts of changes in savings and incentive levels on
7 future participation for similar measures. Consistent with the methodology used
8 to develop the currently approved goals, DEF is proposing that Recommended
9 goals are based on a portfolio of programs which include RIM measures, a
10 modest number of TRC measures to enhance the comprehensiveness of the
11 programs, and the Company's two existing programs that target low-income
12 customers, which primarily include measures that are not cost-effective under
13 RIM or TRC. It is important to note that the total costs and benefits associated
14 with the portfolio of programs underlying the Recommended goals are cost-
15 effective under both RIM and TRC.

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17 **Q. Please provide a description of how the utility's Base Case with no**
18 **incremental demand-side management was developed. This should**
19 **include forecasts for generation resources, customer winter and summer**
20 **demand and annual energy for load, and fuel prices based on the utility's**
21 **most recent planning process, as well as a discussion of the impacts**
22 **related to changes in Federal and State efficiency standards.**

1 A. The Base Case was developed using the same integrated resource planning
2 model and assumptions for customer winter and summer demand, annual
3 energy for load, and fuel prices that were the basis for the 2023 Ten Year Site
4 Plan filing with two exceptions. The first exception is that the Base Case
5 assumes no new DSM after 2023 and the second exception is that the Base
6 Case also excludes any costs for carbon dioxide emissions. This process
7 identified a portfolio of potential units required to meet future capacity
8 requirements. The next combustion turbine unit in DEF's resource plan was
9 identified as the avoided unit for purposes of evaluating the cost-effectiveness
10 of potential DSM measures. Please see Exhibit TD-4 for a summary of the
11 avoided cost assumptions resulting from this process. Resource planning and
12 forecasting includes changes related to Federal and State efficiency standards.
13 A discussion of the process and impacts is included in the 2023 Ten Year Site
14 Plan.

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16 **Q. The Base Case should not include estimated costs associated with**
17 **carbon dioxide emissions, but utilities may provide sensitivities**
18 **including these costs. If included, provide a detailed description of how**
19 **the sensitivity was developed and compares to the Base Case, including**
20 **forecasts for fuel prices and emissions costs.**

21 A. As mentioned previously, the Base Case excludes any costs for carbon dioxide
22 emissions.

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2 **Q. Provide a description of the Base Case’s next avoidable generating unit**
3 **and describe the methodology used to determine it. Utilities may provide**
4 **sensitivities with a different avoided unit, and if so, should describe it and**
5 **methodology used to select it.**

6 A. The next avoidable generating unit is a combustion turbine unit in the resource
7 plan and was identified as the avoided unit for purposes of evaluating the cost-
8 effectiveness of potential DSM measures. Please see Exhibit TD-4 for a
9 summary of the assumptions resulting from this process.

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11 **Q. For the utility’s proposed goals, as well as for the goals developed under**
12 **the two cost-effectiveness scenarios as required by Rule 25-17.0021(3),**
13 **F.A.C., provide the estimated rate impact on residential 1,000 kWh/month**
14 **bill and a breakdown at the program level with demand and energy**
15 **savings, program costs and benefits, cost-effectiveness test results, list**
16 **of measures included, and participation rates.**

17 A. The residential bill impacts for the Updated proposed RIM programs, Updated
18 TRC programs, and Updated Recommended programs portfolios are
19 presented in Tables 2, 3, and 4 below. These impacts include the normal
20 components that comprise a residential bill, namely, base rates, recovery
21 clauses, customer charges, gross receipts taxes, and regulatory assessment
22 fees. These costs also include the costs for maintaining the existing level of

1 load management on the system, as well as the costs of residential and
2 commercial energy audits. The results of these analyses show an estimated
3 total cost for a 1000 kWh/month residential bill for the ten-year period for the
4 Updated RIM portfolio of \$22,365, the Updated TRC portfolio of \$22,415, and
5 the Updated Recommended portfolio of \$22,383. These differences are due
6 entirely to the differences in incentives and program management costs for the
7 energy efficiency programs. The assumptions for incentives and program
8 management costs for the demand response programs are the same in the
9 RIM, TRC, and the Recommended analyses. The Updated TRC portfolio cost
10 is 11% higher on average on an annual basis than the Updated RIM portfolio
11 cost. The Updated Recommended portfolio is 4% higher on average on an
12 annual basis than the Updated RIM portfolio costs and the Updated TRC
13 portfolio is 7% higher on average on an annual basis than the Recommended
14 portfolio costs. The updated projected annual RIM, TRC, and Recommended
15 portfolio costs along with the projected energy conservation clause recovery
16 rate for a residential 1000 kwh bill are provided in Exhibit TD-5.

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18 Additionally, a break down at the program level with demand and energy
19 savings, program costs and benefits, and cost-effectiveness test results are
20 also provided in Exhibit TD-6 for the Updated proposed Recommended
21 Portfolio, Exhibit TD-7 for the Updated RIM Portfolio, and Exhibit TD-8 for the
22 Updated TRC Portfolio.

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TABLE 2 UPDATED RIM PORTFOLIO PROJECTED ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL BILL - MONTHLY USAGE OF 1000 KWH										
Total	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
\$ 22,365	\$ 2,126	\$ 2,151	\$ 2,152	\$ 2,199	\$ 2,217	\$ 2,235	\$ 2,262	\$ 2,303	\$ 2,346	\$ 2,374

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TABLE 3 UPDATED TRC PORTFOLIO PROJECTED ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL BILL - MONTHLY USAGE OF 1000 KWH										
Total	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
\$ 22,415	\$ 2,129	\$ 2,154	\$ 2,156	\$ 2,203	\$ 2,222	\$ 2,240	\$ 2,268	\$ 2,309	\$ 2,353	\$ 2,380

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TABLE 4 UPDATED RECOMMENDED PORTFOLIO PROJECTED ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL BILL - MONTHLY USAGE OF 1000 KWH										
Total	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
\$ 22,383	\$ 2,128	\$ 2,152	\$ 2,153	\$ 2,201	\$ 2,219	\$ 2,237	\$ 2,264	\$ 2,304	\$ 2,348	\$ 2,376

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8 **Q. Provide a description of the program development process and identify**
 9 **measures excluded during each stage of the process and why. As part of**
 10 **this description, identify restrictions, if any, on program design due to**
 11 **current settlements, such as rebate amounts.**

12 A. The program development process and identification of measures excluded
 13 during each stage are provided in the TP presented in Exhibit JH-10 to Mr.
 14 Herndon's testimony.

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16 **Q. For the utility's proposed goals, as well as for the goals developed under**
 17 **the two cost-effectiveness scenarios as required by Rule 25-17.0021(3),**

1 **F.A.C., provide a description of how free ridership is addressed. If the**
2 **utility elects to use a payback period for free-ridership screening, provide**
3 **sensitivities on the payback period.**

4 A. The Updated proposed Recommended portfolio, as well as the RIM and TRC
5 portfolios, are based on measures that have greater than a two-year payback
6 period. A two-year payback period is a reasonable time period in which to limit
7 measures and assume that customers will adopt them absent a utility incentive.
8 As explained above, RI completed 1 and 3-year payback sensitivities for free
9 ridership.

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11 **Q. Please provide a description on how supply-side efficiencies are**
12 **incorporated in the utility's most recent planning process and how**
13 **supply-side efficiencies impact demand-side management programs.**

14 A. DEF evaluates supply-side alternatives and develops the optimal plan as an
15 integral part of its Integrated Resource Planning ("IRP") process. DEF employs
16 the IRP process to determine the most cost-effective mix of supply and
17 demand-side alternatives that will reliably satisfy customers' future demand
18 and energy needs. DEF's IRP process evaluates a wide range of future
19 generation alternatives and cost-effective conservation and dispatchable
20 demand-side management programs on a consistent and integrated basis.
21 DEF develops projects that will contribute to the overall fleet efficiency and
22 screens these projects in the IRP process. DEF's IRP process includes

1 modeling for both capital optimization and production cost impacts. The
2 selected plans are identified based on the lowest overall life cycle costs
3 including operational efficiencies. The cost of demand-side projects is
4 measured against the avoided supply-side costs in determining program
5 measures that will achieve the most cost-effective integrated demand and
6 supply-side portfolio.

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8 **Q. Provide a description of the efforts made to address customers who rent**
9 **in program development, including a list of programs they would be**
10 **eligible to participate in.**

11 A. Customers who rent are eligible to participate in all existing residential energy
12 efficiency programs and demand response programs offered by DEF.

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14 The following is a list of DEF's Residential DSM programs that customers who
15 rent are eligible to participate in:

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17 Home Energy Check - This residential energy audit program provides
18 customers with an analysis of their energy consumption as well as educational
19 information on how to save money by reducing energy usage. The program
20 offers a variety of options to customers for home energy audits including walk-
21 through, phone assisted, and online audits. At the completion of the audit, DEF

1 provides kits that contain energy saving measures that can be easily installed
2 by the customer.

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4 Residential Incentive Program - This program provides incentives on a variety
5 of cost-effective measures designed to provide energy savings across different
6 housing types. It also provides customers with energy savings and demand
7 reduction through installation of energy efficient equipment.

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9 Multi-Family New Builder Construction - DEF is proposing a new builder
10 construction bundle offering that would allow bundling of multi-family measures
11 through this program. This additional offering will allow builders to install energy
12 efficiency measures and provide them an opportunity to participate in
13 incentives.

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15 Residential Load Management - This program is a direct load control program
16 that is designed to reduce DEF's demand during peak or emergency conditions
17 by temporarily interrupting service to selected customer electrical equipment.

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19 Additionally, low-income/income qualified customers who rent are eligible to
20 participate in our Neighborhood Energy Saver and Low-Income Weatherization
21 Assistance Program programs.

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1 In 2021, the Commission approved program modifications, and DEF increased
2 targeted low-income residential customers through its Neighborhood Energy
3 Saver (NES) program by 5% above the 2020 DSM Plan levels for calendar
4 years 2022-2024 (or an additional 250 customers). Also in 2021, DEF began
5 to provide Assistance Kits to low-income customers through its Home Energy
6 Check program. The Assistance Kits are available for up to 20,000 qualifying
7 low-income customers for calendar years 2022-2025. The kits contain a
8 number of measures that fail the two-year payback screen but provide energy
9 efficiency savings to low-income customers. These changes increased the
10 savings opportunity for low-income customers at no cost to program
11 participants.

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13 Additionally, DEF's Updated Recommend Goals reflect a 10% increase in the
14 forecasted participation for the NES program and reflect an increase in the
15 forecasted installation rate of smart thermostats for NES participants from 10%
16 to 40%.

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18 **Q. Provide a comparison of the programs used to determine the utility's**
19 **proposed Recommended goals to its current demand-side management**
20 **program offerings.**

21 A. The comparison of programs included in the utility's updated proposed
22 Recommended goals to its current demand-side management program

1 offerings is provided in the table below. As shown, DEF has dropped measures
 2 that no longer meet efficiency standards or have not been successful in the
 3 market, added measures that were needed and created a new bundling of
 4 measures targeting the multi-family sector to increase participation and the
 5 focus on efficiency opportunities available to tenants/landlords. The Multi
 6 Family New Builder Construction program seeks to avoid the split incentive
 7 barrier that has traditionally negatively impacted efforts to reach renters in
 8 multi-family properties by providing incentives to property managers and
 9 landlords to install efficiency on the front-end that will allow the energy savings
 10 to be realized by the renter population over time.

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PROGRAMS	MEASURE COUNT		
	EXISTING/KEEP	NEW	DROP
EXISTING			
Business Energy Check	3		
Home Energy Check	13	1	
Low Income Weatherization	15	1	4
Neighborhood Energy Saver	18	3	3
Residential Incentive Program	14	3	3
Residential Load Management	3	2	
Smart \$aver Business	13	17	9
Smart \$aver Custom	2		
	81	27	19
ADDITIONAL	EXISTING/KEEP	NEW	DROP
New Builder Construction-MF	2	2	0
TOTAL	83	29	19

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1 Additionally, DEF is proposing changes to the Interruptible General Service (IS)
 2 credit rate for IS-2 and IST-2 rate schedules, the Curtailable General Service
 3 (CS) credit rate for the CS-2, CS-3, CST-2, and CST-3 rate schedules, and the
 4 Standby Generation General Service (SBG) credit rate for the GSLM-2 rate
 5 schedule. These changes shall be in effect beginning with the first billing cycle
 6 of 2025 and will allow DEF to cost-effectively offer these important programs.

<u>Customer Type</u>	<u>Credit Level</u>
<u>IS</u>	<u>\$8.00/kw-month</u>
<u>CS</u>	<u>\$8.00/kw-month</u>
<u>GSLM-2</u>	<u>\$8.11 x C + \$0.10 x kwh monthly</u>

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CONCLUSION

Q. What are the proposed Updated Recommended DSM goals that are reasonably achievable during the 2025-2034 period?

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA - UPDATED RECOMMENDED GOALS 2025-2034 @generator			
	Winter Peak MWs	Summer Peak MWs	GWH's
Residential	331	215	527
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1 **Q. Have these goals been determined through a sound and reasonable**
2 **process?**

3 A. Yes. These Updated proposed Recommended goals were determined after a
4 comprehensive analysis of the TP of all available demand-side and supply-side
5 conservation and efficiency measures, including demand-side renewable
6 energy systems, pursuant to Section 366.82.

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8 **Q. Should Duke Energy Florida's proposed goals for 2025-2034 be**
9 **approved?**

10 A. Yes. Duke Energy Florida's Updated proposed Recommended goals were
11 developed consistent with the requirements of both the rules and the statute,
12 are cost-effective, and are reasonably achievable.

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14 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

15 A. Yes, this concludes my testimony.

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2 Herndon was inserted.)

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IN RE: COMMISSION REVIEW OF NUMERIC CONSERVATION GOALS

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1 I. INTRODUCTION

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3 **Q. Please state your name, position of employment, and business address.**

4 A. My name is Jim Herndon. I am Vice President in the Advisory Services Practice
5 within the Utility Services business unit of Resource Innovations, Inc. (RI). My
6 business address is 2500 Regency Parkway, Suite 220, Cary, North Carolina
7 27518. A statement of my background and qualifications is attached as Exhibit
8 No. JH-1.

9 **Q. Please discuss your areas of responsibility.**

10 A. I am responsible for providing consulting services for RI clients in the field of
11 Demand-Side Management (DSM) initiatives, which include energy efficiency
12 (EE), demand response (DR), and demand-side renewable energy (DSRE). In
13 this capacity, I primarily focus on DSM planning, including analysis of DSM
14 market impacts, and assisting utilities in the identification of DSM opportunities
15 and the development and design of DSM program initiatives. This includes the
16 development of market baseline and potential studies, cost-benefit analyses, and
17 design of comprehensive DSM programs and portfolios.

18 **Q. Please describe RI including its history, organization, and services provided.**

19 A. RI was founded in 2016, and is a globally recognized consulting, software, and
20 services firm that provides innovative DSM solutions to utilities, energy
21 enterprises, and government entities worldwide. RI merged with Nexant, Inc.,
22 in 2021, which provided similar DSM consulting services since its founding in
23 2000. RI's Utility Services business unit provides DSM engineering and

1 consulting services to government agencies and utilities, and helps residential,
2 commercial, and industrial facility owners manage energy consumption and
3 reduce costs in their facilities. RI also conducts development and
4 implementation services of DSM programs for public and investor-owned
5 utilities, governments, and end-use customers. Our range of experience in the
6 field of EE includes, but is not limited to:

- 7 • Market potential studies
- 8 • Program design
- 9 • Program implementation
- 10 • Marketing
- 11 • Vendor outreach, education, and training
- 12 • Incentive processing and fulfillment
- 13 • Turnkey customer service
- 14 • Online program tracking and reporting
- 15 • Evaluation, measurement and verification (EM&V)

16 **Q. What specific projects or studies has RI done to assess DSM potential?**

17 A. RI has conducted over 50 Market Potential Studies (MPS) to identify
18 opportunities for DSM in the United States and Canada. Examples of recent
19 clients include New York Power Authority (NYPA), Duke Energy (Indiana,
20 North Carolina, and South Carolina), Santee Cooper, El Paso Electric, the
21 Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) of Ontario, Canada, and
22 Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). In addition, Nexant performed
23 the market potential study for the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation

1 Act (FEECA) utilities in the DSM goals proceeding conducted in 2019 before
2 this Commission.

3 **Q. Please summarize your experience with studies assessing DSM potential.**

4 A. I have been involved in conducting or managing over 30 DSM potential studies
5 over the past 17 years. In addition to these studies, I have led the development
6 of numerous DSM programs and portfolios, managed implementation of
7 residential, commercial, and industrial DSM programs, and conducted third-
8 party evaluations of utility DSM programs, providing extensive experience and
9 expertise regarding market analyses, DSM measures and technologies, and
10 utility program structures and best practices that inform the assessment of DSM
11 potential.

12 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Florida Public Service
13 Commission or in other state regulatory proceedings?**

14 A. Yes, I provided testimony in the 2019 DSM goals proceeding before this
15 Commission in support of our market potential studies for each FEECA utility
16 in that case. I have also submitted testimony before the Virginia State
17 Corporation Commission, the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the South
18 Carolina Public Service Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
19 and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

20 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

21 A. The purpose of my testimony is to introduce and summarize the methodology
22 and findings of the Technical Potential Study (TPS) we conducted for each of
23 the six utilities subject to the requirements of FEECA, collectively the FEECA

1 Utilities, as well as the additional DSM planning support we provided for a
2 subset of the FEECA Utilities.

3 **Q. Please describe your role and responsibilities with respect to RI's work for**
4 **this proceeding.**

5 A. I served as the project manager for RI's work, directly overseeing all phases of
6 our analysis.

7 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits in this case?**

8 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibits No. JH-1 through No. JH-16, which are attached
9 to my testimony:

- 10 • Exhibit No. JH-1 – Herndon Background and Qualifications
- 11 • Exhibit No. JH-2 – TPS for Florida Power & Light
- 12 • Exhibit No. JH-3 – TPS for Duke Energy Florida
- 13 • Exhibit No. JH-4 – TPS for Tampa Electric Company
- 14 • Exhibit No. JH-5 – TPS for Florida Public Utilities Company
- 15 • Exhibit No. JH-6 – TPS for JEA
- 16 • Exhibit No. JH-7 – TPS for Orlando Utilities Commission
- 17 • Exhibit No. JH-8 – 2024 Measure Lists
- 18 • Exhibit No. JH-9 – Comparison of Comprehensive 2019 Measure Lists
19 to the 2024 Comprehensive Measure Lists
- 20 • Exhibit No. JH-10 – DEF Measure Screening and Economic
21 Sensitivities
- 22 • Exhibit No. JH-11 – FPUC Measure Screening and Economic
23 Sensitivities

- 1 • Exhibit No. JH-12 – JEA Measure Screening and Economic
- 2 Sensitivities
- 3 • Exhibit No. JH-13 – OUC Measure Screening and Economic
- 4 Sensitivities
- 5 • Exhibit No. JH-14 – FPUC Program Development Summary
- 6 • Exhibit No. JH-15 – JEA Program Development Summary
- 7 • Exhibit No. JH-16 – OUC Program Development Summary

8 **Q. What was the scope of work for which RI was retained?**

9 A. As described in Section 2 of RI’s TPS report for each utility, RI was retained
10 by the FEECA Utilities to independently analyze the Technical Potential (TP)
11 for EE, DR, and DSRE across their residential, commercial, and industrial retail
12 customer classes. This work included disaggregation of the current utility load
13 forecasts into their constituent customer-class and end-use components,
14 development of a comprehensive set of DSM measures and quantification of
15 the measures’ impacts, and calculation of potential energy and demand savings
16 at the technology, end-use, customer class, and system levels.

17 In addition, RI was retained by four of the six utilities to conduct an
18 economic analysis of EE, DR, and DSRE measures, designed to determine
19 which measures are cost-effective from different test perspectives and to
20 develop estimates of potential impacts if these measures were adopted in each
21 of these four utility service areas. RI also supported three of the six utilities in
22 developing DSM proposed goals through bundling individual DSM measures

1 into preliminary program concepts and estimating the impacts, including
2 participation, savings, and utility budgets, for these programs.

3 **Q. How, if at all, did the work performed by RI differ across the six FEECA**
4 **Utilities?**

5 A. The assessment of TP, including the utility forecast disaggregation and
6 customer segmentation, and development of a DSM measure list, was the same
7 for all six FEECA Utilities. The subsequent economic analysis, measure
8 adoption forecasts and development of proposed DSM goals varied in the work
9 RI conducted for individual FEECA Utilities, as follows:

- 10 • Tampa Electric Company (TECO) conducted their own economic
11 analysis and DSM goal development.
- 12 • Florida Power & Light (FPL) conducted their own economic analysis
13 and provided RI with the results. RI then developed measure adoption
14 estimates, and FPL conducted their own DSM goal development.
- 15 • Duke Energy Florida (DEF) contracted with RI to conduct the economic
16 analysis and measure adoption forecast, and DEF conducted its own
17 DSM goal development.
- 18 • JEA, Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC), and Florida Public Utilities
19 Company (FPUC) contracted with RI to conduct the economic analysis
20 and measure adoption forecast, and RI worked collaboratively with each
21 utility to develop the proposed DSM goals.

1 **Q. What reports have been produced in the scope of RI's work?**

2 A. RI has produced six separate TPS reports, one for each FEECA Utility under
3 this scope of work.

4 **Q. What were the major steps in the analytical work RI performed?**

5 A. The two major steps in RI's scope of work included development of technical
6 potential and, for applicable utilities, creation of proposed DSM goals that
7 aligned with utility program concepts. These steps included the following
8 tasks:

9 Step 1: Technical Potential. The TP analysis established the basis for the
10 development of proposed DSM goals. As summarized in Section 2 of each
11 utility's TPS report, and illustrated in Figure 1 of each report, the key tasks
12 in assessing the technical potential consisted of the following:

- 13 • *Load Forecast Disaggregation.* To disaggregate the load forecast,
14 RI collected utility load forecast data, relevant customer
15 segmentation and end-use consumption data, and supplemented this
16 with existing secondary data to create a disaggregated utility load
17 forecast broken out by customer sector and segment as well as by
18 end-use and equipment type, and calibrated to the overall utility
19 forecast.
- 20 • *Comprehensive Measure Development.* RI worked collaboratively
21 with the FEECA Utilities, who also sought input from various
22 external stakeholders, to develop a comprehensive list of DSM
23 technologies that are currently commercially available in Florida.

1 For all measures included in the study, RI developed estimates of
2 energy and demand savings, useful life, and incremental cost.

- 3 • *TP Analysis.* Using the disaggregated utility load forecast and the
4 DSM measure impacts, RI analyzed the TP for the application of all
5 measures to each utility's retail customers.

6 Step 2: Development of Proposed DSM Goals. The development of
7 proposed goals built on the TP analysis, and included several interim steps,
8 as follows:

- 9 • *Economic Analysis.* For a subset of the FEECA Utilities, RI
10 conducted an economic analysis to determine which measures and
11 technologies were preliminarily cost-effective under a Rate Impact
12 Measure (RIM) test scenario or the Total Resource Cost (TRC) test
13 scenario. This step produced a set of measures, and associated energy
14 and demand savings, for each scenario before applying program
15 costs and adoption rates. Key tasks included the following:
 - 16 ○ Collect utility economic forecast data: RI received current
17 and forecasted avoided energy and avoided capacity costs
18 from each utility.
 - 19 ○ Apply measure impacts: including energy savings, summer
20 and winter demand savings, incremental cost, and measure
21 useful life to determine total avoided cost benefits, measure
22 costs, and lost revenues.

- 1 ○ Determine measures passing RIM test scenario and TRC test
- 2 scenario: measures with a benefit/cost ratio of less than 1.0
- 3 were screened from the economic analysis.
- 4 ○ RI also performed this economic screening analysis using a
- 5 set of economic sensitivities.
- 6 • *Measure adoption forecasts.* For a subset of the FEECA Utilities,
- 7 RI updated the economic analysis and developed market adoption
- 8 estimates for passing measures under each cost-effectiveness test
- 9 scenario. This step produced an updated “RIM Scenario” and a “TRC
- 10 Scenario” of passing measures and associated energy and demand
- 11 savings. Key tasks included:
- 12 ○ Applying estimated representative program costs, based on
- 13 current FEECA program data and other secondary sources,
- 14 and rerunning the economic analysis for both the TRC and
- 15 RIM scenarios, including screening these passing measures
- 16 from the Participant Cost Test (PCT) perspective for each
- 17 scenario.
- 18 ○ Incorporating free ridership screening based on payback
- 19 analysis, removing measures with a payback of less than two
- 20 years.
- 21 ○ Applying estimated market adoption rates for passing
- 22 measures for each scenario, based on economic and market

1 parameters, including payback acceptance, maturity of DSM
2 technology, and current utility offerings.

3 • *Measure bundling and program development.* For a subset of
4 utilities, RI supported the development of program concepts that
5 formed the basis for proposed DSM goals. Key tasks included:

6 ○ Measure bundling: RI worked collaboratively with the
7 FEECA Utilities to identify measures that aligned with
8 current programs or logically made sense to offer as a
9 program.

10 ○ Estimating program metrics, including annual participation,
11 savings, and utility budgets.

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13 II. MEASURE IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION

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15 **Q. Please explain the process by which DSM measures were identified.**

16 A. The starting point for measure identification was the list of measures included
17 in the 2019 Florida TP Studies. Using this set of measures, the FEECA Utilities
18 initially reviewed and added proposed measures, and provided the combined
19 list to RI. RI compared the preliminary list to its DSM measure library,
20 compiled from similar studies conducted in recent years, as well as from other
21 utility DSM programs that RI has designed, implemented, or evaluated. The
22 FEECA Utilities also reached out to interested parties and received input with
23 recommendations on measure additions to the 2019 measure list. Their measure

1 suggestions were reviewed and incorporated into the study, as appropriate, as
2 detailed in Appendix D of each TPS report.

3 Through months of rigorous discussion with the FEECA Utilities, the
4 parameters for measures to be considered were established. The evaluation of
5 measures to include examined whether the measure was technically feasible and
6 currently commercially available in Florida; additionally, behavioral measures
7 without accompanying physical changes or utility-provided products and tools
8 were excluded, as were fuel-switching measures, other than in the context of
9 DSRE measures. The process to identify DSM measures is more fully described
10 in Section 4 of each TPS report.

11 **Q. Was the process of measure identification and selection appropriate for the**
12 **objectives of the study?**

13 A. Yes. The measure identification process was robust, comprehensive, and
14 appropriate for the objectives of the study. The final measure list was
15 developed to account for DSM measures that had been considered in prior
16 Florida studies and took full account of current Florida Building Code and
17 federal equipment standards, current FEECA Utilities' program offerings, and
18 the incorporation of DSM measures considered in other potential study reports
19 and other utility DSM program offerings around the country.

20 **Q. Did the process allow for the assessment of the full TP for FEECA Utilities?**

21 A. Yes. The thorough process for developing the list resulted in a comprehensive
22 set of over 400 unique EE, DR, and DSRE measures that fully addressed DSM
23 opportunities across all electric energy-consuming end-uses at residential,

1 commercial, and industrial facilities in the FEECA Utilities’ service areas. The
2 final measure list is provided in Exhibit No. JH-8.

3 **Q. How does the final DSM measure list compare with the measures included**
4 **in the 2019 TP Study?**

5 A. Exhibit No. JH-9 compares the comprehensive measure list for 2024 to the
6 measure list for the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) 2019
7 Goals Dockets (Docket Nos. 20190015-EG – 20190021-EG). Compared to the
8 2019 TP, the 2024 TP update added 191 unique measures and eliminated 24
9 unique measures.

10 **Q. What changes to the measure list were associated with changes to building**
11 **code or appliance standards?**

12 A. The following measures changes were included in the 2024 TP study based on
13 Florida Building Code and federal equipment standards updates:

- 14 • Residential central air conditioner and heat pump baseline efficiency
15 was updated based on current U.S. Department of Energy, Energy
16 Conservation Standards for Residential Central Air Conditioners and
17 Heat Pumps
- 18 • Residential room air conditioner baseline efficiency was updated based
19 on current U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Conservation Standards
20 for Room Air Conditioners
- 21 • Two speed pool pump and variable speed pool pump measures were
22 eliminated based on current Florida Building Code and U.S. Department

1 of Energy, Energy Conservation Standards for Dedicated-Purpose Pool
2 Pump Motors.

3 **Q. Once measures were selected, what was the next step in RI's analysis?**

4 A. Once measures were selected, the next step in RI's analysis was to develop
5 individual impacts for each measure. These impacts included quantifying
6 summer demand (kW), winter demand (kW), and energy savings (kWh),
7 equipment useful life, and incremental costs of the measure. The measure
8 impacts were subsequently applied to the disaggregated utility load forecasts to
9 estimate TP in each utility service area.

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11 **III. TECHNICAL POTENTIAL**

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13 **Q. Please define Technical Potential.**

14 A. Section 366.82(3) of FEECA requires the Commission to "...evaluate the full
15 technical potential of all available demand-side and supply-side conservation
16 and efficiency measures, including demand-side renewable energy systems."
17 Therefore, a TP analysis is the first in a series of steps in the DSM Goals
18 development process. Its purpose is to identify the theoretical limit to reducing
19 summer and winter electric peak demand and energy. The TP assumes every
20 identified potential end-use measure is installed everywhere it is "technically"
21 feasible to do so from an engineering standpoint, regardless of cost, customer
22 acceptance, or any other real-world constraints (such as product availability,

1 contractor/vendor capacity, cost-effectiveness, normal equipment replacement
2 rates, or customer preferences).

3 Therefore, the TP does not reflect the MW and GWh savings that may
4 be potentially achievable through real-world voluntary utility programs, but
5 rather it establishes the theoretical upper bound for DSM potential.

6 **Q. Do RI's TPS reports provide a detailed description of RI's methodology,
7 data, and assumptions for estimating TP?**

8 A. Yes. As stated earlier, RI developed individual TPS reports for each of the six
9 FEECA Utilities. The reports described RI's overall methodology, data, and
10 assumptions for disaggregating each utility's baseline load forecast,
11 development of DSM measures, and determination of TP.

12 **Q. Do these TPS reports identify the full TP for the FEECA Utilities?**

13 A. Yes. Each utility report identifies the full TP for the DSM measures analyzed
14 against the utility's baseline load forecast.

15 **Q. Please summarize the methodology, source of data, and assumptions used
16 to develop the TP for EE measures for the FEECA Utilities.**

17 A. As stated above, TP ignores all non-technical constraints on electricity savings,
18 such as cost-effectiveness and customer willingness to adopt EE. RI's
19 methodology for estimating EE TP begins with the disaggregated utility load
20 forecast. For the current analysis, RI used the 2023 load forecast from each
21 FEECA Utility, which, for all except FPUC, was based on the most recent Ten-
22 Year Site Plan available at the time the MPS was initiated, which were the 2023
23 Ten-Year Site Plans.

1 Next, all technically feasible measures are assigned to the appropriate
2 customer segments and end-uses. The measure kW and kWh impact data
3 collected during DSM measure development are then applied to the baseline
4 forecast, as illustrated in the following equation for the residential sector:



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7 The savings factor, or percentage reduction in electricity consumption
8 resulting from application of the efficient technology, is applied to the baseline
9 energy use intensity to determine the per-home impact, and the other factors
10 listed in the equation above inform the total number of households where the
11 measure is applicable, technically feasible, and has not already been installed.
12 The result of this equation is the total TP for an EE measure or technology.

13 The final component of estimating overall TP is to account for the
14 interaction between measures. In some situations, measures compete with each
15 other, such as a 16 SEER air source heat pump and an 18 SEER air source heat
16 pump. For TP, the measure with the highest savings factor is prioritized. The
17 other interaction is measure overlap, where the impacts of one measure may
18 affect the savings for a subsequent measure. An example of measure overlap
19 would be the installation of an 18 SEER air source heat pump as well as a smart
20 thermostat that optimizes the operation of the heat pump. To account for
21 overlapping impacts, RI's model ranks measures that interact with one another
22 and reduces the baseline consumption for the subsequent measure based on

1 savings achieved by the preceding measure. For TP, interactive measures are
2 ranked based on the total end-use energy savings percentage, with the measures
3 having a greater savings treated as being implemented first.

4 **Q. Please summarize the methodology, source of data, and assumptions used**
5 **to develop TP for DR measures for the FEECA Utilities.**

6 A. TP for DR is effectively the total of customer loads that could be curtailed
7 during conditions when utilities need capacity reductions. Therefore, RI's
8 approach to estimating DR TP focuses on the curtailable load available within
9 the time period of interest. In particular, the analysis focuses on end-uses
10 available for curtailment during peak periods and the magnitude of load within
11 each of these end-uses, beyond that of existing DR enrollment for each utility.

12 Similar to the estimation of EE TP, the DR analysis begins with a
13 disaggregation of the utility load forecast. RI's approach for load
14 disaggregation to identify DR opportunities is more advanced than that used for
15 most potential studies. Instead of disaggregating annual consumption or peak
16 demand, RI produced end-use load disaggregation for all 8,760 hours of the
17 year. This was needed because customer loads available at times when utility
18 system needs arise can vary substantially. For this study, curtailable load
19 opportunities, coincident with both the summer system peak and winter system
20 peak, were analyzed. Additionally, instead of producing disaggregated loads for
21 the average customer, the study produced loads for several customer segments.
22 RI examined three residential segments based on customer housing type, four

1 different small commercial and industrial (C&I) segments, and four different
2 large C&I customer segments, for a total of 11 different customer segments.
3 Next, RI identified the available load for the appropriate end-uses that can be
4 curtailed. RI's approach assumed that large C&I customers would forego
5 virtually all electric demand temporarily if the financial incentive was large
6 enough. For residential and small C&I customers, TP for DR is limited by loads
7 that can be controlled remotely at scale. For this study, it was assumed that
8 summer DR capacity for residential customers was comprised of air
9 conditioning (A/C), pool pumps, water heaters, and electric vehicle charging.
10 For small C&I customers, summer capacity was based on A/C load and electric
11 vehicle charging.

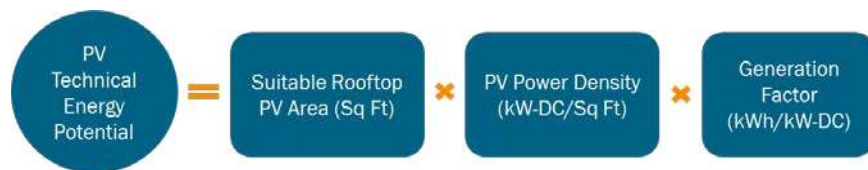
12 For winter capacity, residential DR capacity was based on electric
13 heating loads, pool pumps, water heaters, and electric vehicle charging. For
14 small C&I customers, winter capacity was based on heating load and electric
15 vehicle charging. For eligible loads within these end-uses, the TP was defined
16 as the amount coincident with system peak hours for each season. System peak
17 hours were identified using 2023 system load data. For DR TP, no measure
18 breakout was necessary because all measures targeted the end-uses estimated
19 for TP.

20 Finally, RI accounted for existing DR by assuming that all customers
21 currently enrolled in a DR program did not have additional load that could be
22 curtailed. As a result, all currently-enrolled DR customers were excluded from
23 the analysis.

1 **Q. Please summarize the methodology, source of data, and assumptions used**
2 **to develop TP for DSRE measures for the FEECA Utilities.**

3 A. TP for DSRE measures was developed using three separate models for each
4 category of DSRE: rooftop photovoltaic (PV); battery storage systems charged
5 from PV systems; and combined heat and power (CHP).

6 For PV systems, RI's approach estimated the square footage of residential and
7 commercial rooftops in the FEECA Utilities' service areas suitable for hosting
8 PV technology, and applied the following formula to estimate overall TP:



10 The analysis was conducted in five steps, as follows:

11 Step 1: Building stock characterization: Output of data from the forecast
12 disaggregation conducted for the EE and DR TP analysis were used to
13 characterize residential, commercial, and industrial building stocks.

14 Step 2: Estimate of feasible roof area: Total available roof area feasible
15 for installing PV systems was calculated using relevant parameters, such
16 as unusable area due to other rooftop equipment and setback
17 requirements, shading from trees, and limitations of roof orientation.

18 Step 3: Expected power density: A power density of 200 watts per
19 square meter (W/m^2) was assumed for estimating technical potential,
20 which corresponds to a panel with roughly 20 percent conversion
21 efficiency, a typical value for current PV installations.

1 Step 4: Hourly PV generation profile: Hourly generation profiles were
2 estimated using the U.S. Department of Energy National Renewal
3 Energy Laboratory’s solar estimation calculator, PVWatts©.

4 Step 5: Calculate total energy and coincident peak demand potential:
5 RI’s Spatial Penetration and Integration of Distributed Energy
6 Resources (SPIDER) Model was used to estimate total annual energy
7 and summer and winter peak demand potential by sector.

8 For battery storage systems, the TP analysis considered the fact that battery
9 systems on their own do not generate power or create efficiency improvements;
10 they simply store energy for use at different times. Therefore, battery systems
11 energized directly from the grid do not produce additional energy savings, but
12 may be used to shift or curtail load from one period for use in another. Because
13 the DR potential analysis focused on curtailable load opportunities, RI
14 concluded that no additional TP should be claimed. Similarly, battery systems
15 connected to rooftop PV systems do not produce additional energy savings;
16 they do, however, create the opportunity to store excess PV-generated energy
17 during hours where the PV system generates more than the home or business
18 consumes, then uses the stored power during peak periods.

19 Therefore, to determine additional peak demand reduction available
20 from PV-connected battery storage systems, RI used the following
21 methodology:

- 22 • Assumed that every PV system included in the PV TP analysis was
23 installed with a paired storage system.

- 1 • Sized the storage system to peak PV generation and assumed energy
2 storage duration of three hours.
 - 3 • Applied RI's hourly dispatch optimization model in SPIDER to create
4 an hourly storage dispatch profile that flattened the individual
5 customer's load profile to the greatest extent possible, accounting for
6 (a) a customer's hourly load profile; (b) hourly PV generation profile;
7 and (c) battery peak demand, energy capacity, and roundtrip
8 charge/discharge efficiency.
 - 9 • Calculated the effective hourly impact for the utility using the above
10 storage dispatch profile, aligned with the utility's peak hour (calculated
11 separately for summer and winter).
- 12 TP for CHP systems was based on identifying non-residential customer
13 segments with thermal load profiles that allow for the application of CHP,
14 where the waste heat generated can be fully utilized. First, minimum size
15 thresholds were determined for each non-residential segment using a segment-
16 specific thermal factor that considered the power-to-heat ratio of a typical
17 facility in each segment. Next, utility customers were segmented into industry
18 classifications and screened against the size thresholds. Premises with annual
19 kWh consumption that met or exceeded the thresholds were retained in the
20 analysis. Finally, facilities of sufficient size were matched with the
21 appropriately sized CHP technology. RI assigned CHP technologies to
22 customers in a top-down fashion, starting with the largest CHP generators,
23 which yielded the estimated quantity of CHP TP in each utility's service area.

1 **Q. Did your TP analysis account for interaction among EE, DR, and DSRE**
2 **technologies?**

3 A. Yes. While TP was estimated using separate models for EE, DR, and DSRE,
4 RI did recognize that interaction occurs among the TP for each, similar to the
5 interactions between EE measures applied to the same end-use. For example,
6 the installation of more efficient A/C would reduce the peak consumption
7 available for DR curtailment. Therefore, to account for this interaction, RI
8 incorporated the following assumptions and adjustments to the identified TP:

- 9 • EE TP was assumed to be implemented first, and therefore was not
10 adjusted for interaction with DR and DSRE.
- 11 • DR TP was applied next, and to account for the impact of EE TP, the
12 baseline load forecast for applicable end-uses was adjusted by the EE
13 TP, reducing the available load for curtailment.
- 14 • DSRE technologies were applied last and incorporated EE TP and DR
15 TP. For PV systems, the EE potential and DR potential did not impact
16 the amount of PV TP. However, for PV-connected battery systems, the
17 reduced baseline due to EE TP resulted in more PV-generated power
18 available from storage and usable during peak periods. For CHP
19 systems, the reduced baseline, as a result of EE, resulted in a reduction
20 in the number of facilities that met the annual energy threshold for CHP.
21 Installed DR capacity was assumed to not impact CHP potential as CHP
22 system feasibility was determined based on the energy consumption and
23 thermal parameters at the facility.

1 **Q. Once TP estimates were developed, what was the next step in your**
2 **analysis?**

3 A. Upon completion of the TP estimates, the next analysis step for a subset of the
4 utilities was to apply the measure economics (incremental cost) and utility
5 system economics (avoided supply cost, utility electric revenues, and customer
6 bill impacts) to conduct the economic analysis.

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8 **IV. ECONOMIC ANALYSIS**

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10 **Q. For which FEECA Utilities did RI conduct economic analyses?**

11 A. RI worked collaboratively with DEF, OUC, JEA, and FPUC on the economic
12 analysis, as follows:

13 Each utility provided RI with utility-specific economic forecast data, including
14 avoided supply costs and retail rate forecasts. RI incorporated these data into
15 our economic screening module to analyze the cost-effectiveness for individual
16 measures under the cost-effectiveness tests required by the Commission's
17 Order Consolidating Dockets and Establishing Procedure (Order No. PSC-
18 2024-0022-PCO-EG).

19 **Q. What cost-effectiveness tests were included in the economic analysis?**

20 A. When analyzing DSM measures, different cost-effectiveness tests are
21 considered to reflect the perspectives of different stakeholders. The Ratepayer
22 Impact Measure (RIM) test addresses an electric utility customer perspective,
23 which considers the net impact on electric utility rates associated with a

1 measure or program. The Total Resource Cost (TRC) test addresses a societal
 2 perspective, which considers costs of a DSM measure or program relative to the
 3 benefits of avoided utility supply costs. The Participant Cost Test (PCT)
 4 addresses a participant perspective, which considers net benefits to those
 5 participating in a DSM program.

6 The calculations were conducted consistent with the Cost Effectiveness
 7 Manual for Demand Side Management and Self Service Wheeling Proposals;
 8 Florida Public Service Commission, Tallahassee, FL; adopted June 11, 1991.
 9 Specific costs and benefits allocated within each cost-effectiveness test (RIM,
 10 TRC, and PCT), include the following:

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Ratepayer Impact Measure (RIM) Test	
Component	Definition
Benefit	Increase in utility electric revenues Decrease in avoided electric utility supply costs
Cost	Decrease in utility electric revenues Increase in avoided electric utility supply costs Utility program costs, if applicable Utility incentives, if applicable

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Total Resource Cost (TRC) Test	
Component	Definition
Benefit	Decrease in avoided electric utility supply costs
Cost	Increase in avoided electric utility supply costs Customer incremental costs (less any tax incentives) Utility program costs, if applicable

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Participant Cost Test (PCT)	
Component	Definition
Benefit	Decrease in electric bill Utility incentives, if applicable
Cost	Increase in electric bill Customer incremental costs (less any tax incentives)

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4 **Q. What economic screening criteria were applied for this study?**

5 A. For this study, economic screening was conducted for two Base Case scenarios:
6 the RIM Scenario and TRC Scenario. In both scenarios, all measures that
7 achieved a cost-effectiveness ratio of 1.0 or higher were considered cost-
8 effective from that test’s perspective.

9 For RI’s cost-effectiveness screening for DEF, JEA, OUC, and FPUC,
10 additional considerations included the following:

- 11 • Individual measures did not include any utility program costs (program
12 administrative or incentive costs), and therefore were evaluated on the
13 basis of measure cost-effectiveness without any utility intervention.

- 1 • Both scenarios required the measures to pass the PCT. Similar to the
2 TRC and RIM perspectives, the PCT screening was conducted without
3 any utility's incentive costs applied to the measure.

4 **Q. What was the next step in the economic analysis?**

- 5 A. Once the list of passing measures was identified under each Base Case scenario,
6 the measures were reanalyzed in RI's TEA-POT model to estimate demand and
7 energy savings for each utility. The updated modeling included updated
8 measure rankings to account for changes in measure interaction and overlap.
9 For the economic analysis, the ranking was based on the applicable test
10 perspective in each scenario (RIM or TRC), with the more cost-effective
11 measures being ranked first.

12 **Q. Were any additional economic sensitivities considered?**

- 13 A. Yes. As specified in Appendix B of the Order Consolidating Dockets and
14 Establishing Procedure (Order No. PSC-2024-0022-PCO-EG) in this docket,
15 economic sensitivities were performed as follows:

- 16 • Avoided fuel cost sensitivity, analyzing the number of measures passing
17 the economic screening based on higher and lower fuel prices.
- 18 • Payback period sensitivity, analyzing the number of measures passing
19 the economic screening based on shorter (one year) and longer (three
20 year) free ridership exclusion periods.
- 21 • For OUC, RI performed an additional sensitivity that reflected the
22 number of measures passing the economic screening when including
23 costs associated with carbon dioxide emissions.

1 The methodology for each sensitivity was consistent with the analysis of the
2 Base Case scenarios. DEF, JEA, OUC, and FPUC provided RI with avoided
3 supply cost forecasts for the higher and lower fuel price scenarios. The results
4 of these sensitivities are provided in Exhibits No. JH-10 through No. JH-13.

5 **Q. After these additional screenings were performed, what was the next major**
6 **activity?**

7 A. After the economic screening was conducted for the Base Case scenarios and
8 the sensitivities for each utility, the next step in the study was to develop
9 measure adoption estimates for a subset of the utilities.

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11 V. MEASURE ADOPTION FORECASTS

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13 **Q. Were any additional economic screening criteria applied for estimating**
14 **measure adoption forecasts?**

15 A. Yes. The associated program costs, including program administrative costs and
16 customer incentives, were included in the economic analysis used for
17 estimating measure adoption forecasts. Because this step occurred prior to each
18 utility developing specific programs aligned with their proposed goals,
19 representative administrative costs were developed using average FEECA
20 Utility program cost data, where available from current programs, and
21 supplemented with other utility program cost data where needed. In order to
22 evenly apply these representative costs to measures with a variety of savings
23 impacts, typical costs were estimated on a variable basis per kWh saved.

1 In addition, consistent with prior DSM analyses in Florida, free
2 ridership was addressed by applying a two-year payback criterion, which
3 eliminated measures having a simple payback of less than two years.

4 All measures were rescreened for the RIM Scenario and TRC Scenario
5 with the inclusion of these parameters.

6 **Q. How were measure incentives determined for this study?**

7 A. Measure incentives were developed for both the RIM Scenario and TRC
8 Scenario. Under each of these scenarios, the maximum incentive that could be
9 applied while remaining cost-effective was calculated for each measure.

10 • For the RIM Scenario, the RIM net benefit for each measure was
11 calculated based on total RIM benefits minus total RIM costs. Next, the
12 amount required to result in a simple payback period of two years for
13 each measure was calculated. The maximum incentive was based on
14 the lower of these two values.

15 • For the TRC Scenario, since the TRC test does not include utility
16 incentives as a cost or benefit, the maximum incentive was based on the
17 amount required to result in a simple payback period of two years for
18 each measure.

19 **Q. Please explain the methodology used by RI to develop measure adoption
20 forecast estimates for the cost-effective EE measures.**

21 A. RI's methodology consisted of applying estimates of market adoption, based on
22 utility-sponsored program incentives for all cost-effective EE measures in each
23 Base Case scenario. RI's market adoption estimates used a payback acceptance

1 criterion to estimate long-run market shares for measures as a function of
2 measure incremental costs and expected bill savings over the measures'
3 effective useful life (inclusive of utility incentives). Incremental adoption
4 estimates were based on the Bass Diffusion Model, which is a mathematical
5 description of how the rate of new product diffusion changes over time. For
6 this study, adoption curve input parameters were developed for each measure
7 based on specific criteria, including measure maturity in the market, overall
8 measure cost, and whether the measure was currently offered through a utility
9 program. RI's TEA-POT model then calculated demand and energy savings by
10 applying these adoption curves to each cost-effective measure.

11 **Q. Please explain the methodology used by RI to develop adoption forecast**
12 **estimates for the cost-effective DR measures.**

13 A. Similar to EE measures, RI's methodology for DR included calculating market
14 adoption as a function of the incentives offered to each customer group. For
15 DR measures currently offered by each utility, RI used the current incentive
16 level offered to estimate market adoption. For measures not currently offered
17 by a utility, RI used representative incentive levels offered for similar measures
18 in other markets to estimate market adoption. The utility-specific incentive
19 rates for each DR measure, along with participation rates collected by RI for
20 DR programs around the country, were used to calibrate DR market adoption
21 curves for each technology and customer segment. The calibrated adoption
22 rates were applied to the baseline load forecast to estimate the forecasted
23 adoption estimates for cost-effective DR technologies.

1 **Q. Please explain the methodology used by RI to develop adoption forecast**
2 **estimates for the cost-effective DSRE measures.**

3 A. RI did not produce estimates of adoption forecasts for DSRE measures as none
4 of the measures passed the cost-effectiveness screening for either the RIM or
5 TRC scenarios.

6 **Q. After estimating measure adoption forecasts, what was the next major**
7 **activity?**

8 A. The next step in the study was to develop proposed DSM goals for a subset of
9 the utilities.

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VI. DSM GOAL DEVELOPMENT

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13 **Q. What additional support did RI provide in development of proposed DSM**
14 **goals?**

15 A. For JEA, OUC, and FPUC, RI assisted with the development of three scenarios:
16 1) potential DSM programs that contribute to proposed DSM goals (Proposed
17 Goals Scenario), 2) potential DSM programs that pass the Participant and Rate
18 Impact Measure Tests (RIM Scenario), and 3) potential DSM programs that
19 pass the Participant and Total Resource Cost Tests (TRC Scenario). The
20 proposed DSM goal development process and results for each scenario is
21 described in more detail in Exhibit No. JH-14, No. JH-15, and No. JH-16, and
22 consisted of the following steps:

1 Step 1: Program Review and Measure Bundling. For each scenario,
2 Resource Innovations identified cost-effective measures from the
3 economic analysis described above and reviewed existing utility
4 program offerings to identify and align measures included in the TP
5 study analysis with current programs. Measures included in existing
6 programs but not part of the TRC Scenario or RIM Scenario determined
7 in the economic analysis were identified. In addition, measures that
8 were cost-effective for the TRC Scenario or RIM Scenario but were not
9 currently offered in a utility program were also identified. Based on the
10 program review and measure alignment, measures in each scenario were
11 bundled into preliminary program concepts that might align with current
12 programs or become new program offerings for the utility.

13 Step 2: Program Refinement and Modeling. Preliminary program
14 concepts and measure bundles were refined into proposed program
15 offerings and incentive and non-incentive budgets, participation
16 estimates, and impacts were developed using RI's TEA-POT model.
17 The modeling results were exported into RI's Program Planner
18 workbook that aggregated the program and portfolio impacts for each
19 scenario. For the TRC Scenario and RIM Scenario no further
20 refinements to the programs were made. For the Proposed Goals
21 scenario, RI continued to work collaboratively with each utility to
22 identify the measures and program concepts that comprise the proposed
23 DSM goals.

1 **Q. Was the DSM program development process limited to measures passing**
2 **the economic screening?**

3 A. No. In addition to measures that passed the TRC Scenario or RIM Scenario
4 screening, the measure bundling and program development process for the
5 Proposed Goals Scenario included additional measures, such as measures that
6 may be included in current programs or could be complementary additions to
7 current programs.

8 **Q. For measures currently offered by each utility, was the analysis limited to**
9 **the continuation of current programs?**

10 A. No. While continuity in program offerings is typically beneficial for customer
11 and contractor awareness and education, RI and each utility (JEA, OUC, and
12 FPUC) worked collaboratively to identify programs that are of interest to
13 continue and those that may need refinement. RI also provided our expertise in
14 utility program design from around the country to help guide the program
15 development process.

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17 **VII. REASONABLENESS OF RI'S ANALYSES**

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19 **Q. Are the methodology and models RI employed to develop TP estimates,**
20 **economic analysis, measure adoption forecasts, and proposed DSM goals**
21 **for the FEECA Utilities analytically sound?**

22 A. Yes. RI's approach is aligned with industry-standard methods and has been
23 applied and externally reviewed in numerous regulated jurisdictions. RI's

1 TEA-POT and SPIDER modeling tools have been specifically developed to
2 accommodate and calibrate to individual utility load forecast data, and they
3 enable the application of individual DSM measures and analysis of market
4 potential at a high resolution—by segment, end-use, equipment type, measure,
5 vintage, and year for each scenario analyzed.

6 The methodology and rigor of the measure development, technical
7 potential, and economic analysis is also consistent with the analysis conducted
8 for the 2019 energy conservation goals proceedings before this Commission.

9 **Q. Have these methodologies and models been relied upon by other**
10 **commissions or governmental agencies?**

11 A. Yes. RI's methodology and the TEA-POT and SPIDER modeling tools have
12 been used in numerous studies in the United States and Canada. RI's tools and
13 results have undergone extensive regulatory review and have been used for the
14 establishment of utility DSM targets in multiple jurisdictions, including North
15 Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, California, Pennsylvania, Texas, and
16 Ontario.

17 **Q. Are the estimates of the TP developed by RI analytically sound and**
18 **reasonable?**

19 A. Yes. The TP was performed under my direction and resulted in a thorough and
20 wide-ranging analysis of DSM opportunities technically feasible in the FEECA
21 Utilities' service areas. The TP process aligned with industry standards and
22 included a greater level of analytic detail than that of comparable models and
23 methodologies.

1 The process included extensive iterative analytical work and continuous
2 collaboration with the FEECA Utilities to ensure that it was comprehensive and
3 aligned with the characteristics of their service areas and forecasted loads.

4 **Q. Is the economic analysis conducted by RI analytically sound and**
5 **reasonable?**

6 A. Yes. The economic analysis was based on applying defined economic screening
7 metrics to each TP measure to determine cost-effectiveness. The analysis
8 included utility-provided economic forecasts to ensure alignment with other
9 aspects of utility resource planning and to determine an accurate assessment of
10 cost-effective DSM measures for each utility.

11 **Q. Are the proposed DSM goals that RI helped develop based on reasonable**
12 **and appropriate analysis of DSM measures and programs?**

13 A. Yes. RI's estimated measure adoption forecasts identified cost-effective DSM
14 opportunities for FEECA Utilities, based on the test perspectives included in
15 each scenario analyzed. These forecasts provided the foundation of the DSM
16 planning process that included a robust analysis of current utility programs,
17 bundling, and alignment of measures analyzed in the potential study as well as
18 the development of cost-effective programs. These programs collectively sum
19 to the sector-level and overall proposed DSM goals for each utility. This process
20 represents a reasonable and appropriate approach to the development of utility
21 DSM goals.

22 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

23 A. Yes.

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2 F. Floyd was inserted.)

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ATTACHMENT 1

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

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3 **Q. Please state your name, business address, employer and position.**

4 A. My name is John N. Floyd. My business address is One Energy Place, Pensacola,
5 Florida 32520. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL or the
6 Company) as Director, Demand-Side Management Strategy.

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

8 A. I am responsible for development of strategy, program implementation,
9 regulatory filings, reporting, and cost management for FPL's Demand-Side
10 Management (DSM)-related activities.

11 **Q. Please describe your educational background and professional experience.**

12 A. I have a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from Auburn University. After
13 completing a commission in the United States Air Force, I began my career in
14 the electric utility industry at Gulf Power Company, a former Southern Company
15 operating subsidiary. During my 29-year tenure, I held various positions with the
16 company in Power Generation, Metering, Power Delivery, and Customer
17 Service. In 2019, I joined FPL as the DSM Regulatory Support Manager and
18 was promoted to my current position as Director of DSM Strategy in 2023.

1 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Florida Public Service**
2 **Commission (FPSC or Commission)?**

3 A. Yes. I have testified in multiple DSM goals proceedings and other DSM-related
4 dockets on behalf of Gulf Power and FPL.

5 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits in this case?**

6 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibits JNF-1 through JNF-5, which are attached to my
7 testimony:

- 8 • JNF-1 – Historical DSM Participation and Achievements
- 9 • JNF-2 – Current DSM Programs and Associated Measures
- 10 • JNF-3 – List of Measures Evaluated for Technical Potential
- 11 • JNF-4 – 2025-2034 Goals Scenarios and Potential Programs
- 12 • JNF-5 – Comparison of Current Programs to Proposed Programs

13 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

14 A. The Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA) and
15 Commission rules require that utilities develop and offer DSM programs to
16 cost-effectively reduce weather-sensitive peak-demand and the overall growth
17 rate of electricity consumption in the state. FPL has successfully implemented
18 this policy by providing impactful DSM programs that keep rates low and meet
19 customer needs.

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21 FPL followed the process prescribed by the FEECA statute and Commission
22 rules in developing the goals scenarios described throughout my testimony. In
23 general, the process included development of a Technical Potential (TP) Study,

1 measure-screening utilizing Commission-prescribed cost-effectiveness tests,
2 and goal development based on the reasonably achievable demand and energy
3 savings of potential DSM programs. Witness Jim Herndon with Resource
4 Innovations discusses the TP study, FPL witness Andrew Whitley discusses
5 measure screening and FPL's resource planning process, and I address the goal
6 and program development process.

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8 FPL is committed to continuing to provide DSM programs that keep rates low
9 and meet customers' needs. For more than four decades, FPL has accomplished
10 this through utilization of the Rate Impact Measure (RIM) test. Goals based on
11 RIM ensure all customers benefit – both those who voluntarily participate in
12 DSM programs and those who cannot or elect not to participate. Based on
13 FPL's avoided cost profile and the available energy-efficiency measures to
14 consider for programs, however, a RIM-only DSM proposal would result in a
15 zero goal for efficiency savings.

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17 While FPL supports the use of the RIM test as the primary cost-effectiveness
18 standard to set DSM goals, the Company also recognizes that appropriately
19 tailored DSM programs and goals are consistent with the objective of FEECA
20 to reduce the growth rate of electricity consumption. FPL explored various
21 options to maintain cost-effective DSM initiatives that ensure affordable rates,
22 while also providing valuable programs to help customers reduce their energy
23 usage.

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2 After careful analysis, FPL recommends goals for the period 2025-2034 that
3 reflect continuation of its current portfolio of energy-efficiency and load-
4 management programs, expansion of the existing low-income weatherization
5 program, and introduction of a new low-income Renter Pilot. FPL's proposal
6 also includes expansion of our industry-leading On Call[®] load-management
7 program with a new HVAC on-bill option. This new option expands the On
8 Call[®] load-management program to allow greater customer access to new
9 energy-saving HVAC equipment in a way that also passes the RIM cost-
10 effectiveness test. Under this program, a customer will receive a new efficient
11 HVAC unit that FPL will have the ability to control in peak demand situations.

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13 Collectively, FPL's proposed DSM programs focus on the highest priorities of
14 weather-sensitive peak demand, continue to provide customer incentives for
15 making energy-efficient investments, and can be delivered with little to no
16 incremental bill impact to customers. In total, FPL proposes goals with a ten-
17 year impact of 419 Summer MW, 326 Winter MW, and 931 GWh energy
18 reduction to be achieved through 10 energy-efficiency and load-management
19 programs as further described later in my testimony. FPL's proposal will
20 establish DSM goals at a reasonable and appropriate level given current
21 projections of FPL system costs while continuing to maintain low electric rates
22 for all FPL customers.

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II. FPL’S HISTORICAL DSM ACHIEVEMENTS

Q. Please provide an overview of FPL’s history and results in implementing DSM.

A. FPL began offering DSM programs in the late 1970s prior to the Florida Legislature’s adoption of FEECA in 1980. Since then, FPL has maintained a continuous commitment to cost-effective DSM as a complement to evolving Florida Building Code and federal appliance efficiency standards (collectively, Codes and Standards). As described in greater detail by FPL witness Whitley, FPL has made DSM an integral part of its resource planning process and has consistently evaluated DSM in accordance with the Commission’s long-standing goal-setting policies. Through this process, FPL has developed a wide array of cost-effective load-management and energy-efficiency programs for both residential and business customers, which have achieved significant reductions in energy consumption and peak demand. As shown on Exhibit JNF-1, there have been approximately 10.5 million participants in these programs (some customers have participated in multiple programs) since inception.

Through 2023, FPL’s highly effective DSM efforts have resulted in a cumulative summer peak demand reduction of 5,579 MW. After accounting for the 20% total reserve margin requirement, this equates to eliminating the need to construct the equivalent of approximately 66 new 100-MW generating units. Cumulative energy consumption savings are 100,422 GWh at the

1 generator, equal to approximately 73% of the consumption of all FPL customers
2 for one year. At the same time, the discipline of working within the traditional
3 Commission goal-setting policies and requirements has helped ensure FPL's
4 electric rates remain low. As of the time of this filing, FPL's typical residential
5 bill is approximately 32% lower than the national average.

6 **Q. Please describe FPL's currently offered DSM programs and their**
7 **achievements.**

8 A. FPL's current programs are focused on helping customers save with financial
9 incentives to install energy-efficient appliances and building-envelope
10 improvements (energy efficiency), as well as bill credits for allowing FPL to
11 control large appliances or facility loads during peak conditions (load
12 management). FPL's current programs and included measures are shown on
13 Exhibit JNF-2.

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15 **Load Management** – FPL operates one of the largest load-management
16 programs in the nation. As of year-end 2023, FPL's Residential On Call®
17 program, established in 1986, was the largest residential program in the United
18 States with about 653,000 participants. Along with FPL's more than 17,000
19 business load-management participants, FPL currently has more than 1,700
20 MW of Summer load-management demand reduction available for use by FPL
21 system operators.

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23 **Energy Efficiency** – FPL has also offered large energy-efficiency programs for

1 decades. More than two million customers have participated in FPL's
2 residential HVAC energy-efficiency program, making their homes' largest
3 sources of energy consumption more efficient than required by the Codes and
4 Standards that were applicable at the time of installation. Likewise, more than
5 24,000 business customers have participated in FPL's HVAC program,
6 installing efficient direct expansion and chiller units as well as Thermal Energy
7 Storage systems. In addition, more than 21,400 business customers have
8 participated in FPL's Business Lighting program, which encourages customers
9 to replace existing lights with light-emitting diodes (LED). Since 2019, FPL
10 has served 33,947 low-income customers with direct installation of
11 weatherization and energy savings measures.

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13 **Customer Education (Surveys)** – Since 1981, FPL has emphasized energy-
14 efficiency education for customers regardless of whether they own or rent their
15 home or business. FPL uses residential Home Energy Surveys (HES) and
16 Business Energy Evaluations (BEE) as foundational components of the DSM
17 portfolio. The surveys and evaluations are used for customer education on
18 conservation measures that make economic sense for customers, whether
19 offered as a part of FPL's DSM programs or not. FPL has performed close to
20 4.5 million HESs and almost 275,000 BEEs via online, phone, and on-site
21 delivery channels. Since 2019, more than 300 residential customers per day
22 had a HES, and 20 business customers per workday had FPL conduct a BEE.
23 In addition to the utility-provided educational resources, customers also have

1 access to many other public sources of information (including the U.S.
2 Department of Energy’s ENERGY STAR® program and website, in addition
3 to contractors, appliance retailers, and manufacturers) to help them decide on
4 what actions they wish to implement to use energy more efficiently.

5 **Q. How is FPL continuing to explore innovative approaches to DSM?**

6 A. FPL has a long history of evaluating new technologies to meet customer needs
7 and provide cost-effective demand-side solutions. For example, in Docket No.
8 20210015-EI, the Commission approved a limited pilot for FPL to evaluate
9 smart electrical panels as a next-generation DSM solution that could benefit
10 customers through increased visibility and control of their energy usage and
11 provide FPL capabilities to manage certain large appliance loads during peak
12 times. To date, 100 smart panels have been installed in customer homes. FPL
13 has gained valuable insights on customer interest in the technology, installation
14 and commissioning of the panels, appliance usage profiles, and load-
15 management functionality. Although these smart panels deliver on providing
16 visibility and control of major circuits, their high cost remains a barrier to large-
17 scale use for utility DSM in the near-term. As part of its culture of continuous
18 improvement, FPL will continue to evaluate new and alternative technologies
19 that can be cost-effectively deployed for control of behind-the-meter
20 appliances.

1 **III. FACTORS IMPACTING DSM GOALS**

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3 **Q. What are the main factors that impact potential DSM goals and how?**

4 A. There are two main factors that impact the level of goals for DSM. The first
5 factor in determining the appropriate level of DSM goals is the potential
6 demand and energy savings in the marketplace. To determine the potential
7 savings for utility DSM programs, all commercially available options for
8 reducing demand and energy are evaluated. As outlined in Commission Rule
9 25-17.0021, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), these options are in the form
10 of demand-side conservation and efficiency “measures,” including demand-
11 side renewable energy systems that can be implemented by customers. The
12 determination of the potential savings begins with a Technical Potential Study,
13 which quantifies the theoretical maximum savings opportunity for these
14 measures. As discussed in more detail in later sections of my testimony, the
15 study for the 2024 DSM goals process included 436 energy-efficiency, demand-
16 response and demand-side renewable energy measures – significantly more
17 than were evaluated in 2019. An important aspect of this evaluation is that it
18 only includes potential savings above current and known future Codes and
19 Standards. Codes and Standards establish the baseline from which utility DSM
20 opportunities exist. While customers benefit from increasing Codes and
21 Standards absent any utility DSM, the result of increasing Codes and Standards
22 is a reduction in the incremental benefits of DSM to the utility system and to
23 customers.

1 The second factor is cost-effectiveness. Cost-effectiveness, in general terms, is
2 a comparison of the benefits and costs of DSM options. The Commission has
3 recognized three industry standard tests as described in Rule 25-17.008(3),
4 “Florida Public Service Commission Cost Effectiveness Manual for Demand
5 Side Management Programs and Self-Service Wheeling Proposals” (7-7-91) for
6 the purposes of evaluating cost-effectiveness since the earliest goal-setting
7 docket in 1993. These tests are the RIM test, the Total Resource Cost (TRC)
8 test, and the Participant test.

9 **Q. Please explain the cost-effectiveness tests and how they impact potential**
10 **DSM goals.**

11 A. The RIM, TRC and Participant tests measure cost-effectiveness from different
12 perspectives and thus consider different costs and benefits. First, I will discuss
13 the RIM and TRC tests as they measure cost-effectiveness from the utility
14 system perspective.

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16 The RIM test measures the impact on rates resulting from a DSM program and
17 represents the perspective of non-participants. The TRC test measures the
18 impact on total costs to the utility and customer base. The RIM and TRC tests
19 both consider the same benefits of DSM, that is the utility system savings, or
20 avoided cost, of reducing peak demand and energy requirements to be met.
21 These benefits are in the form of avoided generation, transmission, and
22 distribution capital and O&M costs as well as net fuel impacts.

1 The difference in the RIM and TRC tests is which costs are included. The RIM
2 test includes consideration of the cost of incentives paid to participating
3 customers, the revenue impact resulting from the DSM program, and the cost
4 of implementing the program itself (administrative cost). Consideration of
5 these costs is consistent with Section 366.82(3), Florida Statutes, which is part
6 of the FEECA Statute.

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8 As mentioned earlier, the TRC test considers the same benefits as RIM, but
9 different costs. Specifically, the TRC test only considers the incremental cost
10 of the measure (equipment) and the administrative cost of implementing the
11 program. Notably, the TRC test does not address one of the required costs
12 identified in Section 366.82(3)(b), Florida Statutes, the cost of utility incentives.
13 The TRC test also does not measure impact on electricity rates for customers,
14 both participants and non-participants.

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16 The Commission has long recognized the benefit of utilizing the RIM test as it
17 serves the interest of both customers who participate in utility DSM programs
18 as well as customers who cannot, or elect not to, participate in these programs.
19 In short, the RIM test ensures that even non-participants benefit from utility
20 DSM through downward pressure on electric rates. So, by utilizing the RIM
21 test to establish DSM goals, the Commission can be assured that all customers
22 will benefit through electric rates that are lower than they would otherwise be

1 without implementation of the program. The cost of RIM-passing programs is
2 justified on this basis. Utilizing the TRC test to measure the cost-effectiveness
3 of DSM, however, can expose all utility customers, whether they participate in
4 a DSM program or not, to higher electric rates resulting from unrecovered
5 revenue requirements. For these reasons, use of the TRC test without
6 appropriate guardrails and limits on cost would be inconsistent with the
7 Commission's statutory obligations to avoid undue rate impact.

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9 Given that RIM-passing programs result in the lowest rate impact, benefit all
10 customers, and avoid cross-subsidization of participants by non-participants,
11 FPL supports utilizing the RIM test as a primary means of evaluating cost-
12 effectiveness and establishing goals.

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14 The third cost-effectiveness test used by the Commission to evaluate DSM
15 goals is the Participant test. This test measures cost-effectiveness from the
16 perspective of the customer participating in the DSM program or measure. It
17 is a simple test that evaluates the economic payback to a potential participant in
18 a DSM program. The benefits considered in the Participant test are the bill
19 savings and incentives received associated with a particular measure, while the
20 costs are the incremental equipment costs borne by the customer. The
21 incentives include both upfront contributions by the utility and tax credits. For
22 example, by considering both the costs of adopting a higher-efficiency HVAC
23 system and the resulting bill savings, the Participant test measures whether the

1 investment pays for itself over time. From a practical and logical standpoint,
2 this is the primary evaluation a customer considers for making an energy-
3 efficiency investment, and therefore, a utility DSM program should pass this
4 test. This concept of economic payback is also useful in limiting incentive costs
5 so as not to unnecessarily incent a customer to make an investment that
6 otherwise already has a very strong value proposition.

7 **Q. Please elaborate on the impacts Codes and Standards have on potential for**
8 **cost-effective DSM.**

9 A. Increased Codes and Standards impact all residents and businesses by
10 mandating higher energy-efficiency minimums for prospective end-use
11 equipment installations and/or building design improvements. The impact of
12 Codes and Standards for FPL is two-fold: a reduction in the forecast of energy
13 and peak demand; and a reduction in the incremental savings potential for utility
14 DSM. FPL witness Whitley discusses the impact of Codes and Standards on
15 FPL's load forecast for energy and peak demand.

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17 In addition to the impact on FPL's load forecast, Codes and Standards also
18 reduce the savings potential for utility DSM. First, any utility-offered measures
19 that are no longer above Codes and Standards are rendered obsolete. The
20 previously achieved utility participation and energy and demand savings are
21 now attained by the Codes and Standards instead, thereby replacing efficiency
22 savings that had been obtained from DSM programs.

1 Second, the “baseline” efficiency level also increases, reducing the incremental
2 savings that remaining DSM measures could achieve. For example, in 2023,
3 the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) increased the minimum efficiency
4 standard for residential air conditioning from 14 Seasonal Energy Efficiency
5 Rating (SEER) to 15 SEER.¹ This increase in minimum required efficiency
6 resulted in a loss of 0.145 Summer kW and 350 annual kWh incremental
7 savings for all higher SEER units. For a customer installing a new HVAC
8 system beginning in January 2023, that customer automatically realizes this
9 amount of efficiency savings compared to the previous minimum standard. For
10 a utility DSM program, however, the result of this change reduces savings from
11 incrementally higher efficiency units, which impacts opportunity for DSM
12 program savings and cost-effectiveness.

13 **Q. How do utility programs and initiatives complement these Codes and**
14 **Standards to reduce overall energy use?**

15 A. Utilities play two key roles in improving the overall efficiency of energy
16 utilization by customers. The first role is through education. FPL provides
17 information to customers about ways to save energy through our energy survey
18 programs, on FPL.com, through FPL’s Customer Care Centers, through
19 community events and presentations, and through various other media
20 channels. To date, FPL has performed close to 4.5 million residential energy
21 surveys, providing education and information about specific ways customers

¹ The DOE also introduced a new SEER2 unit of measure to reflect changes in the test procedure to measure HVAC system efficiency. For simplicity, FPL will continue to reference SEER ratings unless otherwise indicated.

1 can reduce energy consumption. Second, utilities offer cost-effective programs
2 that are designed to encourage adoption of technology that is above these
3 minimum Codes and Standards as part of approved DSM programs. These
4 programs help customers save energy and help the utility system operate more
5 efficiently for the benefit of all customers.

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7 IV. DSM GOALS AND PROGRAMS PROCESS

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9 **Q. Please provide an overview of the process and main analyses performed to**
10 **develop FPL's proposed DSM goals and potential programs for the period**
11 **2025-2034?**

12 A. The process for developing DSM goals and programs is outlined in the FEECA
13 Statute, Section 366.82(3) and (7), F.S., and Commission Rule 25-17.0021,
14 F.A.C. Specifically, DSM goals development involves three primary
15 interrelated analyses as part of FPL's resource planning process:

16 **(1) Technical Potential (TP)** – determines the breadth of measures to be
17 considered and their maximum hypothetical demand and energy savings;

18 **(2) Measure Screening** – economic screening of the DSM measures based on
19 Commission-approved cost effectiveness tests and an assessment of free-
20 ridership; and

21 **(3) Program Development and Goals Scenarios** – projection of the ten-year
22 (2025-2034) program potential and development of the RIM and TRC goals
23 scenarios.

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2 FPL and the other five utilities subject to FEECA (FEECA Utilities) worked
3 jointly on certain aspects of the analyses and engaged a nationally recognized
4 DSM consultant, Resource Innovations, which has performed many of these
5 types of studies, to assist with portions of the work. Resource Innovations
6 conducted the TP analysis for FPL and the other FEECA Utilities. Resource
7 Innovations also assisted FPL with adoption modeling as part of developing the
8 goals scenarios.

9 **Q. Please briefly describe the Technical Potential (TP) Analysis.**

10 A. Rule 25-17.0021(2) requires utilities to "... assess the full technical potential of
11 all available demand-side conservation and efficiency measures, including
12 demand-side renewable energy systems...." The purpose of the TP Analysis is
13 to identify the theoretical maximum limit for reducing Summer and Winter
14 electric peak demand and energy. The TP assumes every identified potential
15 end-use measure (or measures) is installed everywhere it is "technically"
16 feasible to do so from an engineering standpoint. The TP does not consider
17 cost, customer acceptance, or any other real-world constraints (such as product
18 availability, contractor/vendor capacity, cost-effectiveness, or customer
19 preferences). Therefore, the TP is purely hypothetical and in no way reflects
20 the MW and MWh savings that could potentially be achieved through real-
21 world voluntary utility DSM programs.

1 Resource Innovations performed the TP analysis for each of the FEECA
2 Utilities. This included coordinating development of the DSM measure list and
3 collecting all data necessary to perform the analysis. The analysis required
4 extensive iterative analytical work and continuous collaboration among the
5 FEECA Utilities to ensure that it was comprehensive. Witness Herndon's
6 testimony provides the analysis details and results. During the development of
7 the measure list for the TP analysis, the FEECA Utilities requested input from
8 various stakeholders in previous DSM dockets. Multiple stakeholders provided
9 recommendations on additional measures that should be included for this study.
10 The FEECA Utilities reviewed each recommendation and incorporated all
11 qualifying recommendations received from these stakeholders. In total, there
12 were 436 unique energy-efficiency, demand-response, and demand-side
13 renewable measures evaluated for Technical Potential. When considering the
14 unique measure impacts across multiple customer segments, building types and
15 rates, these 436 measures represent over 20,000 calculations for each step of
16 the Technical Potential and measure screening process. A full list of measures
17 evaluated in the Technical Potential Study is provided in Exhibit JNF-3, pages
18 1-14.

19 **Q. Please briefly describe the measure-screening process.**

20 A. The measure-screening process is a multi-step economic analysis that includes
21 calculation of cost-effectiveness and payback for each of the DSM measures
22 identified in the Technical Potential Study. This process narrows the list of
23 measures to be considered for potential programs. As prescribed by Rule 25-

1 17.0021 and described in the testimony of FPL witness Whitley, FPL used the
2 RIM test for the RIM goals scenario and the TRC test for the TRC goals
3 scenario, as well as the Participant test for both scenarios, to screen these
4 measures for cost-effectiveness. The initial measure screening only considered
5 the measure peak demand and energy savings and measure cost to ensure the
6 maximum number of measures were screened for further consideration.
7 Measure screening also included eliminating measures with a payback period
8 less than two years as a means of addressing free ridership in the goals
9 development process. Subsequent cost-effectiveness analysis added
10 assumptions for administrative cost to further refine the potential measures to
11 be considered for programs. The analytical tools utilized to conduct measure
12 screening were also used to calculate sensitivities of the results based on
13 differing payback periods, higher and lower fuel cost projections, and inclusion
14 of potential CO₂ costs as DSM benefits.

15 **Q. Please briefly describe the program development and goals scenario**
16 **analysis.**

17 A. Developing the proposed goals involved a multi-step, iterative process that
18 began with compiling all the measures that survived the measure-screening
19 process for each of the cost-effectiveness scenarios (RIM and TRC). These
20 measures represent components of potential programs that can be offered to
21 customers. Experienced FPL DSM program managers crafted potential
22 programs using the passing measures, based on common measure types and
23 program delivery channels. Then, adoption projections were developed

1 utilizing measure-level adoption modeling and historical FPL program
2 participation to produce program-level participation projections. Finally, the
3 programs were re-evaluated for cost-effectiveness using the program-level
4 participation projections and more specific administrative and incentive cost
5 assumptions. The programs for each of the goals scenarios are described in
6 Section V of my testimony.

7 **Q. Please explain the process FPL used to develop its goals scenarios.**

8 A. The process used to develop the two goals scenarios is the same basic approach
9 used by FPL and relied upon by the Commission in the 2019 DSM goals docket.
10 For each measure that passed the cost-effectiveness and payback screening
11 under either RIM/Participant test or TRC/Participant test, FPL used a
12 combination of quantitative information, qualitative information, and FPL's
13 market experience to develop projections for each of the goals scenarios.

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15 Voluntary DSM programs attract participants through marketing, education,
16 training, and by providing financial incentives. A customer's decision whether
17 to participate in a DSM program is the result of many interrelated factors. These
18 factors are reflected in FPL's program adoption projection. FPL calculated the
19 estimated ten-year adoption of each potential program in the goals scenarios by
20 relying on a number of elements that reflect FPL's and Resource Innovations'
21 customer and market experience:

- 1 • **Historical FPL Adoption Rates** – provided “baseline” market
2 experience reflecting both the empirical and the non-quantifiable
3 factors (such as customer awareness);
- 4 • **Projected Changes in Market Conditions** – used to adjust historic
5 adoption for changes, such as saturation of a program or changes to
6 incentives;
- 7 • **Payback Acceptance Curves** – provided the percent of expected
8 market adoption based on years-to-payback. Multiple curves are
9 used to account for differences in adoption of new
10 technologies/programs, existing programs, and level of maturity of
11 programs.

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13 FPL’s proposed goals build on historic achievements of existing programs, with
14 adjustments for market changes and program modifications. For programs with
15 measures that are not a part of FPL’s current portfolio, FPL relied on Resource
16 Innovations’ measure adoption models to forecast ramp rate and overall
17 projections for the ten-year period. For new programs, FPL considered start-
18 up processes, including system modifications and third-party agreements, as
19 applicable, in estimating the ramp up of projected adoption.

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21 For residential program participation projections, each customer residence
22 represents one participant. For business programs, the qualification of a
23 “participant” was standardized to one Summer kW, since projects widely vary

1 across the multiple business types. The projected adoption values were then
2 translated into their respective kW and kWh amounts and summed to create the
3 residential and business sector goals for each of the goals scenarios.

4 **Q. How did FPL address free ridership in developing the proposed goals?**

5 A. FPL and all FEECA utilities utilized the two-year payback screening criterion
6 to minimize the impact of “free riders.” The term “free riders” refers to the fact
7 that many cost-effective conservation measures will be undertaken on a
8 customer’s own volition, without the need for a promotion or incentive
9 provided by the customer’s utility company and paid for by the general body of
10 customers of the utility. It simply recognizes that “rational” customers will act
11 in their own economic self-interest and take measures to reduce energy
12 consumption if it is sufficiently attractive economically for them to do so
13 without a utility incentive payment. It is an example of a free-market economy
14 working as it should – rational economic decisions being made in one’s best
15 interest without government intervention through mandates or provision of
16 incentives.

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18 A good example would be a customer deciding to install a programmable
19 thermostat. Customers make the economic decision to invest in such measures
20 because it quickly benefits them economically. However, if such a customer
21 also receives a utility incentive, then they become a free rider. If costs are
22 incurred to incentivize such free riders, rates for the general body of customers
23 will be higher than necessary to achieve the same level of conservation.

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2 It should be emphasized that the ultimate goal is to achieve the maximum
3 amount of cost-effective conservation by the most efficient means. The
4 objective is not to set DSM goals at any cost or higher than they should be
5 simply for the sake of having higher goals. Indeed, doing so would be
6 inconsistent with the requirement of Rules 25-17.008 and 25-17.021 that the
7 DSM goals are to be cost-effective. As such, a proper recognition of free riders
8 is necessary to achieve the appropriate goals.

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10 The Commission has used a two-year payback criterion for decades as the
11 threshold below which a customer would be a free rider and, therefore, should
12 not be considered eligible for an additional utility-provided incentive. This
13 policy has been litigated in multiple previous DSM goals proceedings wherein
14 the Commission has determined it was an appropriate metric for determining
15 free riders. In fact, the Commission reaffirmed their position in the 2014 DSM
16 goals docket, Order No. PSC-14-0696-FOF-EU, stating, “[w]e approved goals
17 based on a two-year payback criterion to identify free riders since 1994 and we
18 find it appropriate to continue this policy.”

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20 FPL submits that the two-year payback screening criterion remains an effective
21 common-sense approach that is both reasonable and administratively efficient
22 for meeting the requirement in Rule 25-17.0021 that goals reflect consideration

1 of free riders. It avoids unnecessary incentives (and their associated impacts on
2 the rates of non-participants).

3 **Q. Did FPL conduct any sensitivities on the free ridership period?**

4 A. Yes. FPL analyzed the impact of applying one- and three-year payback period
5 screens as part of the measure-screening process. A summary of measures
6 removed and added, at the building-type level, for each of the evaluation
7 sensitivities is shown in FPL witness Whitley's Exhibit AWW-3.

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9 **V. FPL PROPOSED GOALS AND PROGRAMS**

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11 **Q. Did FPL develop proposed goals for each of the two goals scenarios**
12 **described in the DSM Goals Rule?**

13 A. Yes. FPL developed goals for each of the two goals scenarios following the
14 same process described earlier. For the RIM and Participant test scenario, RIM-
15 passing programs are projected to achieve 198 Summer MW, 173 Winter MW,
16 and 1 GWh annual energy reduction over the period 2025-2034. For the TRC
17 and Participant test scenario, all potential TRC-passing programs are projected
18 to achieve 522 Summer MW, 518 Winter MW, and 1,555 GWh annual energy
19 reduction over the period 2025-2034. The annual goals for each scenario are
20 shown in Exhibit JNF-4, page 1.

21 **Q. What are the programs for the RIM and TRC goals scenarios?**

22 A. For the RIM and Participant test scenario, the programs are:

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Residential Sector:

1. Residential Load Management (On Call[®]) with new HVAC on-bill option

Commercial/Industrial Sector:

1. Business On Call[®]
2. Commercial/Industrial Demand Reduction (CDR)
3. Business Custom Incentive

For the TRC and Participant test scenario, the programs are:

Residential Sector:

1. Residential HVAC Plus
2. Residential Building Envelope
3. Residential Low Income
4. Whole Home Plus
5. Retail Products
6. Residential Load Management (On Call[®]) with new HVAC on-bill option

Commercial/Industrial Sector:

1. Business HVAC Plus
2. Business Lighting Plus
3. Business Water Heating
4. Business Refrigeration
5. Business Motors and Drives

- 1 6. Business Cooking
- 2 7. Commercial/Industrial Demand Reduction (CDR)
- 3 8. Business On Call[®]
- 4 9. Business Custom Incentive

5 The goals scenarios also include FPL's foundational Residential and Business
6 Survey programs and the Conservation Research and Development (CRD)
7 program. These programs will be included in all scenarios. The full list of
8 potential programs, savings, annual participation projections and annual costs
9 are included in Exhibit JNF-4, pages 2-34.

10 **Q. What are the projected costs and rate impacts of these scenarios?**

11 A. The total cost of the RIM and Participant test scenario is estimated to be \$385
12 million over the ten-year goal period. The estimated residential rate impact² of
13 the RIM and Participant test scenario begins at \$0.35 and declines to \$0.27 over
14 the ten-year goals period for a customer using 1,000 kWh per month.

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16 For the scenario that includes all TRC and Participant test passing programs,
17 the total cost is estimated to be \$626 million over the ten-year goals period. The
18 estimated residential rate impact of the TRC and Participant test scenario begins
19 at \$0.51 and slightly decreases to \$0.45 over the ten-year goals period for a
20 customer using 1,000 kWh per month.

² Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause.

1 Projections of costs and rate impacts for all scenarios do not include Energy
2 Survey programs, FPL’s Commercial Load Control programs – Commercial
3 Industrial Load Control (CILC) and Commercial/Industrial Demand Reduction
4 (CDR) programs and FPL’s CRD program. Costs for these programs are
5 assumed to be the same for all goals scenarios.

6 **Q. What goals and programs are FPL proposing for the period 2025-2034?**

7 A. FPL is proposing goals of 419 Summer MW, 326 Winter MW, and 931 Annual
8 GWh reductions over the period 2025-2034. The proposed DSM goals include
9 FPL’s load-management programs, which all pass the RIM test with the
10 exception of the CDR program, which only passes the TRC test. These
11 proposed goals also include the continuation and enhancement of FPL’s current
12 energy-efficiency programs, all of which pass the TRC test but do not pass the
13 RIM test. The five Residential and five Commercial/Industrial programs
14 associated with these proposed goals are summarized below:

15 **Residential Sector:**

- 16 1. Residential HVAC
- 17 2. Residential Ceiling Insulation
- 18 3. Residential Low Income
 - 19 a. Renter Pilot
- 20 4. Residential New Construction (BuildSmart[®])
- 21 5. Residential Load Management (On Call[®]) with new HVAC on-
22 bill option

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21**Commercial/Industrial Sector:**

1. Business HVAC
2. Business Lighting
3. Commercial/Industrial Demand Reduction
4. Business Custom Incentive
5. Business On Call[®]

This proposal of RIM- and TRC-passing programs will allow FPL to continue delivering meaningful energy-efficiency savings options to all customers including owners, renters, and low-income customers. The proposed goals factor in adjustments in participation levels to reflect market conditions and adjustments in projections based on the 2024 TP Study measure impacts. FPL has successfully built awareness of these programs with customers and contractors alike such that they can continue without any new start-up costs or ramp-up and be delivered with little or no incremental bill impact. Projections associated with the HVAC on-bill option ramp up, as this is a new program option that is planned to be delivered through a network of HVAC contractors. Additionally, the Low-Income program will add ceiling insulation for qualifying homes to increase the energy savings for these customers and the Renter Pilot is expected to bring additional benefits to low-income renters. The complete list of proposed programs and goals is shown on Exhibit JNF-4, page 1 and pages 23-34.

1 **Q. What are the projected costs and rate impacts of FPL's proposed goals?**

2 A. The total cost of FPL's proposed goals and programs is estimated to be \$525
3 million over the ten-year goal period. The estimated residential rate impact of
4 FPL's proposed goals and programs begins at \$0.46 and decreases to \$0.37 over
5 the ten-year goals period for a customer using 1,000 kWh per month. FPL's
6 proposed goals and programs, including the enhancements, are estimated to
7 have lower costs compared to FPL's projected program costs in 2024.

8 **Q. How does the cost of FPL's proposed goals and programs compare to the**
9 **projected costs for the TRC scenario?**

10 A. The TRC scenario has much higher costs than the FPL proposed goals and
11 programs. The cost of additional energy-efficiency programs in the TRC
12 scenario is about 50% higher in 2025 and increases to almost double the cost of
13 FPL's proposed energy-efficiency programs over the ten-year goals period.
14 The TRC scenario is expected to cost customers about \$100 million more than
15 FPL's proposed goals and programs over the ten-year goals period. A
16 comparison of the ECCR rate impacts for each of the scenarios can be found in
17 Exhibit JNF-4, page 1.

18 **Q. Please describe the proposed HVAC on-bill tariff option for On Call®.**

19 A. The foundation of FPL's overall DSM program is On Call®. On Call® is the
20 largest residential demand-response program in the country and a key
21 component of FPL's success in implementing cost-effective DSM for almost
22 40 years. Currently, On Call® provides bill credits to customers for allowing
23 FPL to control customer-owned HVAC, water heating, and pool pump

1 appliances. FPL is proposing to expand the program in an innovative way by
2 offering an on-bill payment option for efficient HVAC equipment. Through a
3 voluntary tariff, this HVAC on-bill option would provide interested customers
4 an opportunity to acquire a new, more energy-efficient HVAC unit for a fixed
5 monthly charge. FPL would own and maintain the HVAC unit and the monthly
6 charge would cover the capital cost of the HVAC equipment plus all
7 maintenance and repairs of the unit for the ten-year duration of the tariffed
8 agreement. In exchange for the right to control the unit during peak periods
9 (load management), FPL would reduce the total cost to be collected over the
10 term of the agreement and provide that savings to participating customers.
11 Assuming the unit being replaced by the customer is less efficient than the
12 current minimum standard, the customer would further benefit from the
13 efficiency savings of the unit towards their energy consumption and monthly
14 bill. The customer would also receive an upfront rebate from FPL's Residential
15 HVAC program if selecting a qualifying high-efficiency unit. Since each
16 HVAC installation is unique in terms of size and scope, the monthly charge
17 would be structured as a formula based on the installed capital cost and
18 expenses for each specific unit.

19 **Q. Is this HVAC on-bill option cost-effective for FPL customers?**

20 A. Yes. The program would be designed for the participants to pay all of the
21 equipment and expenses of the program, while the general body of customers
22 benefit from the avoided capacity savings related to FPL retaining control of
23 the HVAC equipment. Notably, the program passes the RIM test and benefits

1 participants with reduced monthly equipment charges similar to how other On
2 Call[®] customers benefit with monthly bill credits.

3 **Q. How does the HVAC on-bill program impact the ECCR rate for FPL's**
4 **customers?**

5 A. Like other DSM programs, all costs associated with the HVAC on-bill tariff
6 would be recovered through the ECCR mechanism. All of the monthly program
7 revenues would also flow through the ECCR clause to offset program expenses.
8 Since this program passes RIM, the general body of customers is assured the
9 overall benefits of the program exceed costs, net of program revenues, over the
10 term of the HVAC on-bill service agreement.

11 **Q. How do FPL's proposed programs benefit customers who rent?**

12 A. All of FPL's proposed DSM programs are inclusive of renter participation.
13 FPL's energy survey programs provide renters with free energy assessments
14 and recommendations for low- and no-cost actions that can be taken to reduce
15 energy consumption. With landlord approval, renters can participate in FPL's
16 load-management programs and benefit from other DSM programs that
17 encourage energy efficiency. However, FPL recognizes that renters face a
18 unique obstacle when it comes to making investments in energy-efficiency
19 measures. Sometimes referred to as a the "landlord renter split incentive," the
20 traditional value proposition for making an energy-efficiency investment does
21 not hold true when the party paying the utility bill is not the same as the party
22 making the capital investment. Landlords are typically responsible for
23 equipment installations, replacements, and maintenance, while renters are

1 typically responsible for paying the utility bill for the unit they are renting. This
2 creates a split in the traditional economic value proposition for making energy-
3 efficiency investments. Since landlords do not pay the utility bill, there is no
4 economic incentive to them for making incremental investments in more
5 efficient appliances or building improvements. Renters, on the other hand,
6 typically pay the utility bill yet do not have the opportunity to make capital
7 investments that can produce energy-efficiency savings. This results in renters
8 having less options to manage their utility expenses and increase their energy
9 efficiency. FPL has historically addressed this situation first by offering energy
10 surveys to all customers, whether they rent or own. An energy survey identifies
11 not only investment opportunities to improve energy efficiency, but also many
12 behavioral and no/low-cost actions renters can take to save energy. Examples
13 include recommendations for thermostat settings, utilization of LED light
14 bulbs, proper use of ceiling fans, and keeping windows and blinds closed. FPL
15 also allows participation in other programs, including On Call[®], with landlord
16 agreement. Yet these options still do not overcome the landlord-renter split
17 incentive.

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19 FPL is proposing a new approach to overcoming this split incentive in a manner
20 that allows low-income renters to receive the energy-saving benefit of more
21 efficient HVAC equipment while keeping the landlord whole from a capital
22 investment perspective. Proposed as a limited pilot to evaluate the effectiveness
23 of this approach, FPL will pay the incremental cost of a more efficient HVAC

1 unit, up to \$1,000, such that the landlord will only cover the cost of installing
2 code-compliant equipment when replacing an HVAC unit for a tenant property.
3 This will eliminate the disincentive the landlord has to make an incremental
4 investment in energy-efficient equipment while allowing the low-income renter
5 to receive the benefit of the more efficient HVAC equipment on their energy
6 consumption and electric bill. FPL is proposing to operate this pilot for three
7 years with an annual cap of 500 participants.

8 **Q. In development of the proposed programs, did FPL include any measures**
9 **that were eliminated during the screening process?**

10 A. Yes. FPL's proposed Low Income program includes six measures that were
11 eliminated in the measure screening due to the free-ridership screen. While the
12 savings of these measures provide a reasonable economic value proposition for
13 adoption, FPL recognizes that low-income customers may not have the
14 financial resources or awareness to adopt such measures. Therefore, FPL
15 believes a modest inclusion of appropriately tailored measures specifically for
16 low-income customers is reasonable and does not unduly burden the general
17 body of customers with their limited cost.

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19 FPL also leveraged the benefits of certain heat pump measures, when combined
20 with Air Conditioning measures, to ensure continuation of existing Residential
21 HVAC program has broad applicability across FPL's customer base.

1 **Q. Do FPL's proposed programs include any modifications or enhancements**
2 **to increase participation?**

3 A. Yes. FPL is proposing to continue each of its long-standing DSM programs
4 with adjustments and enhancements intended to simplify program offerings,
5 improve participation and results, and to reflect current market conditions. In
6 the residential sector, FPL is proposing to increase the Residential HVAC
7 program incentive to increase participating independent contractor (PIC)
8 engagement and resulting program participation. FPL has experienced a
9 decline in PIC participation in recent years which has negatively impacted
10 program enrollments. By increasing the customer incentive, FPL expects more
11 PICs will voluntarily participate in the program, leading to increased overall
12 customer participation.

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14 For the Residential On Call[®] program, FPL is adding a new HVAC on-bill
15 option to increase participation. Since 2020, participation in the On Call[®]
16 program has been significantly below the projections in the 2020 DSM Plan.
17 The HVAC on-bill option is expected to increase overall participation in the
18 program in a manner that keeps the program cost-effective.

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20 In the commercial/industrial sector, FPL proposes to enhance the design of the
21 Business HVAC program. FPL's current program design has been less
22 effective in reaching the small and medium business sector. The enhancements
23 include adding PICs as a delivery channel for small and medium business

1 HVAC systems and simplifying the incentive structure to foster greater
2 participation by these customers. Many small business HVAC systems are
3 installed and serviced by HVAC contractors who serve the residential market
4 and are already PICs for FPL's residential program. By enhancing the Business
5 HVAC program to include these PICs, FPL expects to increase participation by
6 small and medium business customers. Larger systems will continue to be
7 enrolled through FPL customer advisors and other independent engineering and
8 construction contractors. A comparison of the proposed and current programs,
9 including added and removed measures, is shown in Exhibit JNF-5.

10 **Q. Are there any restrictions to FPL's proposed program designs from**
11 **current settlement agreements?**

12 A. No. FPL's proposed program designs are not impacted by the Company's 2021
13 base rate case settlement agreement. FPL's settlement agreement as approved
14 by the Commission only limits modifications to the CDR and CILC bill credits,
15 and FPL is not proposing any such modifications to those programs in this
16 proceeding.³

³ See Docket No. 20210015-EI, *In re: Petition by FPL for Base Rate Increase and Rate Unification*, Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement on behalf of FPL, OPC, FRF, FIPUG, and SACE, filed Aug. 10, 2021, Attachment A, Stipulation and Settlement Agreement at p.6; Final Order Approving 2021 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, Order No. PSC-2021-0446-S-EI (Dec. 2, 2021); Supplemental Final Order, Order No. PSC-2024-0078-FOF-EI (March 25, 2024).

1 **Q. How does FPL propose to ensure continuation of these programs does not**
2 **cause increased costs generally associated with non-RIM passing**
3 **programs?**

4 A. FPL proposes to limit costs of non-RIM passing programs by capping
5 participation once sector-level goals are met. This limitation on participation
6 would only apply to energy-efficiency programs and provides a way to limit
7 overall portfolio costs while still making valuable energy savings programs
8 available to FPL customers. The Commission has previously approved such an
9 approach with FPL's current DSM Plan.

10 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

11 A. Yes.

1 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of
2 Andrew W. Whitley was inserted.)

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Q. Please state your name, business address, employer and position.

A. My name is Andrew W. Whitley. My business address is 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach, Florida 33408. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as Engineering Manager in the Integrated Resource Planning department of FPL's Finance Business Unit.

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

A. In my current position as Engineering Manager of Integrated Resource Planning, I am responsible for the management and coordination of economic analyses of alternatives to meet FPL's resource needs and maintain system reliability. These analyses are designed to determine the magnitude and timing of resource needs for the FPL system and then develop the integrated resource plan with which those resource needs will be met. The analyses are also designed to identify potential opportunities to improve system economics and/or enhance system reliability for customers.

Q. Please describe your educational background and professional experience.

A. I graduated from Lehigh University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. I joined FPL in 2004 as part of FPL's Distribution Business Unit (now part of the Power Delivery business unit) and performed various engineering tasks related to providing new service as well as maintaining the reliability of existing services to FPL's customers. In 2007, I joined the team now known as the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) group. Since that time, I have been involved in and supported a variety of resource

1 planning projects for FPL, including FPL’s Ten Year Site Plans (TYSP), Solar
2 Base Rate Adjustments (SoBRA), need determination proceedings for new
3 power plants under the Florida Power Plant Siting Act, (including the
4 Okeechobee Clean Energy Center in 2015 and the Dania Beach Clean Energy
5 Center in 2018), Base Rate proceedings, and the Demand-Side Management
6 (DSM) goals proceedings. I became the Manager of the IRP group in 2022 and
7 have served as the project leader for FPL’s TYSPs since 2022.

8 **Q. Have you previously testified on resource planning issues before the**
9 **Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC or the Commission)?**

10 A. Yes. I testified in FPL’s 2019 DSM goals proceeding (Docket No. 20190015-
11 EG). My testimony in that docket focused on FPL’s resource planning process
12 and how it related to the development of demand-side management portfolios.
13 I also provided testimony on resource planning topics in FPL’s 2024 Fuel and
14 Purchased Power Cost-Recovery Clause Docket (Docket No. 20230001-EI). In
15 addition, I appeared before the Commission at its 2022 and 2023 workshops on
16 the Florida utilities’ TYSPs.

17 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits in this case?**

18 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibits AWW-1 through AWW-17, which are attached
19 to my testimony:

- 20 • Exhibit AWW-1 – Economic Elements Accounted for in DSM
21 Preliminary Screening Tests: Benefits & Costs
- 22 • Exhibit AWW-2 – Summary Results of Preliminary Economic
23 Screening of Individual DSM Measures

- 1 • Exhibit AWW-3 – Summary Results of Preliminary Economic
2 Screening of Individual DSM Measures: Sensitivity Cases
- 3 • Exhibit AWW-4 – Forecasted Fuel and Environmental Compliance
4 Costs
- 5 • Exhibit AWW-5 – Projection of FPL's Resource Needs for 2024 - 2035
6 with No Incremental DSM Signups After 2024
- 7 • Exhibit AWW-6 – Comparison of DSM Reasonably Achievable
8 Summer MW Values with FPL's Projected Summer Resource Needs
- 9 • Exhibit AWW-7 – Overview of Supply Only and With DSM Resource
10 Plans
- 11 • Exhibit AWW-8 – Levelized System Average Electric Rate Calculation
12 for the Supply Only Resource Plan
- 13 • Exhibit AWW-9 – Levelized System Average Electric Rate Calculation
14 for the RIM Resource Plan
- 15 • Exhibit AWW-10 – Levelized System Average Electric Rate
16 Calculation for the FPL Proposed Resource Plan
- 17 • Exhibit AWW-11 – Levelized System Average Electric Rate
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- 19 • Exhibit AWW-12 – Comparison of the Resource Plans: Economic
20 Analyses Results
- 21 • Exhibit AWW-13 – Additional Cost Needed to be Added to the RIM
22 Plan to Increase its Levelized System Average Electric Rate to That of
23 the TRC Plan

- 1 • Exhibit AWW-14 – Additional Cost Needed to be Added to the FPL
2 Proposed Plan to Increase its Levelized System Average Electric Rate
3 to That of the TRC Plan
- 4 • Exhibit AWW-15 – Comparison of the Resource Plans: Projection of
5 System Average Electric Rates and Customer Bills (Assuming 1,000
6 kWh Usage)
- 7 • Exhibit AWW-16 – Comparison of the Resource Plans: Projection of
8 System Emissions
- 9 • Exhibit AWW-17 – Comparison of the Resource Plans: Projection of
10 System Oil and Natural Gas Usage

11 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

- 12 A. Using FPL’s resource planning process and the latest forecasts, assumptions,
13 and cost estimates, FPL’s proposed DSM goals are 419 megawatts (MW)
14 Summer demand, 326 MW Winter demand, and 931 gigawatt-hours (GWh)
15 energy reduction for the period 2025 through 2034. In my testimony, I explain:
- 16 - FPL’s resource planning process, how it applies to DSM options, and
17 how it treats DSM and supply options equally;
 - 18 - A review of the relevant assumptions used in FPL’s resource planning
19 process;
 - 20 - The various tests used in the preliminary cost-effectiveness screening
21 and the results of this screening of DSM measures;
- 22

- 1 - How the projected portfolios of DSM compare to FPL’s resource needs
2 in the 2025-2034 timeframe;
- 3 - The Supply Only Resource Plan, With DSM Resource Plans, and how
4 all of these plans compare on both economic and non-economic bases;
5 and
- 6 - How the final resource plan based on FPL’s proposed DSM goals will
7 continue to provide reliable electric service for FPL’s customers at low
8 electric rates.

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10 **II. FPL’S RESOURCE PLANNING PROCESS**

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12 **Q. Are FPL’s proposed DSM goals based on FPL’s most recent resource**
13 **planning process?**

14 A. Yes. Beginning in 2023, and continuing into the first quarter of 2024, FPL
15 undertook a months-long process to determine its resource plan for use in the
16 2024 DSM goals filing, as well as all other 2024 analyses, including the 2024
17 TYSP. The assumptions used in FPL’s planning process were developed in late
18 2023 and early 2024 and accurately represent a current projection of FPL’s
19 system for the ten-year planning period of 2025 through 2034.

1 **Q. Why did FPL develop its proposed DSM goals based upon its most recent**
2 **planning process?**

3 A. There are two important reasons FPL used its most recent planning process to
4 develop its DSM goals. First, it is required by the Commission’s DSM Goals
5 Rule 25-17.0021(3), Florida Administrative Code. Second, it is important for
6 a utility to use its own resource planning process while setting DSM goals, or
7 performing the analysis of any resource option, because each utility’s system
8 has its own specific characteristics that can alter the timing and magnitude of
9 its resource needs and influence the cost-effectiveness of resource options.

10 **Q. What are the objectives of FPL’s integrated resource planning process?**

11 A. There are three main goals of FPL’s resource planning process:

- 12 1. Identify the timing of FPL’s resource needs. The timing of future
13 resource needs is largely determined by reliability standards (such as
14 reserve margins and loss-of-load probability requirements).
- 15 2. Identify the magnitude of these resource needs, *i.e.*, how many MW of
16 capacity are needed to satisfy reliability criteria.
- 17 3. Identify the type of resources, either supply-side or demand-side, that
18 can meet these capacity needs. On an economic basis, this selection is
19 determined by the option that is projected to result in the lowest electric
20 rates for FPL’s customers.

21 **Q. Please provide an overview of FPL’s IRP process.**

22 A. An overview of FPL’s IRP process is presented annually in FPL’s TYSP.
23 FPL’s IRP process can be summarized by the following four tasks:

- 1 - Task 1: Determine the magnitude and timing of FPL’s new resource
- 2 needs.
- 3 - Task 2: Identify the resource options and resource plans that are
- 4 available to meet the determined magnitude and timing of FPL’s
- 5 resource needs (*i.e.*, identify the available competing options and
- 6 resource plans).
- 7 - Task 3: Evaluate the competing resource options and resource plans
- 8 based on system economics and non-economic factors.
- 9 - Task 4: Select a resource plan, as needed, to meet nearer-term options.

10 **Q. How does FPL apply its IRP process to the specific analyses that are needed**
11 **to develop DSM goals?**

12 A. To develop proposed DSM goals for the Commission’s review, FPL freezes
13 DSM additions in its assumptions before the start of the next DSM goals period.
14 FPL assumes no incremental DSM and, “starting from scratch,” projects how
15 much DSM should be implemented for the next ten years. FPL approaches that
16 task by applying its IRP process through a well-established six-step analysis.
17 This same basic process has been used by FPL in prior DSM goals dockets.

1 **Q. When evaluating the economics of supply-side or demand-side resource**
2 **options to meet its reliability criteria, does FPL select these resources on**
3 **the basis of lowest cumulative present value of revenue requirements**
4 **(CPVRR)?**

5 A. No. When evaluating the economics among supply-side and demand-side
6 resource alternatives, FPL bases its evaluation on the system average electric
7 rates. If, for example, two resource plans satisfy all of FPL’s reliability
8 requirements, the more economic plan for all of FPL’s customers is the plan
9 that results in the lowest Levelized System Average Electric Rate. This
10 calculation is performed by dividing a utility’s annual revenue requirements for
11 that year by the utility’s Net Electric Load (NEL) for that year. This same
12 calculation is performed for each year of the analysis, then the results for all
13 years are summed on a present value basis. This cumulative present value is
14 then converted into a Levelized System Average Electric Rate for the period of
15 the analysis.

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17 Note that if one were comparing two resource plans that have the same level of
18 DSM, the two plans will have the same NEL. Therefore, the plan with the lower
19 CPVRR in that scenario also would have the lower Levelized System Average
20 Electric Rate. However, when comparing plans with different DSM portfolios,
21 those plans will have different NELs and cannot be evaluated on CPVRR alone.
22 Therefore, in order to compare plans with different DSM

1 portfolios on an economic basis, it is appropriate to analyze each plan based on
2 the Levelized System Average Electric Rate.

3 **Q. Please summarize the six-step resource planning process for developing**
4 **DSM goals.**

5 A. The process can be summarized as follows:

6 Step 1: The Technical Potential for DSM is determined in which practical
7 considerations of cost, market forces, the utility's resource needs, and
8 other factors are all ignored. The end result of this step is a list of
9 individual DSM measures that are theoretically available in a utility's
10 service territory. Witness Herndon with Resource Innovations
11 describes in his direct testimony the development of the projected
12 Technical Potential values for FPL that were used in the rest of FPL's
13 analyses.

14 Step 2: Assuming no incremental DSM signups occur after December 31,
15 2024, FPL's projected resource needs for 2025 through 2034 were
16 determined. Two determinations of resource needs are made: one if
17 the resource needs are theoretically met solely by Supply options; and
18 one if the resource needs are theoretically met solely by DSM options.
19 These two projections are different because of FPL's 20% total
20 reserve margin criterion. For example, if the resource need to be met
21 solely by DSM options for a given year is 100 MW, the resource need
22 to be met solely by Supply options for the same year is $100 \text{ MW} \times (1$
23 $+ 0.2) = 120 \text{ MW}$.

1 The results of these determinations are used in two ways. First, using
2 the projected resource needs, if the needs are met solely by Supply
3 options, a generation addition is selected for use in the preliminary
4 economic screening of DSM measures, which occurs in Step 3.
5 Second, these determinations are used later in Step 5 to create a
6 “Supply Only” Resource Plan and “With DSM” Resource Plans,
7 which are then used for the detailed system economic and non-
8 economic analyses that occur in Step 6.

9 Step 3: In this step, each individual DSM measure identified in the Step 1
10 Technical Potential work is analyzed using a series of preliminary
11 economic screening evaluations against a single Supply option that
12 DSM could potentially avoid or defer. The screening evaluations
13 divide into two separate paths depending on the primary cost-
14 effectiveness test used in the analysis. Consistent with the
15 Commission’s DSM Goals Rule 25-17.0021, one path utilizes both
16 the Rate Impact Measure (RIM) test and the Participant test, while the
17 other path utilizes the Total Resource Cost (TRC) test and the
18 Participant test. At the end of the screening for both of these paths,
19 two more steps are conducted on both of the screening paths. First,
20 the remaining measures are screened for free riders based on a “years-
21 to-payback” test. Second, the maximum incentive the utility can offer
22 and preserve cost-effectiveness for each remaining DSM measure is
23 calculated.

1 Step 4: The remaining DSM measures that pass the respective economic
2 screening tests in Step 3, together with their accompanying maximum
3 incentive levels, are then analyzed to develop potential DSM
4 programs and portfolios over the 2025 through 2034 DSM goals
5 period. Again, this step is divided into two separate paths of analysis
6 depending on the cost-effectiveness screening tests that are being
7 applied. The resulting projection for each DSM program represents
8 the projected maximum annual signups for each year of the ten-year
9 DSM goals period. Cumulatively, the sum of these projected
10 maximum annual signups for each DSM program identifies how many
11 MW of DSM resources are projected to be available each year to
12 potentially meet FPL's projected annual resource needs. FPL witness
13 Floyd addresses the process of evaluating the DSM program portfolios
14 from the remaining DSM measures, using program-specific
15 administrative costs, incentives, and adoption projections to determine
16 the reasonably achievable DSM program potential over the period
17 2025-2034 in his direct testimony.

18 Step 5: In this step, the projections of resource needs developed previously in
19 Step 2 are used again in several ways. First, FPL uses the projection
20 of resource needs, if the needs are met solely by Supply options, to
21 develop a resource plan in which only Supply options are added. This
22 resource plan is referred to as the "Supply Only"

1 Resource Plan. Next, FPL compares the projected maximum annual
2 DSM MW signups identified in Step 4 to the projected annual
3 resource needs if those needs are met solely by DSM options. From
4 this comparison, the “With DSM” Resource Plans are developed.
5 These resource plans may consist solely of DSM measures, or a
6 combination of DSM and Supply options, for the ten-year period. At
7 the conclusion of Step 5, the Supply Only and the With DSM
8 Resource Plans have been developed for more detailed system
9 analyses in Step 6.

10 Step 6: The resource plans from Step 5 are analyzed from both economic and
11 non-economic perspectives. The recommended resource plan based on
12 these perspectives is identified, and the amount of incremental DSM
13 included in that plan is selected as FPL’s proposed DSM goals for the
14 2025 - 2034 time period.

15 **Q. Does FPL’s six-step analytical resource planning process outlined above**
16 **result in Supply and DSM resource options being evaluated on a level**
17 **playing field?**

18 A. Yes. FPL’s analyses evaluate both Supply and DSM resource options in terms
19 of each resource option’s ability to meet FPL’s resource needs. In addition,
20 these analyses allow the resources to be fully evaluated from both economic
21 and non-economic perspectives, using an identical set of evaluation metrics.
22 For the economic analyses, all projected cost impacts on the electric rate levels
23 of FPL’s customers are accounted for in these analyses.

1 **Q. Which of the six steps outlined above will you be addressing in your**
2 **testimony?**

3 A. My testimony addresses Steps 2, 3, 5, and 6 of this process, along with other
4 topics. Witness Herndon addresses Step 1, and witness Floyd addresses Step 4
5 and portions of Step 5 along with other topics.

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7 **III. STEP 2 OF FPL’S PLANNING PROCESS: METHODS AND**

8 **ASSUMPTIONS USED TO PROJECT FPL’S RESOURCE NEEDS**

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10 **Q. How does FPL determine its projected future resource needs?**

11 A. FPL uses three reliability criteria in projecting its future resource needs. One
12 criterion is a minimum total reserve margin of 20% for both Summer and
13 Winter peak hours. The 20% total reserve margin criterion was approved by
14 the FPSC in Order No. PSC-99-2507-S-EU issued in Docket No. 981890-EU.

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16 The second reliability criterion used by FPL is a Loss-of-Load-Probability
17 (LOLP) criterion. LOLP is a projection of how well an electric utility system
18 may be able to meet its firm demand (*i.e.*, a measure of how often firm load
19 may exceed available resources). In contrast to a reserve margin approach that
20 looks at the one Summer peak hour and the one Winter peak hour, the LOLP
21 approach looks at the peak hourly demand for each day of the year. The LOLP
22 approach takes into consideration the probability of individual generators being
23 out-of-service due to scheduled maintenance or forced

1 outages. LOLP is typically expressed in terms of “numbers of times per year”
2 that the system firm demand could not be served. FPL’s LOLP criterion is a
3 maximum of 0.1 days per year. This LOLP criterion is commonly used
4 throughout the electric utility industry.

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6 The third reliability criterion used by FPL is a minimum generation-only
7 reserve margin (GRM) of 10%. The issue of having a sufficient generation
8 component of the projected total reserve margin has been discussed annually in
9 FPL’s TYSP beginning in 2011, and the GRM was adopted by FPL as a
10 reliability criterion beginning in 2014. The GRM must be applied only after
11 evaluating the amount of DSM in a resource plan to determine whether the
12 resource plan is too dependent upon DSM.

13 **Q. What forecasts and assumptions did FPL use in its 2024 planning process?**

14 A. Every year, FPL updates its forecasts as part of its IRP process and in support
15 of filing its yearly TYSP, including considerations of supply-side efficiencies.
16 In its 2024 resource planning work, including the DSM portfolio analyses for
17 this docket, FPL is using the following forecasts:

- 18 1. A forecast of fuel prices (natural gas, coal, and oil), dated September 1,
19 2023;
- 20 2. A forecast of projected hourly load, dated November 1, 2023; and

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1 3. A forecast of carbon dioxide (CO₂) compliance costs, dated September
2 28, 2022.¹

3 As discussed in FPL's 2024 TYSP, FPL made a number of actions regarding
4 its resource mix that affected its projected resource needs in the 2024 planning
5 process. These actions include:

- 6 - The retirement of Plant Daniel Units 1 & 2 in 2024;
- 7 - The transition of Gulf Clean Energy Center Units 4 and 5 to "extreme
8 weather reserve" status by the end of 2024 and 2026, respectively;
- 9 - The retirement of FPL's ownership portion of Scherer Unit 3 by the end
10 of 2028;
- 11 - The cumulative addition of approximately 21,000 MW (nameplate) of
12 solar by the end of 2033, which is the last year addressed in the 2024
13 TYSP; and
- 14 - The cumulative addition of approximately 4,000 MW (nameplate) of
15 battery storage by the end of 2033.

16 **Q. Does the load forecast used in the analysis account for the projected**
17 **energy-efficiency impacts of Florida Building Code and federal equipment**
18 **manufacturing standards (collectively, Codes and Standards)?**

19 A. Yes. FPL's current projection of the impact of Codes and Standards on the
20 2034 Net Energy for Load (NEL) is 11,438,429 megawatt-hours (MWh). This
21 means that very significant amounts of energy efficiency will still be delivered
22 to FPL's customers by Codes and Standards alone. To provide

¹ Use of this forecast in one of the sensitivity analyses is explained later in my testimony.

1 context, FPL's 2024 NEL forecast for the year 2034 is 155,677,526 MWh,
2 which means that the energy reduction delivered through Codes and Standards
3 represents more than 7% of the total of FPL's projected NEL.

4 **Q. From a resource planning perspective, does the energy-efficiency impact**
5 **of Codes and Standards differ at all from energy efficiency resulting from**
6 **utility DSM programs?**

7 A. No. Both types of energy efficiency act to reduce FPL's peak demand and
8 energy on the customer side of the meter. One kW of peak demand reduction
9 will avoid or defer new generation whether it comes from Codes and Standards
10 or from a utility-sponsored DSM program. Likewise, the associated fuel and
11 emission impacts from one kWh of energy reduction will be realized regardless
12 of the impetus for that energy reduction.

13 **Q. Once all of these forecasts and assumptions were developed, how did FPL**
14 **develop the resource plans you discuss in this docket?**

15 A. FPL developed these resource plans using the AURORA planning model. The
16 AURORA model utilizes dynamic programming to conduct an extensive
17 evaluation of all possible resource plans that can meet a utility's reliability
18 requirements. FPL and the Commission have relied upon this model in
19 numerous prior proceedings, and it was used to develop FPL's 2024 TYSP.
20 AURORA incorporated a number of FPL forecasts and assumptions into its
21 analysis including the following:

22 - The 20% total Reserve Margin reliability criterion described earlier;

- 1 - Forecasts for peak load, energy, fuel prices, and environmental
2 compliance costs;
- 3 - The existing capabilities of the units on FPL’s systems, and any planned
4 changes to those units; and
- 5 - Projections of fixed and variable costs, and the operating characteristics,
6 of a variety of generation options to meet FPL’s resource needs in the
7 future.

8 After incorporating all of these parameters, AURORA evaluated hundreds of
9 possible resource plans that met FPL’s future resource needs using only
10 generation or supply options. At the end of this evaluation, the resource plan
11 with the lowest projected electric rate and best reliability for FPL’s customers
12 was identified as FPL’s Supply Only Plan.

13 **Q. What Supply option was selected for use in the preliminary cost-**
14 **effectiveness screening?**

15 A. A 1,991 MW (Summer) combined-cycle (CC) unit with a projected in-service
16 year of 2033 was selected as the unit to be considered potentially avoidable for
17 the preliminary screening work. As much of the screening work was conducted
18 in 2023 (before the 2024 TYSP was finalized), the screening analysis was based
19 on the 2033 CC unit that was in FPL’s resource plan from the 2023 TYSP.

20 **Q. Why did FPL select the 2033 CC unit as its avoided unit?**

21 A. This unit was selected based on several factors. First, as part of the 2023 TYSP,
22 it was one of the most economic generation additions available.

1 Second, it was located far enough in the future to allow DSM additions a
2 meaningful chance to potentially avoid or defer it. Finally, selection of a fossil
3 unit conforms to the legislative policy in Section 366.82(2), Florida Statutes, to
4 design DSM goals that increase the conservation of expensive resources, such
5 as petroleum fuels, as well as the legislative policy in Section 366.92, Florida
6 Statutes, to promote the development of renewable energy and lessen Florida's
7 dependence on natural gas and fuel oil for the production of electricity.²
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9 **IV. STEP 3 OF FPL'S PLANNING PROCESS: OVERVIEW OF**
10 **PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC SCREENING TESTS FOR DSM**

11
12 **Q. Which preliminary screening tests for DSM were used in this step of FPL's**
13 **DSM goals development analyses?**

14 **A.** FPL used four DSM screening tests in these analyses. Three of these screening
15 tests address cost-effectiveness: the Participant screening test, the RIM
16 preliminary screening test, and the TRC preliminary screening test. The fourth
17 screening test addresses an evaluation of free ridership, the years-to-payback
18 screening test using a two-year criterion. All four tests are designed

² See also *In re: Commission review of numeric conservation goals (Florida Power & Light Company)*, Docket Nos. 130199-EI *et al.*, Order No. PSC-14-0696-FOF-EU, p. 14 (FPSC Dec. 16, 2014) ("Demand-side management is an alternate resource to generation driven by economic and reliability considerations for Florida's electric utilities. The economics of demand-side management are similar to generation, with a focus on fixed capacity and avoidable fossil fuel cost. The reliability considerations of demand-side management are significantly different, however, as measures tend to be implemented in small increments over time, rely upon voluntary participation of customers, and are typically not dispatchable by the utility.")

1 to provide preliminary economic screening information regarding the
2 individual DSM measures being evaluated. The intent of the Participant test is
3 to determine if it makes economic sense for an individual customer to
4 participate in a specific DSM measure. The intent of the RIM test is to measure
5 the effect of a DSM measure on FPL's electric rates, which impact both
6 participants and non-participants. The intent of the TRC test is to measure the
7 cost of a DSM measure to both the utility and its customers, without
8 consideration of the impact to rates. The intent of the years-to-payback test is
9 to address the "free rider" issue so the utility and all of its customers are not
10 making incentive payments and incurring administrative costs for DSM
11 measures that customers likely would install even without an incentive
12 payment.

13 **Q. Is FPL accounting for any projected environmental compliance costs in the**
14 **screening tests in the current analyses?**

15 A. Yes, but only for two types of emissions. FPL is accounting for projected
16 compliance costs for sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) in both the
17 RIM and TRC preliminary screening tests. However, consistent with the
18 direction provided in the Order Establishing Procedure for this docket (Order
19 No. PSC-2024-0022-PCO-EG), FPL is not accounting for projected CO₂
20 compliance costs in these screening tests. Rather, because FPL considers CO₂
21 compliance costs in all of its other resource planning analyses, FPL analyzed
22 the impact of projected CO₂ compliance costs in a sensitivity screening
23 analysis. In order to indicate whether CO₂ costs are included in the screening

1 analyses, I will use the terminology of “w/ CO₂” and “w/o CO₂” for the different
2 analyses.

3 **Q. Have the four preliminary screening tests been used by FPL in prior DSM**
4 **goals filings?**

5 A. Yes, all four tests have been used in prior filings. However, the goals proposed
6 in FPL’s prior DSM goals dockets have been based on the RIM and Participant
7 tests and a years-to-payback screen of two years.

8 **Q. Please discuss the primary differences between the Participant, RIM, and**
9 **TRC preliminary screening tests.**

10 A. A summary of the costs and benefits considered by each test during the cost-
11 effectiveness screening is provided in Exhibit AWW-1. As shown in Exhibit
12 AWW-1, the primary differences between these three tests result from the
13 perspective that each test attempts to capture. FPL witness Floyd provides a
14 more detailed description of the different cost-effectiveness tests and what each
15 one does and does not account for.

16 **Q. What is the objective of the preliminary economic screening of individual**
17 **DSM measures with the Commission’s DSM cost-effectiveness tests that is**
18 **carried out in Step 3 of FPL’s resource planning process?**

19 A. The objective of the economic screening of DSM measures with the
20 Commission’s cost-effectiveness tests (Participant, TRC, and RIM tests) is to
21 identify all of the measures that are potentially cost-effective (in that their
22 benefits are higher than their associated costs). These measures that are
23 potentially cost-effective can be combined first into DSM programs and then

1 into one or more DSM portfolios that meet some or all FPL's projected resource
2 needs. The resource plans can then be compared on an economic basis to the
3 Supply Only Plan established earlier.

4 **Q. Please provide an overview of how the preliminary economic screening of**
5 **individual DSM measures was conducted.**

6 A. The economic screening process begins when the Technical Potential study is
7 complete. That study describes all the prospective individual DSM measures
8 and their associated characteristics, such as life of measure, kW reduction, and
9 kWh savings. These measures are then screened to develop two DSM
10 portfolios: (1) a RIM portfolio that is comprised of all measures that pass the
11 RIM and Participant cost-effectiveness tests and the years-to-payback screen;
12 and (2) a TRC portfolio that passes the TRC test, the Participant test and the
13 years-to-payback screen. Based on the results of these screens, the passing
14 measures have their maximum incentives determined.

15 **Q. Why does the screening process differ depending on the tests used for cost-**
16 **effectiveness?**

17 A. The paths of the cost-effectiveness screening diverge depending on if the RIM
18 or the TRC test is used as the primary determinant of cost-effectiveness. In
19 both cases, there are four overall steps in the screening process. The details of
20 these steps and how they differ from test to test are provided below:

21 Step 1: For the RIM path, the benefits of the measure are compared to the
22 unrecovered revenue requirements. For the TRC path, the benefits of
23 the measure are compared to the participants' incremental cost.

1 Step 2: For both the RIM and TRC paths, the benefits of the measure are
2 compared to the administrative costs being added to the costs already
3 accounted for in Step 1.

4 Step 3: For the RIM path only, the incentive payments needed for the measure
5 to pass the Participant test are now accounted for.

6 Step 4: For both the RIM and TRC paths, any measures that do not pass the
7 years-to-payback test for free riders are screened out.

8 **Q. How does a years-to-payback screening test account for free riders?**

9 A. A years-to-payback screening with a two-year criterion assumes that a customer
10 would adopt an energy-efficiency measure with no additional incentive if the
11 economic payback for that measure was less than two years. This screening
12 test recognizes that “rational” customers will act in their own economic interest
13 and engage in energy efficiency measures that reduce their energy
14 consumption, if it is economic to do so even without incentives. This ensures
15 that incentives (and their associated impact to the electric rates of both
16 participants and non-participants) will not be provided unnecessarily. FPL
17 witness Floyd provides further details on the use of the two-year payback
18 screening to account for free ridership.

19 **Q. What were the results of the preliminary economic screening?**

20 A. The results of the economic screening are provided in Exhibit AWW-2. In
21 summary, of the 20,068 measure permutations that came out of the Technical
22 Potential study, 20 passed the RIM and Participant tests and the two years-to-
23 payback screen path, and 3,433 measures passed the TRC test, the Participant

1 test, and the two years-to-payback screening path. The difference in the number
2 of measures that pass under the RIM path versus the TRC path is a result of the
3 different costs that are included in each cost-effectiveness screening test as
4 explained above and in the testimony of FPL witness Floyd.

5 **Q. Did FPL perform any additional sensitivity case screening analyses of the**
6 **DSM measures?**

7 A. Yes. Sensitivities were developed for High and Low forecasts of fuel prices,
8 longer and shorter years-to-payback criteria, and inclusion of compliance costs
9 for CO₂. The results of these sensitivities can be seen in Exhibit AWW-3 (and
10 the results with CO₂ are also presented in Exhibit AWW-2).

11 **Q. How were the various fuel cost sensitivity forecasts and years-to-payback**
12 **sensitivity periods developed?**

13 A. FPL followed its usual practice in the development of the High and Low fuel
14 cost forecasts. A Medium fuel cost forecast was first developed. Then FPL
15 adjusted the Medium fuel cost forecast upwards (for the High fuel cost forecast
16 sensitivity) and downwards (for the Low fuel cost forecast sensitivity), by
17 multiplying the annual cost values from the Medium fuel cost forecast by a
18 factor of (1 plus the historical volatility in the 12-month forward price, one year
19 ahead) for the High fuel cost forecast sensitivity, and by a factor of (1 minus
20 the historical volatility of the 12-month forward price, one year ahead) for the
21 Low fuel cost forecast sensitivity.

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1 For the development of years-to-payback criterion sensitivity values, FPL
2 added or subtracted one year to or from its base case two years-to-payback
3 criterion, resulting in three years-to-payback, and one year-to-payback,
4 sensitivity case criteria. FPL believes that this variation is sufficient to illustrate
5 the sensitivity of the screening process to differences in the years-to-payback
6 criterion.

7 **Q. What fuel cost forecast is FPL basing its proposed DSM goals on and why?**

8 A. FPL is basing its proposed 2025-2034 DSM goals on its Medium fuel forecast
9 that is presented in Exhibit AWW-4. The Medium fuel forecast represents a
10 middle ground of fuel scenarios and is consistent with the methodology used in
11 all of FPL's recent filings before the Commission.

12 **Q. Please discuss the CO₂ compliance cost forecast values in Column (8) of
13 Exhibit AWW-4.**

14 A. Since 2007, FPL has evaluated potential CO₂ regulation and/or legislation and
15 has used projected compliance costs for CO₂ emissions from the consultant ICF
16 in its resource planning work. The values for CO₂ compliance costs in Exhibit
17 AWW-4 represent the latest forecast FPL received from ICF in October of
18 2022.

19 **Q. Does FPL use a CO₂ compliance cost forecast in all of its other resource
20 planning analyses?**

21 A. Yes, FPL has consistently used a forecast of CO₂ compliance in all of its
22 resource plan analyses for more than fifteen years.

1 **Q. Earlier you stated that, at the conclusion of the cost-effectiveness screening,**
2 **maximum incentives were calculated for each passing measure. How were**
3 **these maximum incentives calculated?**

4 A. For the RIM path of cost-effectiveness testing, the maximum incentives for
5 measures that pass all four steps were calculated based on two parameters:

- 6 1. How much incentive can be offered and still allow the measure to pass
7 the RIM and Participant tests?
- 8 2. How much incentive can be offered and still allow the measure to pass
9 the years-to-payback test?

10 The smaller of these two incentives is the maximum incentive that could be
11 offered for measures that pass the RIM path of cost-effectiveness testing. For
12 example, assume that a measure passes all four screening steps in the RIM path.
13 The one-time payment that can be offered for this measure that still allows a
14 RIM test result greater than 1.005 is \$1,000. The one-time payment that can be
15 offered for this measure while still allowing it to pass the years-to-payback test
16 is \$500. Based on these two values, the maximum incentive that could be
17 offered is \$500 – offering a larger incentive would cause the measure to fail the
18 years-to-payback test.

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20 For the TRC path of cost-effectiveness testing, only the years-to-payback
21 criterion was used to determine the maximum incentive, as the TRC test does
22 not include the consideration of incentive payments as a cost. For example, a
23 particular measure could pass the TRC test and have a one-time payment of

1 \$500 that still passes the two-year payback screen. Lowering this one-time
2 payment below \$500 would have no effect on the outcome of the TRC test.

3 **Q. How were these maximum incentives used in the overall DSM analysis?**

4 A. The two sets (RIM path and TRC path) of passing measures and their associated
5 maximum incentives developed in Step 3 are used in Step 4 to develop the
6 programs for each of the goals scenarios required by the rule. This process is
7 described in detail by FPL witness Floyd. The goals and programs developed
8 in Step 4 for FPL's recommended portfolio and for each of the cost-
9 effectiveness scenarios are used in Step 5 to develop the associated resource
10 plans, which I describe next, to accurately compare all of the impacts of the
11 DSM goals in Step 6.

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13 **V. STEP 5 OF FPL'S PLANNING PROCESS: DEVELOPMENT OF THE**
14 **RESOURCE PLANS**

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16 **Q. What are FPL's resource needs during the 2025-2034 DSM goals**
17 **timeframe?**

18 A. Exhibit AWW-5 details FPL's resource needs for this timeframe and two
19 additional years using the resource planning process I previously described.

1 **Q. What were the reasonably achievable DSM program values and how does**
2 **this DSM program potential match up with FPL’s projected resource**
3 **needs?**

4 A. The results of the evaluation of reasonably achievable DSM, which are
5 discussed in detail in FPL witness Floyd’s direct testimony, were used as inputs
6 for the resource planning process. Exhibit AWW-6 presents the projected total
7 annual Summer MW for DSM programs identified in each of FPL’s goals
8 scenarios in Columns 1 through 3. These annual DSM Summer MW values are
9 also compared to the annual resource need projections in Exhibit AWW-5 and
10 presented in Column 4 of Exhibit AWW-6.

11 **Q. Please describe the “Supply Only” Resource Plan and the “With DSM”**
12 **Resource Plans that were developed for further analyses.**

13 A. A summary of these four plans is presented in Exhibit AWW-7. For the
14 “Supply Only” plan, DSM additions were assumed to be “frozen” after 2024.
15 All of the resource needs identified in Exhibit AWW-6 were met with future
16 supply-side resource options, including battery storage units.

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18 A total of three “With DSM” resource plans were developed for further
19 analysis. The first “With DSM” plan is the RIM Resource Plan. This plan is
20 based on the measures that passed both the RIM and Participant tests, as well
21 as passing the two-year payback screening for free riders. The second “With
22 DSM” plan is the TRC Resource Plan. This plan is based on measures that
23 passed the TRC test and Participant test for cost-effectiveness and the two-

1 year payback screening for free riders. The final “With DSM” plan is the FPL
2 Proposed Resource Plan. This plan was developed based on FPL’s
3 recommended DSM portfolio that largely continues the currently offered DSM
4 programs with notable enhancements as further described by FPL witness
5 Floyd. The DSM additions in the FPL Proposed Resource Plan are essentially
6 an approach that results in DSM goals that have demand and energy impacts in
7 between those under the RIM Resource Plan and the TRC Resource Plan. The
8 economic and non-economic impacts of each of these plans are analyzed in Step
9 6, which I describe next.

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11 **VI. STEP 6 OF FPL’S PLANNING PROCESS: ANALYSES OF THE**
12 **RESOURCE PLANS**

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14 **Q. Please describe how the economic analysis of the Supply Only and “With**
15 **DSM” Resource Plans is conducted.**

16 **A.** The economic analysis of the resource plans compares the Levelized System
17 Average Electric Rate for each plan. Exhibits AWW-8 through AWW-11
18 present the calculations of the Levelized System Average Electric Rate and the
19 fixed and variable costs that comprise the projected annual revenue
20 requirements from which the rate is derived for each resource plan evaluated.
21 The calculation consists of three basic steps. First, the projected annual revenue
22 requirements and annual GWh served are used to calculate a projected system
23 average electric rate for each year as shown in Column 9 of

1 Exhibits AWW-8 through AWW-11. Second, each of these projected annual
2 electric rates is converted to a present value, and these present values are
3 summed in Column 10. Third, an annual electric rate value is developed in
4 Column 11 that, when held constant in each year, with these values converted
5 to a present value and summed, has an identical net present value sum in
6 Column 12 to that of the present value sum in Column 10. This constant electric
7 rate value is the Levelized System Average Electric Rate for this resource plan.

8 **Q. What were the results of the economic analysis of the resource plans?**

9 A. The results of the economic analysis of the resource plans are presented in
10 Exhibit AWW-12, which provides the projected Levelized System Average
11 Electric Rate for each resource plan. As shown on Exhibit AWW-12, the RIM
12 Resource Plan provides the lowest Levelized System Average Electric Rate for
13 FPL's customers, while the TRC Resource Plan provides the highest Levelized
14 System Average Electric Rate for FPL's customers. The Levelized System
15 Average Electric Rate for the FPL Proposed Resource Plan is between those of
16 the RIM and TRC Resource Plans.

17 **Q. Are the differences in the Levelized System Average Electric Rates**
18 **between the three resource plans presented in Exhibit AWW-12**
19 **meaningful?**

20 A. Yes. This is demonstrated in Exhibit AWW-13. This exhibit compares the
21 levelized rates for the RIM Resource Plan, the TRC Resource Plan, and the FPL
22 Proposed Resource Plan. As shown in the exhibit, the seemingly modest

1 differential in levelized rates between the RIM-based and TRC-based plans
2 equates to a very large one-time cost of approximately \$2.5 billion in year 2034
3 being added to the RIM-based DSM plan. Exhibit AWW-14 shows a similar
4 comparison between the FPL Proposed Plan and the TRC Plan.

5 **Q. Were electric rates and customer bills projected and compared for the ten-**
6 **year goal-setting period for each resource plan?**

7 A. Yes. Exhibit AWW-15 provides a comparison of electric rates and customer
8 bills for the “Supply Only Resource Plan and the three “With DSM” Resource
9 Plans. In comparing the three “With DSM” Resource Plans during 2025-2034,
10 the RIM Resource Plan is projected to result in the lowest electric rates and
11 average customer bills in each year. The TRC Resource Plan is projected to
12 result in the highest electric rates and the highest average customer bills in each
13 year. The FPL Proposed Resource Plan falls in between the RIM and TRC
14 Resource Plans.

15 **Q. How would you summarize the economic analyses results?**

16 A. Two results from the economic analyses are noteworthy. First, the RIM
17 Resource Plan helps meet FPL’s resource needs through 2034 while providing
18 the lowest Levelized System Average Electric Rates over the analysis period
19 and the lowest electric rates of the “With DSM” Resource Plans for each year
20 in the 2025-2034 time period. The FPL Proposed Resource plan also meets all
21 of FPL’s resource needs through 2034, and while the FPL Proposed Resource
22 Plan raises customer electric rates relative to the RIM Resource Plan, it results
23 in minimal incremental rate impact beyond what customers are

1 incurring under FPL's current approved DSM goals. The TRC Resource Plan
2 meets FPL's resource needs through 2034 and increases customer electric rates
3 relative to both the RIM Resource Plan and FPL Proposed Resource Plan.

4 **Q. What different perspectives of the FPL system were considered in the non-**
5 **economic analyses?**

6 A. The non-economic analyses focused on two perspectives that address the years
7 2025-2034. The first perspective is a direct comparison of projected annual
8 SO₂, NO_x, and CO₂ emissions for the FPL system for each of the resource plans.
9 The second perspective is a direct comparison of projected annual FPL system
10 oil and natural gas usage for the resource plans.

11 **Q. Would you please present the results of the non-economic analyses?**

12 A. Yes. The results of the non-economic analyses are presented in Exhibits AWW-
13 16 and AWW-17. There is very little difference among the four resource plans
14 for these non-economic factors.

15 **Q. Does FPL's 10% GRM requirement impact FPL's proposed DSM goals?**

16 A. No. The GRM criterion does not impact FPL's proposed DSM goals.

17 **Q. What are the proposed DSM goals under the FPL Proposed Resource**
18 **Plan?**

19 A. The proposed DSM goals based on the FPL Proposed Resource Plan are 419
20 MW Summer demand, 326 MW Winter demand, and 931 GWh energy
21 reduction for the period 2025 through 2034, which are further explained by FPL
22 witness Floyd.

1 **Q. From a resource planning perspective, are the DSM goals based on the FPL**
2 **Proposed Resource Plan reasonable?**

3 A. Yes. The resource plan associated with FPL’s proposed DSM goals fulfills the
4 primary drivers of FPL’s resource planning process:

5 - The timing and magnitude of resource needs: via a combination of
6 DSM and supply resources, the FPL Proposed Resource Plan ensures
7 that all of FPL’s resources needs are met throughout the time period of
8 the analysis and all of FPL’s reliability criteria are satisfied.

9 - The FPL Proposed Resource Plan is consistent with the Commission’s
10 DSM Goals Rule 25-17.0021, which was recently amended to require
11 utilities to submit DSM goals based on programs developed under both
12 the RIM and TRC cost-effectiveness tests.

13 - The rate impact to FPL’s customers: the FPL Proposed Resource Plan
14 has minimal incremental rate impact to customers beyond what they are
15 currently paying under the existing DSM goals, which have been in
16 place for the last ten years.

17 FPL witness Floyd further explains why FPL believes the proposed DSM goals
18 are reasonable and appropriate.

19 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

20 A. Yes.

1 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of Mark
2 R. Roche was inserted.)

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9 **INTRODUCTION:**

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

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12 **A.** My name is Mark R. Roche. My business address is 219 Lithia
13 Pinecrest Road, Brandon, Florida, 33511. I am employed by
14 Alternative Energy Applications ("AEA") as their Vice
15 President of North America Customer Energy Efficiency
16 Solutions. In this proceeding, I am a consultant supporting
17 Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company").

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19 **Q.** Please provide a brief outline of your educational
20 background and business experience.

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22 **A.** I graduated from Thomas Edison State College in 1994 with
23 a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering
24 Technology and from Colorado State University in 2009 with
25 a Master's degree in Business Administration. My work

1 experience includes twelve years with the US Navy in nuclear
2 operations as well as twenty-six years of electric and gas
3 utility experience. My utility work has included various
4 positions in Marketing and Sales, Customer Service,
5 Distributed Resources, Load Management, Power Quality,
6 Distribution Control Center Operations, Meter Department,
7 Meter Field Operations, Service Delivery, Revenue
8 Assurance, Commercial and Industrial Energy Management
9 Services, and Electric and Gas Demand Side Management
10 ("DSM") Planning and Forecasting. I also have twenty-three
11 years of experience in training and certification of energy
12 managers and DSM program administrators around the world.
13 I have been an instructor and course developer for three
14 professional certification courses offered through the
15 Associations of Energy Engineers: Certified Energy Manager
16 (CEM) since 2001, Business Energy Professional (BEP) since
17 2003, and the Certified Demand Side Management Professional
18 (CDSM) since 2011. I also authored two college courses
19 offered through the National Energy Center of Excellence
20 (NECE) at Bismarck State College on business and
21 operational impacts of the Smart Grid in 2011.

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23 Most recently, in February of 2024, I transitioned from
24 Tampa Electric in which I was responsible for Tampa
25 Electric's Energy Conservation Cost Recovery ("ECCR")

1 Clause and Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery Clause
2 ("SPPCRC") Clause to my current position at AEA where I am
3 responsible for the development and implementation of
4 energy efficiency programs and offerings to utilities, DSM
5 program facilitators, and customers.

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7 **Q.** What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

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9 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to present, for Commission
10 review and approval, Tampa Electric's proposed numerical
11 DSM goals and DSM programs for the 2025-2034 period. Tampa
12 Electric's proposed goals and programs are based upon the
13 analytical work performed by the company and Resource
14 Innovations. Resource Innovations is a consulting and
15 analysis services firm with an exclusive focus on energy in
16 providing support to clients in the areas of demand
17 management, demand response, grid management and renewables
18 as well as offering a comprehensive suite of software
19 designed to support these areas. Resource Innovations
20 acquired Nexant, the company that assisted Tampa Electric
21 in the prior 2020-2029 DSM Goals development, on May 12,
22 2021. Resource Innovations has almost 30 years of
23 experience in the field of DSM evaluations and was chosen
24 through a rigorous request for proposal vetting process.
25 Tampa Electric's goals are separated into summer demand,

1 winter demand, and annual energy components for both the
2 residential and commercial/industrial sectors. In support
3 of the proposed DSM goals and programs, my testimony will
4 demonstrate that the process Tampa Electric utilized to
5 establish its reasonably achievable, cost-effective goals
6 complies with the requirements of Rule 25-17.0021, Florida
7 Administrative Code ("F.A.C.").

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9 In addition, my testimony complies with the requirements of
10 the Order Establishing Procedure for this proceeding and
11 provides the information requested by Commission Staff in
12 the November 1, 2023, preliminary meeting for this docket
13 by addressing the following components within my testimony:

- 14 • Provide a description of how the utility's Technical
15 Potential Study has been updated and modified,
16 including any measures eliminated or added since the
17 utility's last filed Technical Potential Study.
- 18 • Provide the complete 2023 comprehensive measure list
19 that was evaluated and identify measures that were
20 eliminated or added as compared to the last technical
21 potential study.
- 22 • Provide a description of how the utility's Base Case
23 with no incremental demand-side management was
24 developed.
- 25 • Provide the impact from energy efficiency that is

- 1 occurring in Tampa Electric's service area stemming
2 from Energy Efficiency and Appliance Standards.
- 3 • Provide a detailed description of how any
4 sensitivities were developed and how they compare to
5 the Base Case, including forecasts for fuel prices and
6 emissions costs.
 - 7 • Provide a description of the Base Case's next
8 avoidable generating unit and describe the methodology
9 used to determine it.
 - 10 • For the utility's proposed goals, as well as for the
11 goals developed under the two cost-effectiveness
12 scenarios as required by Rule 25-17.0021(3), F.A.C.,
13 provide the estimated rate impact on a residential
14 1,000 kWh/month bill and a breakdown at the program
15 level with demand and energy savings, program costs
16 and benefits, cost-effectiveness test results, list of
17 measures included, and participation rates.
 - 18 • Provide a description of the program development
19 process, and identify measures excluded during each
20 stage of process and why. As part of this description,
21 identify restrictions, if any, on program design due
22 to current settlements, such as rebate amounts.
 - 23 • For the utility's proposed goals, as well as for the
24 goals developed under the two cost-effectiveness
25 scenarios as required by Rule 25-17.0021(3), F.A.C.,

1 provide a description of how free-ridership is
2 addressed.

3 • Provide the number of measures that were screened out
4 during free-ridership consideration and the list of
5 measures that remained cost-effective at the
6 achievable potential.

7 • Provide a description of the efforts made to address
8 customers who rent in program development, including
9 a list of programs they would be eligible to
10 participate in.

11 • Provide a description of how supply-side efficiencies
12 are incorporated in the utility's most recent planning
13 process and how supply-side efficiencies impact
14 demand-side management programs.

15 • Provide a comparison of the programs used to determine
16 utility's proposed goals to its current DSM program
17 offerings.

18 • Provide the proposed goals breakdown at the program
19 level including participation rates, savings, costs,
20 and cost effectiveness results.

21 • Provide a discussion of how the utility's proposed
22 goals encourage the development of demand-side
23 renewable energy systems.

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25 **Q.** Have you prepared any exhibits in support of your testimony?

1 **A.** Yes. I have prepared an exhibit entitled, "Exhibit of Mark
2 R. Roche", which is identified as Exhibit No. MRR-1. It
3 consists of 21 documents including:

- 4 • Document No. 1 contains Tampa Electric's proposed DSM
5 goals at the generator for the 2025-2034 period and
6 the portfolio of DSM programs that make up this goal.
- 7 • Document No. 2 contains Tampa Electric's Rate Impact
8 Measure test ("RIM") based DSM goals at the generator
9 for the 2025-2034 period and the portfolio of DSM
10 programs that make up this goal.
- 11 • Document No. 3 contains Tampa Electric's Total
12 Resource Cost test ("TRC") based DSM goals at the
13 generator for the 2025-2034 period and the portfolio
14 of DSM programs that make up this goal.
- 15 • Document No. 4 provides the overall process used to
16 develop the company's proposed DSM goals for the 2025-
17 2034 period.
- 18 • Document No. 5 provides Tampa Electric's Technical
19 Potential Study of Demand Side Management Report.
- 20 • Document No. 6 provides the Comprehensive Measure
21 List.
- 22 • Document No. 7 provides the process used to develop
23 the Technical Potential.
- 24 • Document No. 8 provides Tampa Electric's DSM Technical
25 Potential for Energy Efficiency, Demand Response, and

- 1 Distributed Energy Resources.
- 2 • Document No. 9 provides the process used to develop
 - 3 the Economic Potential.
 - 4 • Document No. 10 contains Tampa Electric's avoided unit
 - 5 cost data used for cost-effectiveness evaluations.
 - 6 • Document No. 11 contains all the assumptions used for
 - 7 the performance of cost-effectiveness.
 - 8 • Document No. 12 provides Tampa Electric's 2025-2034
 - 9 DSM Economic Potential for the RIM and TRC cost-
 - 10 effectiveness tests.
 - 11 • Document No. 13 provides the process used to develop
 - 12 the Economic Potential sensitivity analyses.
 - 13 • Document No. 14 provides the DSM Economic Potential
 - 14 sensitivities.
 - 15 • Document No. 15 provides the Free-Ridership
 - 16 Consideration.
 - 17 • Document No. 16 provides the proposed individual DSM
 - 18 program detail that supports the proposed DSM goals
 - 19 for the 2025-2034 period.
 - 20 • Document No. 17 provides the RIM based individual DSM
 - 21 program detail that supports the RIM based DSM goals
 - 22 for the 2025-2034 period.
 - 23 • Document No. 18 provides the TRC based individual DSM
 - 24 program detail that supports the TRC based DSM goals
 - 25 for the 2025-2034 period.

- 1 • Document No. 19 provides Tampa Electric's current DSM
2 programs and achievements.
3 • Document No. 20 provides Tampa Electric's proposed DSM
4 Goals.
5 • Document No. 21 provides Tampa Electric's proposed DSM
6 programs that achieve the proposed goals.
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8 **Q.** Is Resource Innovations providing direct testimony?
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10 **A.** Yes, Jim Herndon, Resource Innovation's Vice President,
11 Strategy and Planning Consulting, will be filing direct
12 testimony that will support the goals Tampa Electric is
13 proposing for the 2025-2034 DSM goals period.
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15 **TAMPA ELECTRIC'S PROPOSED DSM GOALS:**

16 **Q.** What are Tampa Electric's proposed cumulative DSM goals
17 that are appropriate and reasonably achievable for the
18 period 2025-2034?
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20 **A.** The proposed appropriate and reasonable cumulative DSM
21 goals at the generator for Tampa Electric for the period
22 2025-2034 are as follows:

23 Residential
24 Summer Demand: 88.6 MW
25 Winter Demand: 145.4 MW

1 Annual Energy: 246.2 GWh
2 Commercial/Industrial
3 Summer Demand: 60.5 MW
4 Winter Demand: 51.7 MW
5 Annual Energy: 204.4 GWh
6 Combined
7 Summer Demand: 149.0 MW
8 Winter Demand: 197.1 MW
9 Annual Energy: 450.5 GWh

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11 **Q.** What are Tampa Electric's cumulative DSM goals that are
12 appropriate and reasonably achievable for the period 2025-
13 2034 based upon the RIM cost-effectiveness test?

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15 **A.** The appropriate and reasonable cumulative DSM goals at the
16 generator for Tampa Electric for the period 2025-2034 based
17 upon the RIM test are as follows:

18 Residential
19 Summer Demand: 88.6 MW
20 Winter Demand: 145.4 MW
21 Annual Energy: 246.2 GWh
22 Commercial/Industrial
23 Summer Demand: 60.5 MW
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Summer Demand:		149.0 MW
Winter Demand:		197.1 MW
Annual Energy:		450.5 GWh

Q. What are Tampa Electric's cumulative DSM goals that are appropriate and reasonably achievable for the period 2025-2034 based upon the TRC cost-effectiveness test?

A. The appropriate and reasonable cumulative DSM goals at the generator for Tampa Electric for the period 2025-2034 based upon the TRC test are as follows:

Residential		
Summer Demand:		88.6 MW
Winter Demand:		145.4 MW
Annual Energy:		246.2 GWh

Commercial/Industrial		
Summer Demand:		60.5 MW
Winter Demand:		51.9 MW
Annual Energy:		204.7 GWh

Combined		
Summer Demand:		149.0 MW
Winter Demand:		197.4 MW
Annual Energy:		450.8 GWh

1 Q. What cost-effectiveness methodology does Tampa Electric
2 recommend for its proposed 2025-2034 DSM goals?

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4 A. Tampa Electric recommends the adoption of the RIM test in
5 conjunction with the Participant Cost Test ("PCT"). The
6 RIM test, when used in tandem with the PCT test, provides
7 a cost-effective, fair, reasonable, and equitable
8 determination of DSM expenditures for both the DSM program
9 participants and non-participants. The RIM test puts the
10 least amount of upward pressure on rates while allowing for
11 significant accomplishments of DSM measure deployment.
12 Furthermore, the RIM test does not promote cross-
13 subsidization among participants and non-participants.
14 Finally, history indicates that this Commission's
15 longstanding decisions in the past to approve a utility's
16 DSM goals based on the RIM test have not hindered the DSM
17 performance of Tampa Electric. Based on these results and
18 the fairness of the methodology, Tampa Electric believes
19 its DSM goals for the 2025-2034 period should be established
20 on the RIM test basis.

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22 Q. What is the annual portion of these proposed goals for each
23 segment on an annual basis for the upcoming period of 2025-
24 2034?

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1 **A.** The annual portion for these Proposed, RIM, and TRC goals
 2 for each segment (Residential, Commercial/Industrial and
 3 Combined) for the upcoming period of 2025-2034 are included
 4 in my Exhibit No. MRR-1, Documents No. 1, 2, and 3
 5 respectively. These documents detail the incremental
 6 annual and cumulative amounts that comprise these goals.

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 8 **Q.** How do Tampa Electric's proposed DSM goals for the upcoming
 9 period of 2025-2034 compare to the company's proposed DSM
 10 goals for the 2020-2029 period?

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 12 **A.** Tampa Electric's proposed cumulative DSM goals for the
 13 upcoming period of 2025-2034 show an increase in overall
 14 demand reduction and an increase in the annual energy ("AE")
 15 as compared to the company's proposed DSM goals for the
 16 2020-2029 period. It is also important to compare the
 17 proposed goals for the upcoming period with the actual goals
 18 for the 2015-2024 period as those goals were the DSM goals
 19 approved by the Commission. These comparisons are set out
 20 below:

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 22 2025-2034 Proposed DSM Goals

23 Summer Demand: 149.0 MW
 24 Winter Demand: 197.1 MW
 25 Annual Energy: 450.5 GWh

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Prior Period DSM Goals

	<u>Proposed 2020-2029</u>	<u>Actual 2015-2024</u>
Summer Demand:	79.7 MW	56.3 MW
Winter Demand:	43.3 MW	78.3 MW
Annual Energy:	165.0 GWh	144.3 GWh

Q. Why are the proposed goals for the 2025-2034 period greater than those proposed by the company in the last DSM goal-setting process?

A. There are several factors that influenced the final DSM goal amounts. While some of these factors placed downward pressure on potential savings, the net effect of all these factors is an increase in the company's current proposed DSM goals for demand and energy as compared to those proposed five years ago. These factors include:

- The most significant factor that influenced the increase in the company's current proposed DSM goals is that the cost of the current avoided generating unit is substantially higher than the avoided unit cost five years ago. This increased potential energy savings.
- The fixed O&M cost increased for the current avoided generating unit as compared to the unit five years ago, which increased potential energy savings.

- 1 • Other factors such as K-factor, variable O&M, and
2 escalation rates declined and the in-service year of
3 the avoided generating unit moved farther out, all of
4 which decreased the overall potential increase amount.
- 5 • As in the past, Florida building codes have become
6 more stringent from previous levels, which places more
7 downward pressure on customer usage and decreases the
8 overall potential increase.
- 9 • Various Federal energy efficiency and appliance
10 standards have been enacted, causing several baseline
11 measures to be removed from the evaluation of
12 potential DSM measures, which also decreased the
13 overall potential increase.

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15 **Q.** What is Tampa Electric's average electricity usage per
16 month for a typical residential customer and how does this
17 compare to the usage of five years ago?

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19 **A.** In 2023, a typical Tampa Electric residential customer used
20 a weather adjusted kWh amount of 1,128 kWh on a monthly
21 basis. In 2018, the typical Tampa Electric residential
22 customer used a weather adjusted kWh amount of 1,107 kWh on
23 a monthly basis.

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25 **Q.** What is the proposed avoided unit and associated costs that

1 Tampa Electric utilized in the preparation of these
2 proposed DSM goals?

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4 **A.** The proposed avoided unit is a Natural Gas Reciprocating
5 Engine that has a winter and summer capacity rating of 18.7
6 MW. The proposed unit would be placed into service in
7 January of 2030. The unit has a base year avoided
8 generating cost of \$1,307.06 per kW and a fixed O&M cost of
9 \$30.02 per kW per year.

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11 **Q.** How do these avoided unit costs compare to the avoided unit
12 that was used five years ago?

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14 **A.** The avoided unit cost five years ago had a base year avoided
15 generating cost of \$526.30 per kW and a fixed O&M cost of
16 \$5.83 per kW per year.

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18 **Q.** How do the avoided generating unit fuel cost and fuel
19 escalation rate used in the new goal setting compare to the
20 avoided generating unit that was used five years ago?

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22 **A.** The current avoided generating fuel cost is 5.27 cents per
23 kilowatt-hour ("kWh") with a fuel escalation rate of 2.61
24 percent. The avoided generating fuel cost five years ago
25 was 3.75 cents per kWh and the fuel escalation rate was

1 4.54 percent.

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3 **Q.** For the 2025-2034 DSM goals setting period, what are the
4 company's projected energy and demand impacts due to more
5 stringent energy efficiency and appliance standards
6 improvements?

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8 **A.** The company's estimate for the energy and demand impacts
9 due to more stringent energy efficiency and appliance
10 standards over the 2025-2034 DSM goals period is an overall
11 reduction of customer energy usage of 1.11 GWh, a reduction
12 in overall summer demand of 41 MW, and a reduction in
13 overall winter demand of 39 MW.

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15 **Q.** Regardless of the results of the RIM or TRC cost-
16 effectiveness analysis, do you believe that DSM goals
17 should always be set higher than previously set goals?

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19 **A.** No, I do not. Setting goals too high just for the sake of
20 having higher goals can lead to costly, unfair, and
21 imprudent results for Tampa Electric's customers. DSM
22 goals should be set with a clear focus on the costs the
23 utility would have to incur to serve the load that the
24 conservation efforts are reasonably projected to avoid. In
25 addition, the conservation measures selected should

1 minimize rate impacts and avoid cross-subsidization between
2 customers. The Commission has been able to accomplish these
3 objectives in the past through the primary use of the RIM
4 test (to minimize rate impacts and avoid cross-
5 subsidization), the two-year payback screen to minimize
6 free ridership, and a process that focuses on the utility's
7 most recently projected resource needs.

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9 **Q.** How do Tampa Electric's DSM goals accomplishments compare
10 to other utilities in the nation?

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12 **A.** Tampa Electric's accomplishments are significantly greater
13 than most other utilities in the United States. Tampa
14 Electric began its DSM efforts in the late 1970s, prior to
15 the 1980 legislative enactment of the Florida Energy
16 Efficiency and Conservation Act ("FEECA"). Since then, the
17 company has sought Commission approval for numerous DSM
18 programs designed to promote energy efficient technologies
19 and to change customer behavioral patterns such that energy
20 savings occur with minimal effect on customer comfort.
21 Additionally, the company has modified existing DSM
22 programs over time to promote evolving technologies and to
23 maintain program cost-effectiveness.

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25 From the inception of Tampa Electric's Commission approved

1 programs through the end of 2023, the company has achieved
2 the following cumulative demand and energy savings:

3 Summer Demand: 835.4 MW
4 Winter Demand: 1,349.8 MW
5 Annual Energy: 1,950.1 GWh
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7 In comparison to the end of 2018 and 2023, incrementally,
8 the company achieved the following demand and energy
9 savings over this past five-year period,

10 Summer Demand: 105.7 MW
11 Winter Demand: 113.8 MW
12 Annual Energy: 389.6 GWh
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14 These cumulative peak load achievements have eliminated the
15 need for over seven 180 MW power plants.

16 The magnitude of these continuing efforts by Tampa
17 Electric, as well as other utilities in Florida, is clearly
18 demonstrated by Florida's ranking in the United States
19 Energy Information Administration's recent analyses. With
20 respect to "Total Energy Consumed per Capita, 2021",
21 Florida ranks 45th (of 51 States). With respect to "Total
22 Energy Expenditures per Capita, 2021", Florida ranks 50th.
23 Finally, with respect to "Average Retail Price of
24 Electricity to the Residential Sector, November 2023",
25 Florida ranks 21st. Florida's average Residential Retail

1 price of 15.38 cents per kWh which is five percent below
2 the national average and substantially lower than other
3 States such as Massachusetts with a residential retail
4 price of 28.25 cents per kWh, New York at 22.72 cents per
5 kWh, and California at 29.41 cents per kWh is especially
6 notable given that Tampa Electric has achieved a high level
7 of DSM reductions by offering a comprehensive portfolio of
8 DSM programs that reduce rates for all customers, both DSM
9 participants and non-participants alike. It is also worth
10 noting that Tampa Electric's current Residential Retail
11 Price of 14.35 cents per kWh continues to be lower than the
12 Florida average.

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14 **TAMPA ELECTRIC'S PROPOSED DSM PROGRAMS:**

15 **Q.** What are Tampa Electric's proposed DSM programs that
16 support the proposed DSM annual goals that are appropriate
17 and reasonably achievable for the period 2025-2034?
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19 **A.** The proposed residential and commercial/industrial DSM
20 programs that support the proposed DSM goals for the period
21 2025-2034 are as follows:
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23 **Residential Programs:**

- 24 1. Residential Walk-Through Audit (Free Energy Check)
25 2. Residential Customer Assisted Energy Audit (Online)

- 1 3. Residential Computer Assisted Energy Audit (RCS) (Paid)
- 2 4. Residential Ceiling Insulation
- 3 5. Residential Duct Repair
- 4 6. Energy and Renewable Education, Awareness and Agency
- 5 Outreach
- 6 7. ENERGY STAR for New Multi-Family Residences
- 7 8. ENERGY STAR for New Homes
- 8 9. ENERGY STAR Thermostats
- 9 10. Residential Heating and Cooling
- 10 11. Neighborhood Weatherization
- 11 12. Residential Price Responsive Load Management (Energy
- 12 Planner)
- 13 13. Residential Prime Time Plus
- 14 14. Renewable Energy Program (Sun-To-Go)

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16 **Commercial/Industrial Programs:**

- 17 1. Commercial/Industrial Audit (Free)
- 18 2. Comprehensive Commercial/Industrial Audit (Paid)
- 19 3. Cogeneration
- 20 4. Commercial/Industrial Custom Energy Efficiency
- 21 5. Demand Response
- 22 6. Industrial Load Management (GSLM 2&3)
- 23 7. Lighting Conditioned Space
- 24 8. Lighting Non-Conditioned Space
- 25 9. Lighting Occupancy Sensors

- 1 10. Commercial Load Management (GSLM 1)
- 2 11. Standby Generator
- 3 12. VFD and Motor Controls
- 4 13. Commercial Heat Pump Water Heater and Drain Water Heat
- 5 Recovery
- 6 14. Conservation Research and Development ("R&D")
- 7 15. Renewable Energy Program (Sun-To-Go)

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9 **Q.** You stated that Tampa Electric's proposed DSM goals are RIM
10 based. Is this proposed portfolio of DSM programs for the
11 period 2025-2034 listed above identical to the portfolio of
12 DSM programs that would be considered the RIM portfolio?

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14 **A.** Yes, the proposed portfolio of DSM programs listed above is
15 identical to the RIM based portfolio.

16 **Q.** Is this proposed portfolio of DSM programs for the period
17 2025-2034 listed above identical to the portfolio of DSM
18 programs that would be considered the TRC portfolio? If
19 not, please explain.

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21 **A.** No, the proposed portfolio of DSM programs listed above is
22 not identical, but it is very close to the TRC based
23 portfolio. For the TRC portfolio, there is one additional
24 DSM program for commercial/industrial customers that is not
25 in the proposed or RIM based portfolios. The additional

1 DSM program is Destratification Fans, which are essentially
2 very large ceiling fans installed within conditioned
3 commercial or industrial spaces that provide some energy
4 and demand savings during the winter period. The
5 residential DSM programs are identical across all three
6 portfolios. All portfolios for the 2025-2034 period are
7 included in my Exhibit No. MRR-1, Documents No. 1, 2, and
8 3 (Proposed, RIM based, TRC based respectively).
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10 **OVERALL PROCESS TO DEVELOP DSM GOALS:**

11 **Q.** Would you describe the overall process that Tampa Electric
12 utilized to develop the proposed DSM goals in this
13 proceeding.
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15 **A.** Yes, the overall process first starts with the development
16 of a technical potential study, which is the theoretical
17 maximum amount of energy and capacity that could be
18 displaced by energy efficiency, demand response and
19 distributed energy resources regardless of cost,
20 acceptability to customers, and other barriers that may
21 prevent the installation or adoption of an energy
22 efficiency measure. The technical potential is only
23 constrained by factors such as technical feasibility and
24 the applicability of measures.
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1 Once the technical potential is developed, the company
2 determines the economic potential. The economic potential
3 is determined by evaluating each of the measures' cost-
4 effectiveness under the RIM and TRC cost effectiveness
5 tests. The economic potential is the amount of energy and
6 capacity that could be reduced by those energy efficiency,
7 demand response, and distributed energy resource measures
8 that pass cost-effectiveness. For the RIM economic
9 potential, lost revenue is the only cost component that is
10 introduced. For the TRC economic potential, the full
11 incremental cost of the measure is the only cost component
12 introduced.

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14 Once the economic potential is achieved, the company
15 removes programs that have a negative PCT, runs the
16 sensitivity analyses for low and high fuel, and then
17 performs the consideration of free ridership in addition to
18 determining the one and three-year free ridership
19 sensitivities. After these sensitivity analyses are
20 performed, the company takes the surviving permutations,
21 combines them into single measures, and introduces program
22 administration costs and potential incentive levels to
23 evaluate which measures could be turned into DSM programs.
24 Once these potential programs are identified, the company
25 evaluates the annual adoption rates and participation rates

1 over the 2025-2034 period based upon incentive levels,
2 current program participation rates, other incentives such
3 as the Inflation Reduction Act ("IRA"), and current market
4 conditions and develops the annual summer and winter demand
5 savings and annual energy savings for each program. Once
6 the annual summer and winter demand savings and annual
7 energy savings for each program are determined, they are
8 added together to develop the proposed DSM goals for each
9 year. This overall process is included in my Exhibit No.
10 MRR-1, Document No. 4.

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12 **Q.** Is this the same process that was used by Tampa Electric in
13 the DSM goals setting proceeding conducted in 2019?

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15 **A.** The process is almost the same, with the exception of the
16 final few steps beyond the addition of administration and
17 incentive costs that were performed in this proceeding. In
18 the prior proceeding, each of the measures surviving cost-
19 effectiveness would be evaluated to determine their
20 achievable potential. After this determination, each of
21 the individual achievable potentials would be added
22 together to form the proposed DSM goals. The actual
23 development of proposed or supporting DSM programs would be
24 performed in a later and separate proceeding.

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1 Q. Why did Tampa Electric follow a new process?

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3 A. This new process is a result of following the new Rule
4 requirements within the amended Rule 25-17.0021, F.A.C.,
5 which requires the proposed DSM goals to be based upon cost-
6 effective DSM programs.

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8 Q. Did Tampa Electric calculate an achievable potential even
9 though not required by Rule 25-17.0021, F.A.C.?

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11 A. No, it would be unnecessary to calculate an achievable
12 potential as the DSM goals being proposed need to meet the
13 requirements of Rule 25-17.0021, F.A.C., which requires DSM
14 goals to be based upon cost-effective DSM programs.

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16 Q. Did Tampa Electric develop its own Technical Potential
17 Study?

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19 A. No, Tampa Electric, in collaboration with Florida Power and
20 Light, Duke Energy Florida, Orlando Utilities Commission,
21 Jacksonville Electric Authority, and Florida Public
22 Utilities (collectively the "FEECA Utilities") utilized a
23 common vendor to develop the technical potential study.

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25 Q. Did the vendor develop a technical potential study for all

1 the FEECA Utilities to use or a technical potential study
2 specific for each utility including Tampa Electric?

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4 **A.** The vendor developed a technical potential study that was
5 specific for each utility, including Tampa Electric.

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7 **Q.** Why did Tampa Electric have a new technical potential study
8 developed?

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10 **A.** Tampa Electric, in collaboration with the other FEECA
11 Utilities, made the decision to have a new technical
12 potential study developed for several reasons. The first
13 and foremost was due to the new methodology for DSM goal
14 development required by the amended Rule 25-17.0021, F.A.C.
15 The second reason was to account for new measures, such as
16 electric vehicles and their associated charging systems,
17 that were not included in prior technical potentials. The
18 third and final reason was to ensure that the associated
19 measure list addressed building code changes and any
20 impacts due to the Inflation Reduction Act.

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22 **Q.** Did Tampa Electric develop its own economic potential?

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24 **A.** Yes.

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1 Q. Did Tampa Electric perform its own fuel sensitivity
2 analyses, free-ridership considerations, free ridership
3 sensitivities, and the cost of carbon sensitivities?
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5 A. Yes, although the company did not perform a sensitivity for
6 the cost of carbon as Tampa Electric does not currently
7 include the cost of carbon within its integrated resource
8 planning and there is no current cost of carbon in the State
9 of Florida.
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11 Q. Did Tampa Electric perform its own analysis to determine
12 the proposed DSM goals, RIM based goals, and TRC based goals
13 and their associated DSM programs?
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15 A. Yes.
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17 **PROCESS TO DEVELOP THE TECHNICAL POTENTIAL:**

18 Q. Please discuss the process that Tampa Electric utilized to
19 develop the technical potential that would be used to
20 develop the company's proposed DSM goals.
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22 A. Tampa Electric started the process of developing the
23 proposed goals by collaborating with the other FEECA
24 Utilities. The FEECA Utilities collectively decided to
25 develop a new technical potential study. The FEECA

1 Utilities began meeting in early 2022 to discuss the timing
2 and deliverables for the new study. Beginning in May of
3 2022, the FEECA Utilities began holding weekly conference
4 calls to discuss the development of the study. In June
5 2022, the FEECA Utilities initiated a request for proposals
6 to seek vendors that were capable of performing a technical
7 potential study. From July 2022 through August 2022, the
8 FEECA Utilities screened and evaluated the responses to the
9 request for proposals. The proposals were screened based
10 upon several criteria which included prior experience;
11 quality of experience; ability to achieve deliverables and
12 deadlines; methodology; data sources and uses; engineering
13 methods; alternative approaches; discovery thoroughness;
14 other supporting documentation; price; and price controls.
15 In addition to reviewing written submissions from vendors,
16 the FEECA Utilities also asked each vendor to submit at
17 least two contacts at other utilities for which the vendor
18 has performed work in the past. The FEECA Utilities called
19 and interviewed these contacts to discuss the vendor's
20 working relationship, project management effectiveness,
21 study quality, witness performance, overall outcome, other
22 DSM related engagements, and overall impression. After the
23 screening was completed, the FEECA Utilities invited the
24 top two vendors to a final selection presentation in
25 addition to a question-and-answer meeting that was held on

1 August 25, 2022. At the conclusion of this meeting, the
2 FEECA utilities met and selected the vendor Resource
3 Innovations to perform the technical potential study. The
4 direct testimony of Jim Herndon and Resource Innovations'
5 technical potential study for Tampa Electric provides more
6 detail on the process Resource Innovations used to develop
7 the technical potential. This report is included as my
8 Exhibit No. MRR-1, Document No. 5.

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10 **Q.** After the FEECA utilities selected Resource Innovations to
11 perform the technical potential study, how did Resource
12 Innovations gather the necessary data to be able to conduct
13 a technical potential study specific to Tampa Electric?
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15 **A.** Shortly after the FEECA utility meeting on August 25, 2022,
16 Resource Innovations provided the company with a data
17 request that outlined the comprehensive information needed
18 that was specific to Tampa Electric. This data request
19 included Tampa Electric's peak load and energy sales
20 forecasts for 2022-2031, details used for developing the
21 company's 10-year load forecast, customer premise forecasts
22 for 2022-2031, customer characteristics and billing data,
23 any load research data for 2018, 2019, and 2020, utility
24 load shapes, prior utility potential studies, historical
25 program and measure information, preliminary technical

1 potential measure lists, and hourly utility system load
2 data.

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4 **Q.** Did Tampa Electric provide all the data that was requested
5 by Resource Innovations for the performance of the
6 technical potential study?

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8 **A.** No, there were some items that Tampa Electric did not have.
9 These items included having all of Tampa Electric business
10 customers segmented by their NAICS or SIC code,
11 availability of Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI")
12 and the associated 15-minute interval data for all
13 customers and customer end use load shapes, recent end-use
14 survey and baseline study data, and customer preferences
15 for program or rate design.

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17 **Q.** Is Resource Innovations' technical potential study for
18 Tampa Electric less accurate due to these data items that
19 were missing?

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21 **A.** No, one of the main benefits of doing a technical potential
22 study in a collaborative fashion with the other neighboring
23 FEECA Utilities and Resource Innovations is to be able to
24 use proxy data to fill in these sources of data when the
25 data requested does not exist. Even if these data pieces

1 could not have been fulfilled by proxy, I am confident that
2 the technical potential developed by Resource Innovations
3 specific for Tampa Electric would be accurate.

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5 **Q.** How did the FEECA Utilities evaluate which measures would
6 be included in the process of developing the technical
7 potential study?

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9 **A.** Resource Innovations and all the FEECA Utilities provided
10 input into which measures would be included in the process
11 of developing the technical potential study. Each of the
12 provided measures was reviewed for its technical
13 feasibility and applicability and had to meet the following
14 two additional criteria:

15 1) The measure must be commercially available in the
16 Florida marketplace.

17 2) The measure cannot be considered a behavioral
18 savings.

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20 **Q.** Did the FEECA Utilities seek any other input for which
21 measures would be included in the process of developing the
22 technical potential study?

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24 **A.** Yes, the FEECA Utilities sent a formal letter on October
25 18, 2022, to the following organizations seeking input for

1 measures to be used in the development of the Technical
2 Potential and ultimately evaluated for consideration as a
3 potential DSM program:

- 4 • Southern Alliance for Clean Energy ("SACE")
- 5 • League of United Latin American Citizens ("LULAC")
- 6 • PCS Phosphate
- 7 • Vote Solar
- 8 • The CLEO Institute
- 9 • Earthjustice
- 10 • Florida's Office of Public Counsel ("OPC")
- 11 • Florida Industrial Power Users Group ("FIPUG")
- 12 • Federal Executive Agencies ("FEA") (21)
- 13 • Florida Retail Federation and Stone Law Firm
- 14 • Walmart and Spilman Law Firm

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16 **Q.** Did the FEECA Utilities receive feedback on the measures
17 from any of the organizations listed above?

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19 **A.** Yes, the FEECA Utilities received feedback from several of
20 the organizations, most notably Earthjustice.

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22 **Q.** Did the FEECA Utilities add any of the measures that were
23 recommended by the organizations listed above to the final
24 measures list?

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1 **A.** Yes, the FEECA Utilities reviewed the recommended additions
2 and added them where appropriate. Several of the
3 recommended measures were already included in the measure
4 list, some measures were removed as they are considered
5 behavioral in nature, and some were excluded because they
6 are emerging measures that are not commercially available
7 at this time. However, the company's existing research and
8 development program could be used to evaluate these
9 emerging technologies further when they do become
10 commercially available.

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12 **Q.** Were there any measures, beyond behavioral or ones that
13 would be considered emerging technologies, that were
14 eliminated from the measure list?

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16 **A.** Yes, for consistency with prior DSM goal setting periods,
17 the company did not include any supply side efficiency
18 measures as potential measures for this DSM goals setting
19 proceeding.

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21 **Q.** Please identify how many DSM measures were evaluated that
22 support this 2025-2034 DSM goals setting proceeding?

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24 **A.** Tampa Electric's comprehensive DSM measure list developed
25 was comprised of the following:

1	Residential Energy Efficiency Measures:	119
2	Commercial Energy Efficiency Measures:	164
3	Industrial Energy Efficiency Measures:	112
4	Demand Response Measures:	29
5	<u>Distributed Energy Resource Measures:</u>	<u>24</u>
6	Combined Total DSM Measures:	448

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Q. How does this measure list compare to the prior DSM goal setting proceeding that occurred in 2019?

A. Tampa Electric evaluated 277 total DSM measures in the prior DSM goal setting proceeding in 2019.

Q. How did Tampa Electric ensure that the DSM measure list was complete and accurate?

A. Tampa Electric and the other FEECA Utilities and Resource Innovations conducted weekly phones calls between May 2022 and early 2024 to ensure the DSM measure list and the associated demand and energy savings impacts from each measure were accurate.

Q. Beyond the measure list categories listed above, did the measures have further segmentation?

1 **A.** Yes, each of the energy efficiency, demand response, and
2 distributed energy resources categories for residential,
3 commercial, and industrial sectors were further segmented.

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5 Residential energy efficiency and demand response was
6 segmented into:

- 7 • Single family homes
- 8 • Multi-family homes
- 9 • Manufactured homes

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11 The residential distributed energy resources category was
12 segmented into:

- 13 • Single family homes
- 14 • Multi-family homes

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16 Commercial energy efficiency was segmented into:

- 17 • Assembly
- 18 • College and University
- 19 • Grocery
- 20 • Healthcare
- 21 • Hospitals
- 22 • Institutional
- 23 • Lodging/Hospitality
- 24 • Miscellaneous
- 25 • Restaurants

- 1 • Retail
- 2 • School K-12
- 3 • Warehouse

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5 Commercial demand response was segmented into customers

6 using the following energy usages:

- 7 • 0 - 15,000 kWh
- 8 • 15,0001 - 25,000 kWh
- 9 • 25,001 - 50,000 kWh
- 10 • ≥ 50,001 kWh

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12 The commercial distributed energy resources category was

13 segmented into the following:

14 Battery storage:

- 15 • 0 - 15 MWh
- 16 • >15 MWh - 25 MWh
- 17 • >25 - 50 MWh
- 18 • >50 MWh

19 Photovoltaics:

- 20 • Assembly
- 21 • College and University
- 22 • Grocery
- 23 • Healthcare
- 24 • Hospitals
- 25 • Institutional

- 1 • Lodging/Hospitality
- 2 • Miscellaneous
- 3 • Restaurants
- 4 • Retail
- 5 • School K-12
- 6 • Warehouse

7 Combined Heat and Power:

- 8 • 5500 kW Steam Turbine-Biomass
- 9 • 3500 kW Steam Turbine-Biomass
- 10 • 3500 kW Gas Turbine
- 11 • 3000 kW Gas Turbine
- 12 • 2500 kW Gas Turbine
- 13 • 4500 kW Reciprocating Engine
- 14 • 1500 kW Steam Turbine-Biomass
- 15 • 3000 kW Reciprocating Engine
- 16 • 1125 kW Fuel Cell
- 17 • 800 kW Fuel Cell-Biogas
- 18 • 1250 kW Reciprocating Engine
- 19 • 1250 kW Reciprocating Engine-Biogas
- 20 • 500 kW Fuel Cell
- 21 • 350 kW Reciprocating Engine
- 22 • 175 kW Fuel Cell
- 23 • 200 kW Micro Turbine
- 24 • 150 kW Reciprocating Engine
- 25 • 100 kW Micro Turbine

- 1 • 100 kW Micro Turbine-Biogas
- 2 • 50 kW Micro Turbine

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4 Industrial energy efficiency was segmented into:

- 5 • Agriculture and Assembly
- 6 • Chemicals and Plastics
- 7 • Construction
- 8 • Electrical and Electronic Equipment
- 9 • Lumber/Furniture/Pulp/Paper
- 10 • Metal Products and Machinery
- 11 • Miscellaneous Manufacturing
- 12 • Primary Resource Industries
- 13 • Stone/Clay/Glass/Concrete
- 14 • Textiles and Leather
- 15 • Transportation Equipment
- 16 • Water and Wastewater

17

18 Large Commercial and Industrial demand response was
19 segmented into customers using the following demand usages:

- 20 • 0 - 50 kW
- 21 • 51 - 300 kW
- 22 • 301 - 500 kW
- 23 • \geq 501 kW

24

25 Q. How do these residential, commercial, and industrial

1 segments affect the measure list?

2

3 **A.** Segmentation allows the company to examine each measure's
4 cost effectiveness in multiple scenarios. For example, a
5 residential smart thermostat is one measure, but it will be
6 analyzed six ways, including installation in: (1) a new
7 single-family home; (2) an existing single-family home; (3)
8 a new multi-family home; (4) an existing multiple-family
9 home; (5) a new manufactured home; and (6) an existing
10 manufactured home. These additional analyses are called
11 permutations. The residential, commercial, and industrial
12 segmentation provided above involved cost-effectiveness
13 analysis of 8,042 individual permutations of the measure
14 list.

15

16 **Q.** Were there any commercial or industrial segments that were
17 excluded from the technical potential?

18

19 **A.** No, the technical potential was based upon the load forecast
20 of Tampa Electric, so all customers and market segments
21 were included in the technical potential analysis.

22

23 **Q.** Does the measure list contain demand-side renewable energy
24 systems?

25

1 **A.** Yes, the Distributed Energy Resource measures contains
2 residential and commercial photovoltaic systems, in
3 addition to photovoltaic systems paired with battery
4 storage.

5
6 **Q.** Do you have a list of all the DSM measures you provide the
7 count for above?

8
9 **A.** Yes, the comprehensive list of all the DSM measures the
10 company utilized in the development of the company's
11 proposed 2025-2034 DSM goals is included in my Exhibit No.
12 MRR-1, Document No. 6, with more detail for each measure
13 provided in my Exhibit No. MRR-1, Document No. 5 in the
14 Appendices A, B and C.

15
16 **Q.** Do you have a list of all the DSM measures that were
17 eliminated from consideration as compared to the 2019
18 technical potential study?

19 **A.** Yes, in my Exhibit No. MRR-1, Document No. 5 provides the
20 measures that were eliminated from consideration and their
21 reason for elimination near the end of each of the
22 Appendices A, B, and C.

23
24 **Q.** Did the collaborative process among the FEECA utilities
25 bring value to the overall DSM goals setting process?

1 **A.** Yes, the process provided significant benefits including
2 economic benefits from sharing in the total costs,
3 providing an open platform to thoroughly vet differences
4 and establish consistency, and establishing accurate
5 baselines to begin the new period of setting DSM goals. My
6 Exhibit No. MRR-1, Document No. 7, contains an outline of
7 the overall process to determine the technical potential.

8

9 **TAMPA ELECTRIC'S TECHNICAL POTENTIAL:**

10 **Q.** What is Tampa Electric's technical potential?

11

12 **A.** The company's technical potential is made up of estimates
13 for energy efficiency, demand response, and distributed
14 energy resources. The technical potential estimates from
15 these categories are not additive due to the interactive
16 effect of certain measures on end uses. With this backdrop,
17 Tampa Electric's technical potential for energy efficiency
18 is:

19	Summer Demand:	1,390 MW
20	Winter Demand:	779 MW
21	Annual Energy:	5,469 GWh

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23 Tampa Electric's technical potential for demand response
24 is:

25	Summer Demand:	3,112 MW
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1 Winter Demand: 3,130 MW
2 Annual Energy: 0 GWh
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4 Tampa Electric's technical potential for distributed energy
5 resources is:

6 Summer Demand: 1,725 MW
7 Winter Demand: 1,424 MW
8 Annual Energy: 12,004 GWh
9

10 The full detail of these values is included in my Exhibit
11 MRR-1, Document No. 8, including how these values compare
12 to the company's Technical Potential developed in 2019.
13

14 **PROCESS USED TO DEVELOP THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL:**

15 **Q.** Please describe the process Tampa Electric utilized to
16 develop the company's economic potential?
17

18 **A.** Tampa Electric began developing the economic potential in
19 early 2022 by asking the company's Load Research and
20 Forecasting Department to prepare a load forecast
21 specifically for the DSM goals setting 2025-2034 period and
22 asking the Resource Planning Department to utilize this
23 forecast to perform an updated integrated resource planning
24 ("IRP") process to determine the timing and costs of the
25 next avoided unit and fuel costs.

1 The company determined the remaining cost-effectiveness
2 inputs by taking the current 2023 values and escalating
3 them into the year 2025.

4
5 Tampa Electric then took the comprehensive list of all DSM
6 measures contained in the technical potential that were
7 spread across the various categories and building types and
8 developed the economic potential by utilizing the
9 Commission's approved cost-effectiveness tests, namely, the
10 RIM and TRC tests. When calculating the RIM test, only
11 lost revenues were considered on the cost side of the
12 equation. For the TRC test, only the customer's full
13 incremental equipment cost was considered on the cost side
14 of the equation. For both the RIM and TRC tests, the
15 benefits were comprised of avoided supply side costs that
16 included the generator, transmission and distribution, and
17 fuel costs. This process to develop the economic potential
18 is included in my Exhibit No. MRR-1, Document No. 9.

19
20 **Q.** Is the load forecast that was generated to support the 2025-
21 2034 DSM goals setting period the same as Tampa Electric's
22 typical annual forecast used to develop the company's Ten-
23 Year Site Plan?

24
25 **A.** No. This load forecast uses the same methodology as the

1 company's typical annual forecast used to develop the
2 company's Ten-Year Site Plan with the exception that it
3 assumes that all DSM activities stop as of December 31,
4 2024.

5

6 **Q.** Is the IRP process used with this modified load forecast to
7 support the 2025-2034 DSM goals setting period the same as
8 Tampa Electric's typical annual process used to develop the
9 company's Ten-Year Site Plan?

10

11 **A.** Yes, it is identical.

12

13 **Q.** Is the IRP process used to support the 2025-2034 DSM goals
14 setting period the same process that Tampa Electric used in
15 prior DSM goals setting periods?

16

17 **A.** Yes, the IRP process that Tampa Electric used for this
18 docket has been utilized and approved in all previous DSM
19 goals setting proceedings and is clearly delineated in the
20 company's annual Ten-Year Site Plan filing.

21

22 **Q.** Can you describe the avoided unit and projected fuel costs
23 that were determined in the IRP process you previously
24 described?

25

1 **A.** Yes. My Exhibit No. MRR-1, Document No. 10 provides this
2 information.

3
4 **Q.** Please identify all input assumptions that were used in the
5 RIM and TRC cost-effectiveness tests to develop the
6 economic potential?

7
8 **A.** My Exhibit No. MRR-1, Document No. 11 identifies all the
9 input assumptions that were used in the cost-effectiveness
10 RIM and TRC tests to develop the economic potential.

11
12 **TAMPA ELECTRIC'S ECONOMIC POTENTIAL:**

13 **Q.** What is Tampa Electric's economic potential?

14
15 **A.** Under the RIM cost-effectiveness test evaluation, the
16 economic potential resulted in the following savings:

17 Summer Demand: 5,259 MW
18 Winter Demand: 4,986 MW
19 Annual Energy: 8,571 GWh

20
21 Under the TRC cost-effectiveness test evaluation, this
22 economic potential resulted in the following savings:

23 Summer Demand: 3,326 MW
24 Winter Demand: 3,414 MW
25 Annual Energy: 1,377 GWh

1 These values are separated in my Exhibit MRR-1, Document
2 No. 12 to show their respective contributions in energy
3 efficiency, demand response, and distributed energy
4 resources.

5
6 **TAMPA ELECTRIC'S ECONOMIC POTENTIAL SENSITIVITIES:**

7 **Q.** Please describe what economic potential sensitivities Tampa
8 Electric conducted to be compliant with the Commission's
9 Order Establishing Procedure in this proceeding.

10
11 **A.** Tampa Electric's economic potential sensitivity analyses
12 were conducted based upon the RIM and TRC economic
13 potentials with regard to the following factors:

- 14 1) Lower fuel costs;
15 2) Higher fuel costs;
16 3) Shorter free-ridership consideration;
17 4) Longer free-ridership consideration; and
18 5) Consideration of the cost of carbon.

19
20 **Q.** How did the company perform the sensitivity for lower and
21 higher fuel costs?

22
23 **A.** The sensitivity for lower and higher fuel costs was
24 performed by varying the fuel cost up (High) and down (Low)
25 by 20 percent, which was a similar percentage of variation

1 that was used in prior DSM goal proceedings for fuel cost
2 sensitivities. This process is outlined in my Exhibit No.
3 MRR-1, Document No. 13.

4
5 **Q.** How did the company perform the sensitivity for shorter and
6 longer free-ridership consideration?

7
8 **A.** The sensitivity for shorter and longer free-ridership
9 consideration was performed by changing the requirement
10 from a two-year simple payback to a one-year simple payback
11 (shorter) and a three-year simple payback (longer) for each
12 individual permutation. This process is also outlined in
13 my Exhibit No. MRR-1, Document No. 13

14
15 **Q.** Did the company consider the cost of carbon?

16
17 **A.** Yes, the company did consider it and chose not to include
18 the cost of carbon dioxide ("CO₂" or "Carbon") in the
19 process of establishing the economic potential or to
20 perform sensitivities with some cost of carbon.

21
22 **Q.** Why did Tampa Electric choose not to include the cost of
23 carbon in the development of the economic potential or
24 perform sensitivities that included the cost of carbon?

25

1 **A.** Tampa Electric has two reasons for not including the cost
2 of carbon in the development of the economic potential or
3 performing sensitivities that included the cost of carbon.
4 The first reason is that Tampa Electric does not include
5 the cost of carbon in the IRP process that was used to
6 establish the costs and fuel costs of the next avoided unit
7 for this 2025-2034 DSM goals setting proceeding and the
8 company does not include the cost of carbon in the IRP
9 process that is used to develop the company's annual ten-
10 year site plan. The second is that there are currently no
11 State or Federal laws or regulations that impose a cost on
12 emissions of greenhouse gases like carbon.

13
14 **Q.** Has the company ever considered the cost of carbon in a DSM
15 goal setting proceeding?

16
17 **A.** Yes. At the request of Commission Staff, the company
18 performed a sensitivity analysis using a cost of carbon in
19 the 2005-2014 DSM goals setting proceeding.

20
21 **Q.** Please describe the results of the sensitivity analyses
22 that were applied to Tampa Electric's 2025-2034 RIM and TRC
23 DSM economic potentials.

24
25 **A.** Tampa Electric's sensitivity analyses results on the 2025-

1 2034 RIM and TRC DSM economic potentials were modest at
2 best. From both RIM and TRC perspectives, the greater
3 variation occurred with annual energy relative to fuel
4 costs and payback duration. The full detail of the
5 sensitivity analyses performed is included in my Exhibit
6 MRR-1, Document No. 14.

7
8 **Q.** Should the results of these sensitivity analyses be used in
9 any manner to influence or establish Tampa Electric's DSM
10 goals for the 2025-2034 period?

11
12 **A.** No, Tampa Electric believes the sensitivity analyses simply
13 provide a relative indication as to how cost-effectiveness
14 evaluations may be affected by changes in assumptions.
15 There is no basis to conclude that assumption changes
16 modeled by the company for this sensitivity exercise will,
17 in some manner, become more plausible than the actual
18 assumptions utilized.

19
20 **TAMPA ELECTRIC'S AVOIDED GENERATING UNIT SELECTION:**

21 **Q.** What is the avoided generating unit that Tampa Electric
22 used in the preparation of these proposed DSM goals?

23
24 **A.** The avoided generating unit the company used in the
25 preparation of these proposed DSM goals is a natural gas

1 reciprocating engine.

2

3 **Q.** When is the projected date for this natural gas
4 reciprocating engine to be placed in service?

5

6 **A.** This natural gas reciprocating engine is projected to be
7 placed into service in January of 2030.

8

9 **Q.** Does Tampa Electric have any other generating units that
10 would begin construction and are scheduled to be placed
11 into service during this DSM goals period, but prior to
12 this natural gas reciprocating engine?

13

14 **A.** Yes, Tampa Electric has one planned 74.5 MW solar site with
15 an in-service date of January 2027.

16

17 **Q.** Why did Tampa Electric choose to use the natural gas
18 reciprocating unit as the avoided unit used for this DSM
19 goals period?

20

21 **A.** Tampa Electric selected the natural gas reciprocating
22 engine as the next avoided unit after considering the
23 following:

24

- The unit is fueled by fossil fuels, and the company
25 believes avoidance of a fossil fueled unit adheres

25

- 1 more to advancing the policy objectives of FEECA.
- 2 • Historically, the company has always used fossil
- 3 fueled generating units as the avoided units for DSM
- 4 goal planning.
- 5 • The unit is within this proceeding's DSM goal planning
- 6 horizon.

7

8 **Q.** Would you provide a comparison of these generating units?

9

10 **A.** Yes, a comparison of the generating units is below:

11

12 Natural Gas Reciprocating Engine:

13 In service date: January 2030

14 Cost: \$1,307.06 per kW

15 Fixed O&M: \$30.02 per kW per year

16 Fuel Cost: \$5.99 per MMBtu

17 Rating: 18.7 MW

18

19 Solar Site:

20 In service date: January 2027

21 Cost: \$1,416.40 per kW

22 Fixed O&M: \$18.55 per kW per year

23 Fuel Cost: \$0.00

24 Rating: 74.5 MW

25

1 Q. If Tampa Electric chose to use the solar site as the avoided
2 generating unit for this DSM goals period, would you explain
3 how the goals the company proposed would change?
4

5 A. If Tampa Electric used the solar site coming online in 2027
6 as the avoided unit for the development of DSM goals in
7 this proceeding, the company's proposed goals would be
8 approximately the same for the following reasons:

- 9 • The cost of the fossil fuel avoided generating unit
10 and the cost of the solar generating unit are
11 relatively close to each other.
- 12 • The net fuel benefits for the evaluation between both
13 units would be the same (i.e., if both units were
14 avoided, the fuel consumption would still be using
15 Tampa Electric's existing generation fleet).
- 16 • The fuel cost of the solar site is zero, which would
17 place some downward pressure on the amount of cost-
18 effective DSM offered, but this would be offset by the
19 planned in-service date of the solar unit in 2027 as
20 it is closer to the DSM base year of 2025, as compared
21 to the 2030 natural gas reciprocating engine. This
22 avoided unit timing change would place upward pressure
23 on the amount of cost-effective DSM to be offered.
- 24 • Both of these units feature high avoided generation
25 benefits in the cost-effectiveness evaluation. The

1 limiting component on most of the measures beyond the
2 economic potential, with the addition of program
3 administration costs and possible incentives, is the
4 incentive being limited to the two-year simple
5 payback. With this incentive limitation for the same
6 cost-effective programs, leads to the programs'
7 incentive, participation projections, and resulting
8 energy and demand savings to be approximately the same
9 for both units.

10

11 **Q.** Do you believe the avoided generating unit used for DSM
12 goals planning should always be a fossil fueled unit?

13

14 **A.** For the reasons I explained above, Tampa Electric believes
15 that if there is a fossil fuel unit within the DSM goals
16 planning period, then that unit should be used.

17 Tampa Electric also believes that the company will
18 eventually reach the point that some other FEECA Utilities
19 have already reached, when there is no fossil fuel
20 generating unit within the company's planning horizon. In
21 this situation, we believe that it is very appropriate to
22 use the next planned generating source (solar site, utility
23 battery, etc.) as the avoided unit for DSM planning
24 purposes.

25

1 **TAMPA ELECTRIC'S CONSIDERATION OF FREE-RIDERS:**

2 **Q.** Please describe the process that Tampa Electric utilized to
3 consider free-riders in developing the proposed DSM goals
4 in this proceeding.

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6 **A.** Tampa Electric considered free-ridership through the
7 application of a longstanding Commission recognized
8 practice, known as the two-year payback screen. Under this
9 method, which was initially approved in the 1994 DSM goals
10 proceeding, any measure that has a simple payback of two
11 years or less without a utility incentive is removed from
12 the RIM and TRC achievable (now program) potential. The
13 execution of this consideration for free-ridership required
14 not only the use of the RIM and TRC cost-effectiveness
15 tests, but also the PCT in conjunction with each.

16
17 **Q.** What does the term "free-ridership" mean to Tampa Electric?

18
19 **A.** The term "free-ridership" describes a situation where a
20 customer willingly accepts a rebate or other type of
21 incentive to purchase goods or services that the customer
22 would have purchased anyway, without the rebate or other
23 incentive, because of the cost-effectiveness of the goods
24 or services purchased.

25

1 Q. Does Tampa Electric support the two-year or less simple
2 payback screen as an appropriate way to consider for free-
3 riders?

4
5 A. Yes, Tampa Electric supports the two-year or less simple
6 payback screen as an appropriate method to consider free-
7 riders for the following reasons:

- 8 • The two-year or less payback screen is very easy to
9 understand from a customer's perspective. It is also
10 very easy for customers to incorporate into a
11 project's plan or proposal from a financial
12 justification perspective (i.e., to not overstate
13 their potential incentive).
- 14 • Historically, from a rate of return perspective, a 50
15 percent rate of return on an investment should provide
16 sufficient natural, self-serving motivation to a
17 customer to financially invest in a DSM measure
18 without additional incentives, recognizing these
19 additional incentives would be paid for by other rate
20 payers.
- 21 • The two-year or less payback screen is easy, very
22 inexpensive, and cost-effective to administer as
23 compared to other methods. During the recent
24 rulemaking workshops for amending Rule 25-17.0021,
25 several vendors offered their estimates to perform

1 surveys and measurement and verification services as
2 an alternative free ridership screening method. Their
3 estimated costs for these services were equivalent to
4 around five (5) percent of a utility's annual DSM
5 portfolio spend. If this was adopted by Tampa
6 Electric, it would increase the annual conservation
7 costs by approximately \$2,250,000 and essentially
8 provide no additional participation or energy savings
9 benefits to customers.

10

11 Because of these reasons and Rule 25-17.0021, F.A.C., which
12 requires the minimization of free riders in the setting of
13 DSM goals, the two-year simple payback criterion is the
14 appropriate means to continue to apply to minimize free-
15 ridership as required by Rule.

16

17 **Q.** How many measures remained qualified after consideration of
18 free-ridership under the RIM and PCT evaluation?

19

20 **A.** After consideration of free-ridership, 1,364 individual
21 measure permutations remained qualified under the RIM and
22 PCT.

23

24 **Q.** How many measures were removed due to having a simple
25 payback of two-years or less after consideration of free-

1 ridership under the RIM and PCT evaluation?

2

3 **A.** After consideration of free-ridership, the two-year payback
4 removed 1,679 individual measure permutations under the RIM
5 and PCT evaluation. In perspective, the RIM test removed
6 534 measure permutations and the PCT removed 4,339
7 permutations under the RIM and PCT evaluation prior to
8 applying the two-year payback consideration.

9

10 **Q.** How many measures remained qualified after consideration of
11 free-ridership under the TRC and PCT evaluation?

12

13 **A.** After consideration of free-ridership, 1,364 individual
14 measure permutations remained qualified under the TRC and
15 PCT evaluation.

16

17 **Q.** How many measures were removed due to having a simple
18 payback of two-years after consideration of free-ridership
19 under the TRC and PCT evaluation?

20

21 **A.** After consideration of free-ridership, the two-year payback
22 removed 1,766 individual measure permutations under the TRC
23 and PCT evaluation. In perspective, the TRC test removed
24 4,664 measure permutations and the PCT removed 122
25 permutations under the TRC and PCT evaluation prior to

1 applying the two-year payback consideration.

2

3 **Q.** Did Tampa Electric comply with Commission Staff's request
4 and the Order Establishing Procedure by performing a
5 sensitivity analysis utilizing the consideration of free-
6 ridership?

7

8 **A.** Yes. As described earlier, Tampa Electric complied with
9 Staff's request and the Order Establishing Procedure by
10 performing a sensitivity analysis utilizing the
11 consideration of free-ridership of a one-year and three-
12 year period for the simple payback.

13

14 **Q.** How many individual measure permutations were removed under
15 the RIM and PCT evaluation due to having a simple payback
16 of either one or three-years as compared to the two-year
17 free-ridership consideration?

18

19 **A.** The amount of individual measure permutations that were
20 removed using a one, two, and three-year simple payback
21 under the RIM and PCT evaluation was as follows:

22

23 Measure Permutations removed:

24 One-year Free-Ridership Sensitivity: 1,177

25 Two-year Free Ridership Sensitivity: 1,679

1 Three-year Free-Ridership Sensitivity: 2,259

2

3 **Q.** How many individual measure permutations were removed under
4 the TRC and PCT evaluation due to having a simple payback
5 of either one or three-years as compared to the two-year
6 free-ridership consideration?

7

8 **A.** The amount of individual measure permutations that were
9 removed using a one, two, and three-year simple payback
10 under the TRC and PCT evaluation was as follows:

11

12 Measure Permutations removed:

13 One-year Free-Ridership Sensitivity: 1,225

14 Two-year Free Ridership Sensitivity: 1,766

15 Three-year Free-Ridership Sensitivity: 2,352

16

17 **Q.** Do you have a summary showing the free-ridership
18 consideration, in addition to the results of the free-
19 ridership sensitivities?

20

21 **A.** Yes, my Exhibit No. MRR-1, Document No. 14 provides a
22 summary showing the results of the economic potential cost-
23 effectiveness sensitivity analysis and my Exhibit MRR-1,
24 Document No. 15 shows the free ridership consideration
25 provided above showing the two-year simple payback

1 consideration following the economic potential.

2

3 **Q.** Before we leave the free-ridership topic, did Tampa
4 Electric include any of the measures which were screened
5 out for having a simple payback of less than two years in
6 any of the DSM portfolios the company established?

7

8 **A.** Yes, all three portfolios contain the company's Energy and
9 Renewable Education, Awareness and Agency Outreach program
10 and the Neighborhood Weatherization program. Each of these
11 programs contains an energy efficiency kit which is
12 comprised of several measures that have a very quick simple
13 payback of less than two years.

14

15 **Q.** Are there other DSM programs in the company's portfolios
16 that address measures that have less than a two-year payback
17 with customers?

18

19 **A.** Yes, in the performance of the residential and
20 commercial/industrial energy audits where a walk-through is
21 performed, the company's certified energy analysts will
22 identify and communicate to the customer identified no cost
23 and low-cost conservation measures and practices, including
24 those that have less than a two-year payback. Also, the
25 residential customer assisted energy audit (online) program

1 provides recommendations that include behavioral
2 improvements that have instantaneous paybacks in addition
3 to the recommendation of measures and practices that have
4 paybacks that are less than two years.

5

6 **PROCESS TO DEVELOP THE PROPOSED DSM PROGRAMS:**

7 **Q.** Would you describe the overall process that Tampa Electric
8 utilized to develop the program potential in this
9 proceeding.

10

11 **A.** Yes. To develop the program potential, the company takes
12 all the measures that successfully passed cost-
13 effectiveness and the free-ridership consideration at the
14 economic potential and further performs RIM and TRC cost-
15 effectiveness by introducing additional costs. First, the
16 company will include program administration costs without
17 any incentives or rebates. The measures that pass this
18 level of RIM and TRC cost-effectiveness are then analyzed
19 to see if an incentive or a rebate can be introduced. In
20 this process, for the RIM test the rebate is set at either
21 the maximum level to drive the RIM cost-effectiveness score
22 to be 1.01 or to the level that places the measure's simple
23 payback at two years. For the TRC cost-effectiveness test,
24 the rebate is set at the level that places the measures
25 simple payback at two years. Once the incentive levels

1 have been determined that will maximize participation, the
2 company used Bass Models, Adoption Curves, and its
3 experience with current programs and incentives to estimate
4 and project the activity over the 2025-2034 DSM goals
5 setting period within each of the cost-effective measures.
6 At this level the company is evaluating these measures as
7 potential programs. The individual program's annual energy
8 (in kWh) and summer and winter demand (in kW) are determined
9 for their contributions in each of the 2025-2034 DSM goals
10 period years. All the residential and commercial/industrial
11 contributions are summed by year for these sectors and
12 totaled to become the annual and cumulative DSM achievable
13 potential. This process to develop the program potential
14 is included in my Exhibit MRR-1, Document No 16.

15
16 **Q.** How did Tampa Electric develop the administrative costs
17 utilized in the development of the achievable potential?

18
19 **A.** Tampa Electric has significant experience running effective
20 DSM programs and utilized the administrative cost estimated
21 based on its experience with the same or similar measures
22 contained in the company's existing DSM programs.

23
24 **Q.** Did Tampa Electric develop all of the measures that passed
25 cost effectiveness, beyond the economic potential and with

1 administrative and incentive costs, for the RIM and TRC
2 portfolios into programs within those portfolios?

3

4 **A.** No, in each of the portfolios there were measures that
5 survived cost-effectiveness but were determined to be
6 economically unattractive or the developed incentive was
7 too low to support having it as a DSM program.

8

9 **Q.** Would you describe what an economically unattractive DSM
10 program is?

11

12 **A.** An economically unattractive DSM program is one that either
13 passes cost-effectiveness but the administration cost to
14 run that program is significantly more than the potential
15 rebate a customer would receive, the administration cost
16 outweighs the incremental cost of the equipment, or the
17 rebate is so small that it is unlikely that a customer would
18 take the time to participate. An example of this would be
19 weather stripping. The estimated cost to administer this
20 as a residential DSM program is \$35 per participant and it
21 has an incremental equipment cost of \$16.94 per
22 installation. Its simple payback is 7.19 years, so a rebate
23 could be developed, but it does not make economic sense to
24 charge customers \$35 dollars in administration cost, plus
25 a few dollars for the potential rebate, for a measure that

1 customers could purchase for less than half of the
2 administration and incentive costs at a home improvement
3 store.

4
5 **Q.** Would you list those measures/programs that were removed
6 from consideration due to this situation?

7
8 **A.** Yes, below is the list of energy efficiency
9 measures/programs that were removed from consideration due
10 to this situation:

11
12 **Residential - RIM portfolio**

- 13 • ENERGY STAR room air conditioner
- 14 • Five (5) Watt LED bulbs
- 15 • Hot water pipe insulation
- 16 • Variable refrigerant flow system
- 17 • Weather stripping

18
19 **Residential - TRC portfolio**

- 20 • ENERGY STAR clothes washer
- 21 • ENERGY STAR freezer
- 22 • ENERGY STAR room air conditioner
- 23 • Five (5) Watt LED bulbs
- 24 • Hot water pipe insulation
- 25 • Linear LED fixtures

- 1 • Variable refrigerant flow system
- 2 • Weather stripping

3

4 **Commercial - RIM portfolio**

- 5 • Anti-sweat controls
- 6 • Auto off time switch
- 7 • Efficient battery charger
- 8 • ENERGY STAR combination oven
- 9 • ENERGY STAR room air conditioner
- 10 • Hotel energy card system
- 11 • Ozone laundry
- 12 • Water source heat pump

13

14 **Commercial - TRC portfolio**

- 15 • Anti-sweat controls
- 16 • Auto off time switch
- 17 • Efficient battery charger
- 18 • ENERGY STAR combination oven
- 19 • ENERGY STAR commercial glass door freezer
- 20 • ENERGY STAR convection oven
- 21 • ENERGY STAR room air conditioner
- 22 • ENERGY STAR steamer
- 23 • Faucet aerators
- 24 • High efficiency DX air conditioner
- 25 • Hotel energy card system

- 1 • Low flow showerheads
- 2 • Ozone laundry

3

4 **Industrial - RIM portfolio**

- 5 • Energy efficient transformers
- 6 • Low pressure drop filter

7

8 **Industrial - TRC portfolio**

- 9 • Energy efficient transformers
- 10 • LEED new construction

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12 **Q.** Did Tampa Electric include the remaining cost-effective DSM
13 programs into one of the programs that the company included
14 in its RIM or TRC portfolios?

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16 **A.** Yes, Tampa Electric included all of the remaining cost-
17 effective programs into either a separate and stand-alone
18 DSM program or combined measures where appropriate to
19 establish a DSM program.

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21 **Q.** Would you provide an example of how Tampa Electric combined
22 measures to establish a DSM program?

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24 **A.** Yes. The following DSM programs are examples of DSM
25 programs that Tampa Electric designed using a combination

1 of measures:

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3 **Commercial/Industrial VFD and Motor Controls** - this program
4 is comprised of eight (8) cost-effectiveness passing
5 measures. Each of these measures either controls a motor's
6 operation (2 measures) or controls the motor's speed of
7 operation through a speed drive (6 measures). Since all of
8 these measures are controlling the operation of a motor for
9 energy efficiency and demand savings purposes, the company
10 designed this program to support all of the measures. It
11 is important to note that this design is expanding the
12 current program offering that was limited to only speed
13 drive installation on air or refrigerant compressors.

14 **Commercial/Industrial Custom Energy Efficiency** - this
15 program will include identification of additional potential
16 measures for participation including ENERGY STAR steamers,
17 reflective roof treatments, windows, duct sealing, air
18 sealing. These additional measures can be served better in
19 a custom program rather than a stand-alone DSM program.

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21 **TAMPA ELECTRIC'S PROPOSED PORTFOLIO OF DSM PROGRAMS:**

22 **Q.** What are Tampa Electric's proposed DSM programs that
23 support the proposed DSM annual goals that are appropriate
24 and reasonably achievable for the period 2025-2034?

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1 **A.** The proposed residential and commercial/industrial DSM
2 programs that support the proposed DSM goals for the period
3 2025-2034 are as follows:

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5 **Residential Programs:**

- 6 1. Residential Walk-Through Audit (Free Energy Check)
- 7 2. Residential Customer Assisted Energy Audit (Online)
- 8 3. Residential Computer Assisted Energy Audit
9 (RCS) (Paid)
- 10 4. Residential Ceiling Insulation
- 11 5. Residential Duct Repair
- 12 6. Energy and Renewable Education, Awareness and
13 Agency Outreach
- 14 7. ENERGY STAR for New Multi-Family Residences
- 15 8. ENERGY STAR for New Homes
- 16 9. ENERGY STAR Thermostats
- 17 10. Residential Heating and Cooling
- 18 11. Neighborhood Weatherization
- 19 12. Residential Price Responsive Load Management (Energy
20 Planner)
- 21 13. Residential Prime Time Plus
- 22 14. Renewable Energy Program (Sun-To-Go)

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24 **Commercial/Industrial Programs:**

- 25 1. Commercial/Industrial Audit (Free)

- 1 2. Comprehensive Commercial/Industrial Audit (Paid)
- 2 3. Cogeneration
- 3 4. Commercial/Industrial Custom Energy Efficiency
- 4 5. Demand Response
- 5 6. Industrial Load Management (GSLM 2&3)
- 6 7. Lighting Conditioned Space
- 7 8. Lighting Non-Conditioned Space
- 8 9. Lighting Occupancy Sensors
- 9 10. Commercial Load Management (GSLM 1)
- 10 11. Standby Generator
- 11 12. VFD and Motor Controls
- 12 13. Commercial Heat Pump water Heater and Drain water
- 13 Heat Recovery
- 14 14. Conservation Research and Development ("R&D")
- 15 15. Renewable Energy Program (Sun-To-Go)

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17 **Q.** Did Tampa Electric perform a cost-effectiveness analysis
18 for each of the proposed DSM programs listed above?

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20 **A.** No. The company did not apply a cost-effectiveness analysis
21 to the following programs:

- 22 • Residential Walk-Through Audit (Free Energy Check)
- 23 • Residential Customer Assisted Energy Audit (Online)
- 24 • Residential Computer Assisted Energy Audit (RCS) (Paid)
- 25 • Commercial/Industrial Audit (Free)

- 1 • Comprehensive Commercial/Industrial Audit (Paid)
- 2 • Cogeneration
- 3 • Conservation Research and Development ("R&D")
- 4 • Renewable Energy Program (Sun-To-Go)

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6 **Q.** Does the company currently offer any of these DSM programs?

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8 **A.** Yes, Tampa Electric has offered each of these DSM programs
9 for almost 20 years in the company's Commission approved
10 DSM Plans.

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12 **Q.** Why is the Renewable Energy Program (Sun-To-Go) listed as
13 a proposed DSM program?

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15 **A.** The Commission originally approved the Renewable Energy
16 (Sun-To-Go) Program in Order No. PSC-2006-1062-TRF-EG,
17 issued December 26, 2006, in Docket No. 20060678. In that
18 Order, the Commission required Tampa Electric to include
19 the financial and participation data for the program in the
20 company's Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause filings.
21 The company accordingly lists the Renewable Energy Program
22 (Sun-To-Go) in each of the DSM program portfolios.

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24 **TAMPA ELECTRIC'S RIM PORTFOLIO OF DSM PROGRAMS:**

25 **Q.** What are Tampa Electric's RIM based DSM programs that are

1 appropriate and reasonably achievable for the period 2025-
2 2034?

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4 **A.** The RIM based residential and commercial/industrial DSM
5 programs that are appropriate and reasonably achievable for
6 the period 2025-2034 are as follows:

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8 **Residential Programs:**

- 9 1. Residential Walk-Through Audit (Free Energy Check)
- 10 2. Residential Customer Assisted Energy Audit (Online)
- 11 3. Residential Computer Assisted Energy Audit (RCS) (Paid)
- 12 4. Residential Ceiling Insulation
- 13 5. Residential Duct Repair
- 14 6. Energy and Renewable Education, Awareness and Agency
15 Outreach
- 16 7. ENERGY STAR for New Multi-Family Residences
- 17 8. ENERGY STAR for New Homes
- 18 9. ENERGY STAR Thermostats
- 19 10. Residential Heating and Cooling
- 20 11. Neighborhood Weatherization
- 21 12. Residential Price Responsive Load Management (Energy
22 Planner)
- 23 13. Residential Prime Time Plus
- 24 14. Renewable Energy Program (Sun-To-Go)

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1 **Commercial/Industrial Programs:**

- 2 1. Commercial/Industrial Audit (Free)
- 3 2. Comprehensive Commercial/Industrial Audit (Paid)
- 4 3. Cogeneration
- 5 4. Commercial/Industrial Custom Energy Efficiency
- 6 5. Demand Response
- 7 6. Industrial Load Management (GSLM 2&3)
- 8 7. Lighting Conditioned Space
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- 10 9. Lighting Occupancy Sensors
- 11 10. Commercial Load Management (GSLM 1)
- 12 11. Standby Generator
- 13 12. VFD and Motor Controls
- 14 13. Commercial Heat Pump Water Heater and Drain Water
- 15 Heat Recovery
- 16 14. Conservation Research and Development ("R&D")
- 17 15. Renewable Energy Program (Sun-To-Go)

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19 **Q.** Do all of the DSM programs listed above pass the RIM and

20 PCT test?

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22 **A.** No, not all of these DSM programs in the RIM portfolio pass

23 the RIM test. As Commission Staff explained in their

24 Recommendation to adopt the current version of Rule 25-

25 17.002, a DSM program may include measures that do not pass

1 the RIM test, so long as the program itself passes the RIM
2 test. Staff also explained that the Commission has a
3 history of including low-income DSM measures that do not
4 pass cost-effectiveness in approved DSM plans along with
5 measures that do. All of the DSM programs in the RIM
6 portfolio that are evaluated for cost-effectiveness
7 performed all pass the PCT test.

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9 **TAMPA ELECTRIC'S TRC PORTFOLIO OF DSM PROGRAMS:**

10 **Q.** What are Tampa Electric's TRC based DSM programs that are
11 appropriate and reasonably achievable for the period 2025-
12 2034?

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14 **A.** The TRC based residential and commercial/industrial DSM
15 programs that are appropriate and reasonably achievable for
16 the period 2025-2034 are as follows:

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18 **Residential Programs:**

- 19 1. Residential Walk-Through Audit (Free Energy Check)
- 20 2. Residential Customer Assisted Energy Audit (Online)
- 21 3. Residential Computer Assisted Energy Audit (RCS) (Paid)
- 22 4. Residential Ceiling Insulation
- 23 5. Residential Duct Repair
- 24 6. Energy and Renewable Education, Awareness and Agency
25 Outreach

- 1 7. ENERGY STAR for New Multi-Family Residences
- 2 8. ENERGY STAR for New Homes
- 3 9. ENERGY STAR Thermostats
- 4 10. Residential Heating and Cooling
- 5 11. Neighborhood Weatherization
- 6 12. Residential Price Responsive Load Management (Energy
- 7 Planner)
- 8 13. Residential Prime Time Plus
- 9 14. Renewable Energy Program (Sun-To-Go)

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Commercial/Industrial Programs:

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1. Commercial/Industrial Audit (Free)

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2. Comprehensive Commercial/Industrial Audit (Paid)

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3. Cogeneration

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4. Commercial/Industrial Custom Energy Efficiency

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5. Demand Response

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6. Destratification Fans

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7. Industrial Load Management (GSLM 2&3)

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8. Lighting Conditioned Space

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9. Lighting Non-Conditioned Space

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10. Lighting Occupancy Sensors

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11. Commercial Load Management (GSLM 1)

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12. Standby Generator

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13. VFD and Motor Controls

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14. Commercial Heat Pump Water Heater and Drain Water

1 Heat Recovery

2 15. Conservation Research and Development ("R&D")

3 16. Renewable Energy Program (Sun-To-Go)

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5 **Q.** Do all of the DSM programs listed above pass the TRC and
6 PCT test?

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8 **A.** No. As I explained above with respect to the RIM portfolio,
9 not all of these DSM programs in the TRC portfolio pass the
10 TRC test, but the Commission has a history of including
11 measures that do not pass cost-effectiveness in approved
12 DSM plans. All of the DSM programs that are evaluated for
13 cost-effectiveness performed all pass the PCT test.

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15 **COMPARISON OF PROPOSED DSM PROGRAMS WITH TAMPA ELECTRIC'S**
16 **CURRENT DSM PROGRAMS:**

17 **Q.** Please provide a comparison of the company's proposed DSM
18 programs and Tampa Electric's current DSM portfolio of
19 programs:

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21 **A.** The comparison below lists each of the company's current
22 DSM programs, describes any proposed changes to those
23 programs, and, for the programs that are retiring, explains
24 why they should be retired. The comparison also identifies
25 the new programs that the company does not currently offer.

1 Finally, the comparison describes any settlement agreement
2 requirements that impacted program design.

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4 **1. Residential Walk-Through Audit (Free Energy Check)**

- 5 • No modifications recommended.

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7 **2. Residential Customer Assisted Energy Audit (Online)**

- 8 • No modifications recommended.

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10 **3. Residential Computer Assisted Energy Audit (RCS) (Paid)**

- 11 • No modifications recommended.

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13 **4. Residential Ceiling Insulation**

- 14 • Increase the rebate to \$0.16, from \$0.15, per square
15 foot of insulation installed.
- 16 • Add requirement for installation minimum of R-11.
- 17 • Enable rebates to be stacked in amounts of R-11 (i.e.
18 - if customer installs R-22, customer will receive
19 \$0.32 per square foot of insulation installed.
- 20 • Remove a restriction that makes premises that
21 previously participated in the program ineligible.

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23 **5. Residential Duct Repair**

- 24 • Increase the rebate to \$270, from \$125, per air
25 distribution system ("ADS") repaired.

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6. Energy and Renewable Education, Awareness and Agency Outreach

- No modifications recommended.
- In the settlement that resolved Tampa Electric’s 2021 base rate case, the company agreed to increase the number of energy efficiency kits provided to qualifying customers each year. Tampa Electric is proposing to maintain this higher level of energy efficiency kits being provided each year.

7. ENERGY STAR for New Multi-Family Residences

- Increase the rebate to \$345, from \$300, per qualifying multi-family residence receiving the ENERGY STAR Certificate.

8. ENERGY STAR for New Homes

- Decrease the rebate to \$425, from \$1,000, per qualifying new residence receiving the ENERGY STAR Certificate.

9. ENERGY STAR Pool Pumps

- The program will be retired at the end of 2024 when the Federal Energy Efficiency Requirements for pool pumps will require all pool pumps to be variable speed eliminating the need for this program.

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10. ENERGY STAR Thermostats

- Decrease the rebate to \$22, from \$50, per qualifying ENERGY STAR thermostat installed.

11. Residential Heating and Cooling

- Split the existing program into two (2) Tiers.
- Tier 1: lower the rebate to \$40, from \$135, per qualifying air conditioning system.
- Maintain the existing energy efficiency requirement for Tier 1 qualifying air conditioner, which is to meet or exceed the current appliance SEER rating requirement by 1 SEER level (≥ 16 SEER) or by 1 SEER2 level (≥ 15.2 SEER2).
- Tier 2: increase the rebate to \$550, from \$135, per qualifying air conditioning system.
- Increase the existing energy efficiency requirement for Tier 2 qualifying air conditioner, to require participants to meet or exceed the current appliance SEER rating requirement by 2 SEER levels (≥ 17 SEER) or by 2 SEER2 level (≥ 16.2 SEER2).
- Add requirement that rebates are not stackable.

12. Neighborhood Weatherization

- Historically, if the customer had duct work that needed to be repaired (beyond sealing), Tampa Electric

1 would require the customer to repair the duct system
2 before the company would install insulation and seal
3 the duct system. Tampa Electric proposes to include
4 repairs to up to one duct run within the program to
5 enable some customers with damaged ducts to
6 participate in the program. If this change is
7 approved, the company intends to go back to prior
8 customers that were disqualified from participation in
9 the program to offer this repair work. The cost for
10 this repair is approximately \$500 per home. The
11 company projects this situation will occur on about 10
12 percent of eligible homes.

- 13 • In the settlement that resolved Tampa Electric's 2021
14 base rate case, the company agreed to increase the
15 number of customers receiving the Neighborhood
16 Weatherization program. Tampa Electric is proposing
17 to maintain this higher level of Neighborhood
18 Weatherization being provided each year.

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20 **13. Residential Price Responsive Load Management (Energy**
21 **Planner)**

- 22 • Add electric vehicle charging appliances (Level 2 or
23 greater) to the list of appliances that are eligible
24 for the program.
- 25 • Change the Tier (Low, Medium, and High) hours of the

1 program to align with proposed time of use rate periods
 2 in the company's 2024 rate case filings, with one
 3 exception.

	<u>Current Summer Hours</u>	<u>Proposed Summer Hours</u>
Weekdays		
Low:	11 P.M. - 6 A.M.	10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Medium:	6 A.M. - 1 P.M. 6 P.M. - 11 P.M.	9 P.M. - 10 A.M.
High:	1 P.M. - 6 P.M.	5 P.M. - 9 P.M.

	<u>Current Summer Hours</u>	<u>Proposed Summer Hours</u>
Weekends and Holidays		
Low:	11 P.M. - 6 A.M.	10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Medium:	6 A.M. - 11 P.M.	5 P.M. - 10 A.M.
High:	Not used	Not used

	<u>Current Winter Hours</u>	<u>Proposed Winter Hours</u>
Weekdays		
Low:	11 P.M. - 5 A.M.	10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Medium:	5 A.M. - 6 A.M. 10 A.M. - 11 P.M.	9 P.M. - 6 A.M.
High:	6 A.M. - 10 A.M.	6 A.M. - 10 A.M. 5 P.M. - 9 P.M.

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	<u>Current Winter Hours</u>	<u>Proposed Winter Hours</u>
Weekends and Holidays		
Low:	11 P.M. - 6 A.M.	10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Medium:	6 A.M. - 11 P.M.	5 P.M. - 10 A.M.
High:	Not used	Not used

The schedule above aligns the Low Tier with the Super-Off-Peak time of use period, Medium Tier with the Off-Peak period, and the High Tier with the Peak time of use period. The company does not propose any changes to the Critical Pricing Tier since that price is only reflected to participating customers during a load control event. The company's proposed new time of use periods and the Energy Planner hours do not align in one instance - the Peak period for 6am to 10am in the summer. Because this time window is not a peaking time for residential customers, the company is proposing that those summer morning hours remain in the Medium Tier (Off-Peak) for the Energy Planner program.

14. Residential Prime Time Plus

- Add electric vehicle charging appliances (Level 2 or greater) to the list of eligible appliances.
- Establish credit for electric vehicle charging appliances (Level 2 or greater) of \$9 per month.
- Increase the credit for heating and cooling equipment

1 to \$12, from \$6, per month.

- 2 • Increase the credit for water heaters to \$6, from \$3,
- 3 per month.
- 4 • Maintain the credit for pool pumps at \$3 per month.

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6 **15. Residential Window Replacement**

- 7 • Tampa Electric is proposing to discontinue this
- 8 program because it is no longer cost-effective to
- 9 offer. All of the permutations had failing TRC scores
- 10 and failing PCT scores. The average TRC was 0.49 and
- 11 the average PCT was negative 2,677.03. All
- 12 permutations passed RIM at the Technical Potential
- 13 level. The reason for the drop in cost effectiveness
- 14 is a drop in winter kW from 0.41 kW in the prior DSM
- 15 Plan to the current level of 0.07 kW. Summer kW and
- 16 annual energy both increased slightly.

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18 **16. Commercial/Industrial Audit (Free)**

- 19 • No modifications recommended.

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21 **17. Comprehensive Commercial/Industrial Audit (Paid)**

- 22 • No modifications recommended.

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24 **18. Commercial Chiller**

- 25 • Tampa Electric is proposing to discontinue this

1 program because it is no longer cost-effective to
2 offer. The majority of permutations had failing TRC
3 and PCT scores at the Technical Potential level. The
4 chillers measures that did have passing TRC, PCT and
5 RIM scores had variable frequency drives. These
6 chillers with passing scores will be shifted to be
7 covered in the proposed VFD and Motor Controls
8 program. The drop in cost-effectiveness in commercial
9 chillers without variable frequency drives is the drop
10 in winter kW benefit from 2.475 kW in the prior DSM
11 Plan to the current value of 0.00. Summer demand and
12 annual energy increased slightly.

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14 19. Cogeneration

- 15 • No modifications recommended.

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17 20. Conservation Value

- 18 • Retitle program to industry standard title of
19 "Commercial/Industrial Custom Energy Efficiency".
- 20 • Increase the advertising of this program with all
21 potential technologies that would be eligible for
22 participation.
- 23 • Perform cost-effectiveness to determine the rebate
24 using the same inputs that establishes the program
25 during the DSM goals setting. Set rebate amount at

1 the level of a two-year simple payback or a RIM score
2 of 1.01, whichever is more restrictive.

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4 **21. Commercial Cooling**

- 5 • Tampa Electric is proposing to discontinue this
6 program because it is no longer cost-effective to
7 offer. All commercial cooling failed TRC with an
8 average permutation score of 0.48 and all permutations
9 also failed PCT with an average score of negative
10 3,217.53. All permutations passed RIM but with the
11 failing PCT this measure was removed from
12 consideration.

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14 **22. Demand Response**

- 15 • No modifications recommended.
- 16 • In the settlement that resolved Tampa Electric's 2021
17 base rate case, the company agreed to increase the
18 amount of credit per kW to participating customers.
19 Tampa Electric agreed that the level of these credits
20 would remain in effect even after the 2021 Settlement
21 expires unless they are changed by a future settlement
22 agreement or Commission order in the company's next
23 base rate case.

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23. Facility Energy Management System

- Tampa Electric is proposing to discontinue this program because it is no longer cost-effective to offer. This program has failing cost-effectiveness scores with no incentive. The drop in cost effectiveness is due to a dramatic drop in demand and energy savings as compared to the last DSM Plan. Summer kW dropped from 33.20 KW to 7.18 kW, winter kW dropped from 12.35 kW to 3.18 kW, and annual energy dropped from 175,633 kWh to 36,837 kWh.

24. Industrial Load Management (GSLM 2&3)

- No modifications recommended.
- In the settlement that resolved Tampa Electric's 2021 base rate case, the company agreed to increase the amount of credit per kW to participating customers. Tampa Electric agreed that the level of these credits would remain in effect even after the 2021 Settlement expires unless they are changed by a future settlement agreement or Commission order in the company's next base rate case.

25. Street and Outdoor Lighting Conversion

- This program was completed and retired in the first quarter of 2023 when Tampa Electric completed the

1 conversion of the company's high-pressure sodium and
2 mercury vapor outdoor and streetlights to light
3 emitting diode technology.

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5 **26. Lighting Conditioned Space**

- 6 • Increase the rebate to \$400, from \$250, per kW reduced.
- 7 • Add refrigerated display cases to eligibility.

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9 **27. Lighting Non-Conditioned Space**

- 10 • Increase the rebate to \$350, from \$200, per kW reduced.

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12 **28. Lighting Occupancy Sensors**

- 13 • Modify the rebate from a per occupancy sensor
14 installed to \$26 per kW of controlled lighting. This
15 will eliminate confusion with customers as many new
16 Light Emitting Diode luminaires come with their own
17 integrated occupancy sensor.

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19 **29. Commercial Load Management (GSLM 1)**

- 20 • Increase the monthly credit to \$5.00, from \$3.00, per
21 kW of demand reduction for cyclic control.
- 22 • Increase the monthly credit to \$5.50, from \$3.50, per
23 kW of demand reduction for extended control.
- 24 • The company is transitioning to use the same
25 technology that supports Energy Planner and Prime Time

1 Plus for this program. Once the technology transition
2 occurs, Tampa Electric will be able to market this
3 program to new participants.
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5 **30. Commercial Smart Thermostats**

6 • Tampa Electric is proposing to discontinue this
7 program because it is no longer cost-effective to
8 offer. 12 of the permutations failed TRC at the
9 Technical Potential level, the same market segments
10 had failing PCT scores. This drop in TRC and PCT
11 scores was due to an over 50 percent drop in energy
12 savings per installation as compared to the prior DSM
13 Plan's values (45,895 kWh dropping to 17,190 kWh).
14 Even though all the permutations passed the RIM test,
15 the company removed this program because it has an
16 overall failing PCT score of negative 12,932.
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18 **31. Standby Generator**

19 • No modifications recommended.
20 • In the settlement that resolved Tampa Electric's 2021
21 base rate case, the company agreed to increase the
22 amount of credit per kW to participating customers.
23 Tampa Electric agreed that the level of these credits
24 would remain in effect even after the 2021 Settlement
25 expires unless they are changed by a future settlement

1 agreement or Commission order in the company's next
2 base rate case.

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4 **32. Variable Frequency Drive Control for Compressors**

5 • This program is being expanded from the current
6 eligibility of variable frequency control for
7 compressors to all variable frequency control and
8 motor controls.

9 • This program will expand to include speed drives
10 controlling large chillers, commercial cooling units,
11 variable air volume systems, demand circulating
12 systems, escalator motors, and energy efficiency
13 exhaust hoods.

14 • Retitle program to VFD and Motor Controls.

15 • Increase the rebate to \$75, from \$50, per HP
16 controlled.

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18 **33. Commercial Water Heating**

19 • Retitle program to "Commercial Heat Pump Water Heater
20 and Drain Water Heat Recovery".

21 • Increase the rebate to \$10, from \$0.01, per Btu up to
22 50 percent of the cost of the equipment.

23 • Qualifying equipment includes ENERGY STAR certified
24 Heat Pump Water Heater or a Heat Pump Water Heater
25 with a COP \geq 3.0.

- 1 • Drain water heat recovery must recover heat from an
2 electrically heated source.

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4 **34. Integrated Renewable Energy System (Pilot)**

- 5 • This pilot program will conclude at the end of 2024.
6 Updates have been provided annually within the
7 company's Annual DSM Report filed with the Commission
8 on March 1 of each year. The final report concluding
9 this pilot program will be filed on March 1, 2025.

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11 **35. Conservation Research and Development ("R&D")**

- 12 • No modifications recommended.

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14 **36. Renewable Energy Program (Sun-To-Go)**

- 15 • No modifications recommended.

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17 **Q.** Are any of the above DSM programs impacted by the Inflation
18 Reduction Act ("IRA") that provides tax credits for energy
19 efficient home improvements and clean energy property
20 credits?

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22 **A.** Yes, the proposed new tiered Residential Heating and
23 Cooling DSM is impacted by the IRA. In this proposed
24 program, the values used to model this program would make
25 participants in the lower tier eligible for \$315 in tax

1 credits, and participants in the higher tier eligible for
2 \$667 in tax credits. The actual eligibility for these
3 credits depends on the taxpayer's eligibility for the tax
4 credits with the Internal Revenue Service.

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6 **Q.** Were there any other measures that would qualify for the
7 tax credits from the IRA evaluated by the company?

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9 **A.** Yes, the company identified all measures that would qualify
10 for a tax credit from the IRA in the development of the
11 comprehensive measure list. From this identification, the
12 typical or appropriate tax credit was determined and was
13 included in the cost effectiveness evaluation for the TRC
14 and PCT test as benefits in both of these tests. Tax
15 credits are not analyzed within the RIM test.

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17 **COMPARISON OF PORTFOLIO COSTS AND PROJECTED 2025-2034**

18 **RESIDENTIAL BILL IMPACTS:**

19 **Q.** What is Tampa Electric's total proposed DSM program
20 potential by year and overall total for the 2025-2034
21 period?

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23 **A.** The proposed DSM program portfolio potential for each year
24 for Summer Demand (MW), Winter Demand (MW), and Annual
25 Energy (GWh) and the cumulative amounts for the 2025-2034

1 period are provided below:

2	Summer	Winter	Annual
3	<u>Demand (MW)</u>	<u>Demand (MW)</u>	<u>Energy (GWh)</u>
4	2025 14.2	19.2	46.5
5	2026 14.2	19.2	46.5
6	2027 15.6	20.3	47.1
7	2028 14.9	19.8	46.5
8	2029 14.9	19.8	46.5
9	2030 15.5	20.1	43.8
10	2031 14.8	19.5	43.3
11	2032 14.8	19.5	43.3
12	2033 15.5	20.1	43.8
13	2034 14.8	19.5	43.3
14	Total 149.0	197.1	450.5

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 16 **Q.** What are Tampa Electric’s projected costs to support the
 17 proposed DSM program potential by year and overall total
 18 for the 2025-2034 period and the estimated residential rate
 19 impacts at 1,000 kWh per month by year?

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 21 **A.** The projected portfolio costs to support the proposed DSM
 22 program potential by year for the 2025-2034 period and
 23 estimated residential rate impacts at 1,000 kWh per month
 24 are below:

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		Estimated
	Projected	Residential
	Portfolio	Rate Impact
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Per 1,000 kWh Month</u>
2025	\$47,074,346	\$2.69
2026	\$47,387,199	\$2.71
2027	\$48,324,419	\$2.76
2028	\$48,905,976	\$2.79
2029	\$49,701,363	\$2.84
2030	\$51,252,893	\$2.93
2031	\$52,177,984	\$2.98
2032	\$53,450,517	\$3.05
2033	\$54,923,880	\$3.14
2034	\$56,118,277	\$3.21
Total	\$509,316,856	

17 **Q.** Would you describe what is included in the projected
 18 portfolio costs above?

19
 20 **A.** Yes. The costs above include the costs from each DSM
 21 program to achieve the proposed Summer and Winter Demand
 22 and Annual Energy DSM goals. These costs also include
 23 ongoing costs that are paid to customers as active
 24 participants in one of the company's load management and
 25 demand response DSM programs. The costs also include common

1 costs that support facilitating the portfolio of DSM
 2 programs.

3

4 **Q.** How does the proposed DSM program portfolio of projected
 5 costs compare to the company's current DSM plans projected
 6 costs?

7

8 **A.** The comparison of the company's proposed DSM program
 9 portfolio of projected costs to the company's current DSM
 10 plans projected costs is provided below:

	Projected	Current "2020-2029"
	Portfolio	DSM Plan Projected
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u>
14	2025 \$47,074,346	\$48,279,419
15	2026 \$47,387,199	\$48,461,883
16	2027 \$48,324,419	\$45,587,347
17	2028 \$48,905,976	\$43,482,498
18	2029 \$49,701,363	\$41,027,430
19	2030 \$51,252,893	\$42,579,643
20	2031 \$52,177,984	\$43,645,357
21	2032 \$53,450,517	\$45,176,571
22	2033 \$54,923,880	\$45,843,785
23	2034 \$56,118,277	\$46,510,999
24	Total \$509,316,856	\$450,594,932

25

1 Q. Could you explain why the projected portfolio costs for the
2 proposed DSM goals are lower in the first two years even
3 though the proposed DSM goals are higher than they were in
4 the prior 2020-2029 DSM Plan?

5
6 A. Yes. These lower proposed projected costs in the first two
7 years are the result of the company completing two DSM
8 Programs included in the prior plan. First, the company's
9 Integrated Renewable Energy System was paid for in the
10 beginning of the 2020-2029 DSM plan and, since it was a
11 pilot program, there were no demand and energy savings
12 quantified to that program. Second, the company completed
13 the Street and Outdoor Lighting Conversion program which
14 converted 209,821 high-pressure and mercury vapor
15 luminaires to light emitting diode technology in early
16 2023. While this program achieved significant winter
17 demand and annual energy savings, the Commission did not
18 count these contributions toward the achievement of the
19 company's annual DSM goals. Completion of these programs
20 resulted in lower projected costs in the first two years of
21 the company's 2025-2034 proposed DSM goals as compared to
22 2020-2029 DSM Plan projected costs.

23
24 Q. What are Tampa Electric's projected costs to support the
25 RIM based DSM program potential by year and for the entire

1 2025-2034 period and what are the estimated residential
 2 rate impacts at 1,000 kWh per month by year?

3

4 **A.** The projected portfolio costs to support the RIM based DSM
 5 program potential by year for the 2025-2034 period and
 6 estimated residential rate impacts at 1,000 kWh per month
 7 are below (note - it is identical to the proposed program
 8 potential above):

	Projected	Estimated Residential
	Portfolio	Rate Impact
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Per 1,000 kWh Month</u>
13	2025 \$47,074,346	\$2.69
14	2026 \$47,387,199	\$2.71
15	2027 \$48,324,419	\$2.76
16	2028 \$48,905,976	\$2.79
17	2029 \$49,701,363	\$2.84
18	2030 \$51,252,893	\$2.93
19	2031 \$52,177,984	\$2.98
20	2032 \$53,450,517	\$3.05
21	2033 \$54,923,880	\$3.14
22	2034 \$56,118,277	\$3.21
23	Total \$509,316,856	

24

25 **Q.** Does this RIM based DSM program portfolio of costs include

1 the same costs that you explained above for the proposed
 2 portfolio of DSM programs?

3

4 **A.** Yes, it does.

5

6 **Q.** What are Tampa Electric's projected costs to support the
 7 TRC based DSM program potential by year and for the entire
 8 2025-2034 period and what are the estimated residential
 9 rate impacts at 1,000 kWh per month by year?

10

11 **A.** The projected DSM program portfolio costs to support the
 12 TRC based program potential by year for the 2025-2034 period
 13 and estimated residential rate impacts at 1,000 kWh per
 14 month are below:

		Estimated
	Projected	Residential
	Portfolio	Rate Impact
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Per 1,000 kWh Month</u>
19	2025 \$47,079,896	\$2.69
20	2026 \$47,392,749	\$2.71
21	2027 \$48,329,969	\$2.76
22	2028 \$48,911,526	\$2.79
23	2029 \$49,706,913	\$2.84
24	2030 \$51,258,443	\$2.93
25	2031 \$52,183,534	\$2.98

1	2032	\$53,456,067	\$3.05
2	2033	\$54,929,430	\$3.14
3	2034	\$56,123,827	\$3.21
4	Total	\$509,372,356	

5
6 **Q.** Does this TRC based portfolio of costs include the similar
7 characterization of costs that you explained above for the
8 proposed portfolio of DSM programs?

9
10 **A.** Yes, it does.

11
12 **EQUITY OF DSM PROGRAM OFFERINGS FOR ALL CUSTOMER CLASSES**

13 **Q.** Could you explain how Tampa Electric ensures that the
14 company offers equitable DSM programs for all customer
15 classes?

16
17 **A.** First, there are always ways to improve how DSM programs
18 are offered, whether it is the actual program offerings and
19 how they are designed, or the processes put in place to
20 offer those programs to customers. Tampa Electric
21 collaborates with other utilities in the United States and
22 Canada and many local and North American non-profit
23 organizations to understand ways to design and offer more
24 equitable DSM programs for all customers and to ensure the
25 processes the company uses to facilitate DSM programs are

1 free from barriers that would be considered inequitable to
2 customer participation. Tampa Electric considers equity
3 and fairness throughout the process of developing and
4 designing the potential DSM programs. The company works
5 hard to avoid creating inequitable barriers to
6 participation in DSM programs and to avoid creating a DSM
7 program that gives advantages to only a select class or
8 market segment of customers.

9
10 **Q.** Could you provide examples of your recent or current work
11 with these local and North American non-profit
12 organizations as it applies to equity with DSM programs?
13

14 **A.** Certainly, here are recent and current examples of the
15 organizations the company has been collaborating with:
16

17 American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy ("ACEEE"):
18 From 2019 to the beginning of 2022, the company participated
19 in an energy equity committee through ACEEE to assist in
20 the development of city, state, and utility scorecards for
21 measuring and benchmarking energy equity. In addition, the
22 company provides a variety of information annually to the
23 ACEEE through several surveys throughout the year on the
24 DSM Programs the company offers.
25

1 Consortium for Energy Efficiency ("CEE"): In 2022, the
2 company started its participation in a four-year study for
3 Energy Equity through CEE. Through this participation, the
4 company collaborates with other trusted and respected
5 United States and Canadian program administrators with both
6 equity and behavior responsibilities and seasoned CEE
7 staff. This group has successfully convened broad
8 participation for the energy efficiency industry's behavior
9 professionals and have helped build consensus on
10 characterizing and defining hard to reach audiences to
11 increasingly ensure that they are equitably serving all
12 their customers, including audiences such as income
13 eligible, low-English proficient, and rural residential and
14 small/medium business. This also provides the company with
15 the opportunity to learn successful approaches to engaging
16 precisely defined underserved customers. This committee is
17 also facilitating the development of social science-based
18 guidance for designing, implementing, and marketing
19 programs that are more tailored to specific energy
20 customers not currently benefitting from programs and also
21 providing additional insight into what non-energy factors
22 move people to take action that will ultimately make energy
23 efficiency programs more effective (e.g., if the
24 opportunity for improved indoor air quality is more
25 compelling than saving on one's utility bill).

1 Distributed Energy Financial Group's Executive Advisory
2 Panel of the Equity in the Clean Energy Economy ("ECEE"):
3 In 2022, the company began sponsoring the Distributed
4 Energy Financial Group's Executive Advisory Panel of ECEEE
5 Collaborative which examines the impacts on the grid, the
6 traditional utility business model, and customers,
7 especially around affordability and access with particular
8 attention provided to ensure that at-risk customers share
9 the benefits of the transition to a clean energy economy.
10 This sponsorship focuses on improving customer options,
11 experience, and service to low-income customers through the
12 low-Income Energy Issues Forum (LIEIF).

13 The Center of Economic Development Organization: In 2022,
14 the company joined in a new partnership to create awareness
15 and provide education to veterans, disabled customers,
16 seniors, and low-income homeowners. This partnership
17 allows Tampa Electric to be in several communities working
18 with other community volunteers to deliver energy education
19 and installation of our weatherization program. This
20 partnership has allowed the company to educate a
21 significant number of customers in addition to weatherizing
22 their homes with energy efficiency measures including duct
23 seal and insulation.

24
25 Tampa Housing Authority: Tampa Electric collaborates with

1 the Tampa Housing Authority to assist in the streamlining
2 of delivery of Energy Education and Neighborhood
3 Weatherization to qualifying customers within entire
4 communities within the company's service area.

5
6 Hillsborough County Schools ("HCS") and The Green Team: The
7 company participates in a collaborative initiative with HCS
8 and The Green Team (McKinstry) to work hand in hand to
9 provide an overview of how smart energy usage can be
10 incorporated into our local schools for School Employees,
11 Teachers, Parents and Students.

12
13 **Q.** Could you explain how Tampa Electric's proposed DSM
14 programs portfolio is equitable to low-income customers?

15
16 **A.** Yes, there are several reasons why the company's proposed
17 DSM programs portfolio is equitable to low-income
18 customers. First, Tampa Electric has always been a leader
19 in Florida for Low-Income Programs. Tampa Electric
20 recognizes there may be times where customers may not have
21 the financial resources to invest in and install energy
22 efficient technologies. To maximize the help provided to
23 these customers, the company believes in providing a multi-
24 program approach. This approach involves offering
25 neighborhood weatherization, energy education, awareness

1 and agency outreach, free energy audit programs, and other
2 DSM programs where needed.

3
4 Tampa Electric's Neighborhood Weatherization program will
5 continue to offer the comprehensive energy efficiency kit,
6 increased energy education, and a walk-through energy
7 audit, to assist low-income residential customers in
8 becoming more energy efficient. In the company's proposed
9 DSM programs, Tampa Electric is recommending adding a
10 "repair to qualify" section for those customers that need
11 some level of duct repair (beyond duct sealing) to enable
12 the sealing of duct work and installation of ceiling
13 insulation. The comprehensive energy efficiency kit
14 includes the following 12 energy savings measures, in
15 addition to ceiling insulation and/or duct sealing,
16 depending on the needs of the home:

- 17 • Six light emitting diode ("LED") lamps
- 18 • HVAC filter whistle
- 19 • Installation of up to three low flow faucet aerators
- 20 • Installation of up to two low flow shower heads
- 21 • Installation of a wall plate thermometer
- 22 • A water heating temperature check card for adjustment
23 of the water heater
- 24 • Installation of hot water pipe insulation, if
25 necessary

- 1 • Installation of weather stripping, if necessary
- 2 • Installation of caulking to seal windows, if necessary
- 3 • Installation of sealing foam to seal air infiltration
- 4 issues, if necessary
- 5 • Refrigerator coil cleaning brush
- 6 • Installation of ceiling insulation, if needed
- 7 • Repair of duct seal, if needed
- 8 • Walk-Through Energy Audit
- 9 • Energy savings education handout

10

11 Tampa Electric's Energy and Renewable Education, Awareness
12 and Agency Outreach program will continue to offer a subset
13 of the comprehensive energy efficiency kit to assist low-
14 income customers in becoming more energy efficient. Tampa
15 Electric commits to continue partnering with neighborhood
16 service centers to ensure customers who need this
17 assistance in reducing their energy usage and associated
18 cost will receive the appropriate energy education and
19 guidance. The smaller subset kit includes the following
20 six energy savings measures:

- 21 • Four LED lamps
- 22 • HVAC filter whistle
- 23 • Two low flow faucet aerators
- 24 • Wall plate thermometer
- 25 • Water heating temperature check card for adjustment of

1 the water heater

- 2 • Energy savings education handout.

3

4 For participation in the two programs above, it is important
5 to note that all premise types are eligible (i.e., single
6 family homes, multi-family homes, and manufactured/mobile
7 homes) to participate as long as the customer is a
8 qualifying customer. Since both of these programs are
9 designed mainly for low-income customers, the Commission
10 has historically approved them for inclusion in DSM Plans
11 even if they do not pass the RIM test or TRC test. Tampa
12 Electric supports continuing this practice as it recognizes
13 that these customers are being charged monthly to fund the
14 ECCR, and as such should have opportunities to participate
15 in the company's DSM programs. Tampa Electric uses Florida
16 Census Tract Data to determine eligibility and, based on
17 this data, the company currently estimates that 17.46
18 percent of the company's customers fall into this category
19 of low-income/vulnerable status. The company performs
20 weatherization on about 8,000 homes annually and about 44
21 percent of the qualifying homes in our service area have
22 participated in this program. Tampa Electric is proud of
23 this achievement. For the Energy Education program, the
24 company provides approximately 1,500 to 2,500 energy
25 efficiency kits provided to qualifying customers on an

1 annual basis.

2

3 Secondly, in addition to the two DSM programs above, low-
4 income customers can also participate in any of the
5 residential energy audit programs, two of which are free,
6 and they can also participate in the company's Residential
7 Price Responsive Load Management (Energy Planner) and Prime
8 Time Plus programs, both of which are also free to sign up
9 for.

10

11 The third reason there is equity to low-income customers is
12 through the company's proposal of DSM goals and a supporting
13 portfolio of DSM programs based upon the RIM test. The use
14 of the RIM test ensures that all customers receive benefits,
15 including customers that do not participate in the
16 company's DSM programs and that all customers, not just
17 low-income customers, receive more benefits than the costs
18 they pay to the ECCR.

19

20 **Q.** Could you explain how Tampa Electric's proposed DSM
21 programs portfolio is equitable to those customers that
22 rent?

23

24 **A.** Yes, the company believes the proposed DSM programs
25 portfolio is equitable to those customers that rent because

1 it includes many DSM programs they can participate in.
2 Residential renters can participate in seven of the
3 thirteen proposed DSM programs, including:

- 4 • Residential Walk-Through Audit (Free Energy Check)
- 5 • Residential Customer Assisted Energy Audit (Online)
- 6 • Energy and Renewable Education, Awareness and Agency
7 Outreach (if qualifying for energy efficiency kit)
- 8 • ENERGY STAR Thermostats
- 9 • Neighborhood Weatherization (if qualifying)
- 10 • Residential Price Responsive Load Management (Energy
11 Planner)
- 12 • Residential Prime Time Plus

13
14 **Q.** Did Tampa Electric look at establishing any other specific
15 DSM programs that could be offered to customers that rent?
16

17 **A.** Yes, during the rulemaking workshops to revise Rule 25-
18 17.0021, F.A.C., the company noted a desire for utilities
19 to examine potential additional DSM program offerings that
20 could be designed for customers that rent. The company
21 moved forward with interviewing apartment complex managers
22 and owners to see what type of DSM programs they would be
23 more likely to participate in. In late 2022 and early 2023,
24 the company interviewed over 30 apartment complex managers
25 and owners and identified that the majority of these

1 premises replaced equipment only upon failure. This failed
2 equipment is typically replaced within 24-hours which
3 places the manager's and owner's emphasis on the
4 availability of the equipment being in stock and very little
5 priority on replacement of the existing equipment with more
6 energy efficient equipment. The common equipment that was
7 identified for potential participation in a DSM program
8 were ENERGY STAR smart thermostats, upgraded HVAC system
9 replacement, and upgraded water heating equipment. While
10 the water heating equipment continued to fail cost-
11 effectiveness, the company offers DSM programs for ENERGY
12 STAR smart thermostats and HVAC equipment that
13 owners/landlords of all residential rental property types
14 can participate in.

15
16 **Q.** Did Tampa Electric make any other changes to its proposed
17 DSM programs based on comments in the rulemaking workshops?

18
19 **A.** Yes. At one of the rulemaking workshops, a commenter
20 expressed frustration that his son's home was not eligible
21 for Tampa Electric's ceiling insulation program because the
22 house had already participated in the program. The company
23 evaluated this scenario and decided to propose a change to
24 this program to allow customers to add any amounts of R-11
25 insulation and to remove the eligibility restriction that

1 participation in this program was limited to once.

2

3 **Q.** Do you have any other general comments as they apply to the
4 equity of offering DSM programs to residential, commercial,
5 and industrial customers?

6

7 **A.** In general, historically, Tampa Electric has always offered
8 a much larger portfolio of DSM programs than any other
9 utility in Florida. The proposed DSM programs portfolio
10 that supports the proposed DSM goals is comprehensive,
11 while being cost-effective, which should provide many
12 opportunities for all classes of Tampa Electric's customers
13 the ability to participate in.

14

15 **ADHERENCE TO F.A.C. RULES AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:**

16 **Q.** Do Tampa Electric's proposed DSM goals and associated
17 programs include or consider demand response and
18 distributed energy resources?

19

20 **A.** Yes, the proposed DSM goals and associated programs include
21 energy efficiency and load management/demand response
22 programs. The company did evaluate and consider
23 distributed energy resources, however no measures within
24 distributed energy resources remained cost-effective.

25

1 **Q.** Has Tampa Electric provided an adequate assessment of the
2 proposed program potential of all available demand-side
3 conservation and efficiency measures, including demand
4 response and distributed energy resources?

5
6 **A.** Yes, Tampa Electric has conducted an adequate assessment of
7 the full technical, economic, and developed the proposed,
8 RIM based, and TRC based program potentials of all available
9 demand-side conservation and efficiency measures including
10 demand response and distributed energy resources. The
11 company employed a reasonable approach to identifying
12 administrative costs and incentives for the measures and
13 evaluated the measures against the appropriate supply-side
14 avoided cost data.

15
16 **Q.** Does the evaluation process utilized by Tampa Electric to
17 establish its proposed DSM goals for the 2025-2034 period
18 address the requirements of Rule 25-17.0021, F.A.C.?

19
20 **A.** Yes, the Rule requires a utility to:
21 1) Assess the technical potential of available measures.
22 2) Estimate the total cost-effective kW and kWh savings
23 reasonably achievable through demand-side management
24 programs in each utility's service area over a ten-
25 year period.

- 1 3) Project its proposed DSM goals in both the residential
- 2 and commercial/industrial sectors.
- 3 4) Give consideration so that measures applicable for new
- 4 and existing construction are separately evaluated.
- 5 5) Ensure that major end-use categories specified in the
- 6 Rule are assessed.
- 7 6) Consider such things as consideration of overlapping
- 8 measures, rebound effects, free riders, interactions
- 9 with building codes and appliance efficiency
- 10 standards, and the utility's latest monitoring and
- 11 evaluation of conservation programs and measures.
- 12 7) Provide the overall estimated annual program costs
- 13 over a ten-year period for each potential demand-side
- 14 management program identified in the proposed goals
- 15 and in each of the scenarios required.

16

17 The comprehensive DSM measure list developed by the FEECA

18 Utilities and Resource Innovations for electric energy and

19 peak demand savings for Tampa Electric, and the company's

20 overall evaluation process for its technical potential to

21 its proposed DSM goals for the 2025-2034 period fully meet

22 the requirements of Rule 25-17.0021, F.A.C.

23

24 **Q.** Does your testimony provide the demand and energy savings,

25 program costs and benefits, and participation rates for

26 each of the company's Proposed, RIM-based, and TRC-based

1 programs?

2

3 **A.** Yes, my Exhibit No. MRR-1, Documents No. 16, 17, and 18
4 (Proposed, RIM based, TRC based respectively) provide the
5 individual program details that show the demand and energy
6 savings, program costs and benefits, and projected
7 participation rates.

8

9 **Q.** Has Tampa Electric provided an adequate assessment of the
10 full technical potential of all available demand-side
11 conservation and efficiency measures, demand response and
12 demand-side renewable energy systems?

13

14 **A.** Yes, Tampa Electric, in conjunction with the other FEECA
15 Utilities, developed a comprehensive DSM measure list.
16 Subsequently, the company conducted an adequate assessment
17 of the full technical potential of all available demand-
18 side conservation and efficiency measures, demand response
19 and distributed energy resources which included renewable
20 energy systems. A total of 448 measures, including energy
21 efficiency, demand response and distributed energy
22 resources measures were identified and evaluated by the
23 company. These 448 measures and the additional residential
24 and commercial segmentation required over 80,000 cost-
25 effectiveness evaluations.

1 Q. How has Tampa Electric incorporated supply-side
2 efficiencies into its planning process?

3
4 A. Supply-side efficiencies include improvements in
5 generation, transmission, and distribution. Therefore,
6 Tampa Electric's motivation to deliver electric service to
7 its customers in the most economical and efficient manner
8 possible makes executing supply-side efficiencies a
9 naturally occurring result. A review of Tampa Electric's
10 plans for supply-side endeavors is an inherent element of
11 the company's annual Ten-Year Site Plan, which is routinely
12 reviewed by this Commission. Furthermore, both supply-side
13 efficiency and conservation resources are analyzed in every
14 need determination for new sources of generation. When
15 Tampa Electric selects its avoided supply-side costs for
16 utilization in DSM cost-effectiveness evaluations, it is
17 selecting resources that have previously been reviewed and
18 determined to be efficient. Of further note is the fact
19 that, while efficiency improvements in supply-side
20 resources are important, these improvements have a tendency
21 to reduce potential savings available through DSM activity.

22
23 Q. Do Tampa Electric's proposed DSM goals adequately reflect
24 the costs and benefits to customers who will participate in
25 programs developed to promote DSM measures?

1 **A.** Yes. Tampa Electric, the other FEECA Utilities, and
2 Resource Innovations worked together to develop the
3 technical potential study with updated baselines and
4 incremental equipment costs to ensure that the company's
5 proposed DSM goals adequately reflect the costs and
6 benefits to customers who will participate in programs
7 developed to promote DSM measures.

8
9 **Q.** Does Tampa Electric's proposed DSM goals adequately reflect
10 the costs and benefits to the general body of ratepayers as
11 a whole, including utility incentives and participant
12 contributions?

13
14 **A.** Yes, the surest way to adequately reflect the costs and
15 benefits to the general body of ratepayers as a whole
16 without subsidization within or across rate classes is to
17 employ the continued use of the RIM cost-effective test for
18 DSM goals setting and program approval. Since the inception
19 of DSM in Florida, this Commission has a longstanding
20 practice of utilizing the RIM test to provide fair,
21 equitable and reasonable treatment for all ratepayers while
22 minimizing overall rate impacts of DSM expenditures. Tampa
23 Electric strongly encourages the Commission to continue
24 this practice so as to establish meaningful DSM goals while
25 minimizing overall rate impacts.

1 Q. For comparison, can you provide a list of the company's
2 current DSM programs and the achievements of these
3 programs?
4

5 A. Yes, the list of the company's current DSM programs within
6 the company's 2020-2029 DSM plan and the achievements of
7 these programs through the end of 2023 is provided in my
8 Exhibit No. MRR-1, Document No. 19.
9

10 **OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION'S ORDER**
11 **ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE:**

12 Q. What goals, if any, should be established for increasing
13 the development of demand-side renewable energy systems,
14 pursuant to Section 366.82(2), F.S.?
15

16 A. Currently, there are a few key reasons why there is no need
17 for a DSM goal or incentives for the development of demand-
18 side renewable energy systems. The company gained a lot of
19 information when it offered incentives under the renewable
20 energy systems initiative pilot program that was offered
21 during the 2010 through 2015 DSM goals period and the price
22 of solar renewable energy systems continues to decrease.
23 As the company saw in the 2020-2029 DSM Goals proceeding,
24 the residential renewable energy systems still are not
25 cost-effective in all three cost-effectiveness tests (TRC,

1 RIM and PCT). The commercial renewable energy systems
2 continue to pass under the RIM cost-effectiveness test but
3 significantly failed the other two cost-effectiveness tests
4 (TRC and PCT). The residential and commercial renewable
5 energy systems were both screened out without any program
6 administration or incentive costs so they will not pass
7 cost-effectiveness as a DSM program over the foreseeable
8 horizon. Another main reason for not having a DSM goal or
9 incentives for renewable energy systems is the current
10 market continues to grow each year, even with these systems
11 being not cost-effective, meaning many residential and
12 commercial customers are making the choice to lease or
13 purchase and install these systems on their own. Since the
14 renewable energy systems initiative pilot closed, the
15 company has seen the following new customer
16 interconnections of renewable energy systems at the end of
17 each of these years:

18	2016:	286
19	2017:	740
20	2018:	1,259
21	2019:	2,083
22	2020:	2,592
23	2021:	3,597
24	2022:	6,604
25	2023:	6,989

1 From the beginning of 2020 through the end of 2023, 19,782
2 customers have installed renewable energy systems on their
3 premises.

4
5 **Q.** If the renewable energy systems passed cost-effectiveness,
6 would Tampa Electric offer a DSM program that had goals and
7 incentives for these systems?

8
9 **A.** Yes, if the renewable energy systems passed cost-
10 effectiveness and the other screenings that are performed,
11 Tampa Electric would design a DSM program to offer and
12 incentivize the installation of renewable energy systems.

13
14 **Q.** Does Tampa Electric support renewable energy system
15 installations?

16
17 **A.** Yes, the company supports both customer and utility
18 installed renewable energy system installations. When
19 customers install a renewable energy system, the
20 interconnection process they go through is very customer
21 friendly and we have many solar experts that will assist
22 the customer with any questions. In addition, from the
23 Commission approved 2020-2029 DSM Plan, the company
24 expanded the energy education program to include a focus on
25 renewable education. In that proceeding, the company

1 identified the need for additional education with the
2 increase in home systems ownership, leasing opportunities,
3 participation in a renewable block program, participation
4 in a community shared solar program, or some of the other
5 mechanisms that we see around the United States today.
6 Currently, Tampa Electric offers customers the ability to
7 use an independent third-party website, accessed through
8 the company's website, which provides unbiased renewable
9 education on all of the details to consider before selecting
10 and installing a renewable energy system. From a utility
11 perspective, Tampa Electric has more solar generation on a
12 per customer basis than any other utility in the state, and
13 the company plans to install additional cost-effective
14 utility scale solar in the future.

15
16 **Q.** Has Tampa Electric affirmatively addressed or complied with
17 each issue listed in Appendix "A" of the Tentative List of
18 Issues in the Commission's Order Establishing Procedure in
19 this proceeding?

20
21 **A.** Yes.

22
23 **Q.** Has Tampa Electric provided information within your
24 testimony that affirmatively addresses each testimony
25 requirement listed in Appendix "B" of the Minimum Testimony

1 Requirements for Utilities in the Commission's Order
2 Establishing Procedure in this proceeding?

3
4 **A.** Yes.

5
6 **CONCLUSIONS:**

7 **Q.** What overall DSM goals are reasonably achievable for Tampa
8 Electric for the 2025-2034 period?

9
10 **A.** Based on the thorough and rigorous analysis performed by
11 Resource Innovations and Tampa Electric for this current
12 DSM goals setting process, the company's reasonably
13 achievable generator level combined DSM goals for the 2025-
14 2034 period are:

15	Summer Demand:	149.0 MW
16	Winter Demand:	197.1 MW
17	Annual Energy:	450.5 GWh

18
19 These amounts are detailed on an annual basis for both the
20 residential and commercial/industrial sectors in my Exhibit
21 No. MRR-1, Document No. 20.

22
23 By accomplishing these DSM goals, Tampa Electric will
24 increase overall energy efficiency in its service area and
25 lower electric rates for all customers. The company is

1 quite aware that keeping electric rates as low as possible
2 while advancing broad scale efforts of overall conservation
3 is important to its customers and therefore the company.
4

5 **Q.** Does the methodology used by Tampa Electric to set DSM goals
6 for the 2025-2034 period comply with statutory and F.A.C.
7 requirements?
8

9 **A.** Yes. Tampa Electric began its evaluation with having a
10 technical potential study developed that utilized a
11 comprehensive and up to date list of potential DSM measures
12 for residential and commercial and industrial sectors.
13 These measures were applied over multiple construction and
14 building types and considered several aspects of measure
15 interaction as well as free-ridership. Tampa Electric
16 adhered to Rule requirements by developing three sets of
17 DSM goals based upon a RIM based, TRC based, and a proposed
18 portfolio of supporting programs while properly reflecting
19 cost and benefits to all customers. Additionally, Tampa
20 Electric utilized a sound, proven approach that has been
21 used and approved in principle by this Commission in past
22 DSM goals setting proceedings. Tampa Electric's proposed
23 DSM programs supporting the proposed DSM goals for both the
24 residential and commercial/industrial sectors are included
25 in my Exhibit No. MRR-1, Document No. 21.

1 Q. Do Tampa Electric's proposed DSM goals provide a cost-
2 effective means for all ratepayers to help meet the need
3 for additional generation through 2034?
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5 A. Yes, through the continued use of the RIM cost-
6 effectiveness test, Tampa Electric has assured its
7 ratepayers that the most cost-effective resources will be
8 used to meet future capacity needs.
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10 Q. Should Tampa Electric's proposed 2025-2034 DSM goals be
11 approved?
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13 A. Yes. Tampa Electric's proposed 2025-2034 DSM goals meet
14 rule and statutory requirements, are cost-effective for
15 participants and non-participants, help to minimize the
16 rate impact for future capacity needs, address the desires
17 and needs of the company's customers, and are reasonably
18 achievable.
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20 Q. Are the company's proposed goals based on an adequate
21 assessment of the full technical potential of all available
22 demand-side and supply-side conservation and efficiency
23 measures, including demand-side renewable energy systems,
24 pursuant to Section 366.82(3), F.S.?
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1 **A.** Yes.

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3 **Q.** Do the company's proposed goals adequately reflect the
4 costs and benefits to customers participating in the
5 measure, pursuant to Section 366.82(3)(a), F.S.?

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7 **A.** Yes.

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9 **Q.** Do the company's proposed goals adequately reflect the
10 costs and benefits to the general body of ratepayers as a
11 whole, including utility incentives and participant
12 contributions, pursuant to Section 366.82(3)(b), F.S.?

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14 **A.** Yes.

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16 **Q.** Do the company's proposed goals adequately reflect the need
17 for incentives to promote both customer-owned and utility-
18 owned energy efficiency and demand-side renewable energy
19 systems, pursuant to Section 366.82(3)(c), F.S.?

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21 **A.** Yes.

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23 **Q.** Do the company's proposed goals adequately reflect the
24 costs imposed by state and federal regulations on the
25 emission of greenhouse gases, pursuant to Section

1 366.82 (3) (d), F.S.?

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3 **A.** Yes.

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5 **Q.** What cost-effectiveness test or tests should the Commission
6 use to set goals, pursuant to Section 366.82, F.S.?

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8 **A.** The company recommends use of the RIM cost-effectiveness
9 test to set DSM goals.

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11 **Q.** Do the company's proposed goals appropriately reflect
12 consideration of free riders?

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14 **A.** Yes.

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16 **Q.** What residential summer and winter megawatt (MW) and annual
17 Gigawatt-hour (GWh) goals should be established for the
18 period 2025-2034?

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20 **A.** Tampa Electric's proposed reasonably achievable generator
21 level combined Residential DSM goals for the 2025-2034
22 period are:

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Summer Demand: 88.6 MW

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Winter Demand: 145.4 MW

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Annual Energy: 246.2 GWh

1 Q. What commercial/industrial summer and winter megawatt (MW)
2 and annual Gigawatt hour (GWh) goals should be established
3 for the period 2025-2034?
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5 A. Tampa Electric's proposed reasonably achievable generator
6 level combined Commercial/Industrial DSM goals for the
7 2025-2034 period are:

8 Summer Demand: 60.5 MW
9 Winter Demand: 51.7 MW
10 Annual Energy: 204.4 GWh
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12 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
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14 A. Yes.
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