Florida Public Power: Investing in Tomorrow's Grid

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Investing in Tomorrow's Grid

.....Lake Worth Beach's Journey



Challenges We Faced

- Reliability had deteriorated significantly
- Rates were high
- Customer confidence in their electric utility was low
- T&D System incapable of supporting growth
- Limited system ability to accommodate contingencies
- Lack of capital
- Significant restructuring needed in all areas of operations



Transformational Priorities

- Team focus on System Hardening and Reliability Improvement
 - Teamwork, Operations drive Engineering, Privilege of Focus
- Assessment of: problems, resources needed, and a strategy to acquire them
- Priorities; where to begin?
 - Poorest Performing Circuits
 - Identify areas of high risk and high consequence of failure



<u>Underway with ~\$100 Million in Infrastructure</u> <u>Improvements</u>

- Distribution hardening
 - Concrete, steel, and wood
- Technology
 - Reclosers & RMAG Breakers
 - New SCADA, GIS, OMS
 - Integration of AMI
- New System Operations Center

- Additional transmission tie
- Rebuilding substations
- Distribution Voltage Conversion
 - 4kv to 26kv
- Elimination of Automatic Splices
- Reconductoring



FMEA Annual Conference Our Success Journeyand Next Steps

Efren Chavez August 2024

Modernization Journey- Timeline Feb. – May 2019

Defined Our Vision, Mission and Values

- Community Needs and Expectations and the Business Environment
- Current/Legacy State vs. Utility of the Future Modernization Focus
- Approved Modernization Assessments and Planning to Commence

Approved "Just Do It" Areas to Move Ahead

- Electric Reliability Improvement Program (ERIP) Planning
- Improving New Business-Development Process
- Prioritized and Risk Based Budgeting
- Water-Septic Assessment
- Implemented Centralized Facilities and Fleet Functions
 - Fleet designs standardization, and ongoing budgeting and purchasing
 - Improved facility maintenance and security



Electric Modernization Projects: 2024 – 2028



- Consultants provided a multi-staged modernization plan
- Providing customer value
- Adapting industry best practices
- Focused on Foundational and Priority programs
- Investments are Improving Operations and Customer Experience
- Received APPA Merit Award for NSBU Modernization Video

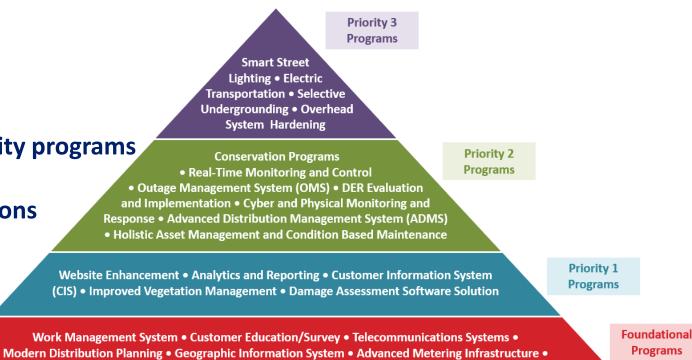


Figure 1: Modernization Pyramid of Priority Programs

Employee Training/Change Management

Rebranding and Customer Experience (CX)

- Rebranded July '22 and adopted New Smyrna Beach Utilities (DBA) and new logo
 - Coastal community theme and aligned with surrounding community
- Implemented new Website and E-Access Customer Service
 - SilverBlaze Single-Sign-On (SSO) portal. Upcoming AMI meter usage info will integrate seamlessly with SilverBlaze for a smooth transition for our customers.
 - Updated branding, but made it easier to transact business with NSBU
 - Customized for customer needs, including video content
 - Drops & Watts conservation program tool
- Improved customer communications timeliness and targeted information
 - OnSolve and OMS Texts provide real-time, targeted communications in emergent situations, such as water main breaks, hurricanes, extended outages, etc.



Improve Electric Grid Reliability and Resiliency

- Completed third year of deliverables of the Electric Reliability Improvement Program
 - Year-End FY23 performance SAIFI and SAIDI <u>best on record for NSBU</u> Program yielding notable improvements
 - 2023 SAIFI (Frequency of Outages) 41% Reduction vs. baseline, surpassed '24 goal of 1.00
 - 2023 SAIDI average outage duration a 32% Reduction vs baseline
 - CAIDI 68 minutes outage restoration time vs. '24 target of 55
- 2024 YE ERIP Projections
 - SAIDI 60.30 8% Below Forecast
 - SAIFI 0.90 3% Below Forecast
 - CAIDI 67.00 5% Below Forecast



- Transmission Grid Reliability Project Corridor Route approved and project proceeding
- Continued Industry Best Practices based Preventative Maintenance (PM) Programs

New Smyrna Beach

NSBU Governance Business Model

Resolution 2021-03 as a Process......

NSBU Governance Model further tailored for Electric and Water Businesses

Strategy

Goals and Metrics

Operational Planning

Execution and Monitoring

- Commission Strategic Planning
- Vision, Mission and Values
- Grid & Water Modernization Assessments and Planning
- Periodic Strategy Updates as Needed
- Annual Metrics and Goal Setting
- Industry Benchmarking
- Performance Gap Assessment

- 5-10 Year Capital Improvement Plans
- Annual Prioritized Budgeting
- Work and Resource Planning
- HR/IT/Fleet/Facilities Plans
- Monthly Budget and Metrics Scorecard
 Management Reporting
- Annual Organizational Accomplishments
- Annual CFAR, incl. Revenue Covenant
- Three Year Rate and Connection Fee Assessment
- Quinquennial Report (Every 5 Years)
- Three Year Compensation Study

Justin Kramer
Director of Emerging
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OUC – The *Reliable* One





OUC At a Glance





FIVE MEMBER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Supported by executive leadership team with >100 years of combined OUC service



SECOND LARGEST MUNICIPAL UTILITY IN FLORIDA and the 14th largest municipal in the country





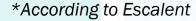




2020 & 2022 MOST TRUSTE ELECTRIC UTILITY according to Escalent



for four consecutive years by Southern Alliance for Clean Energy



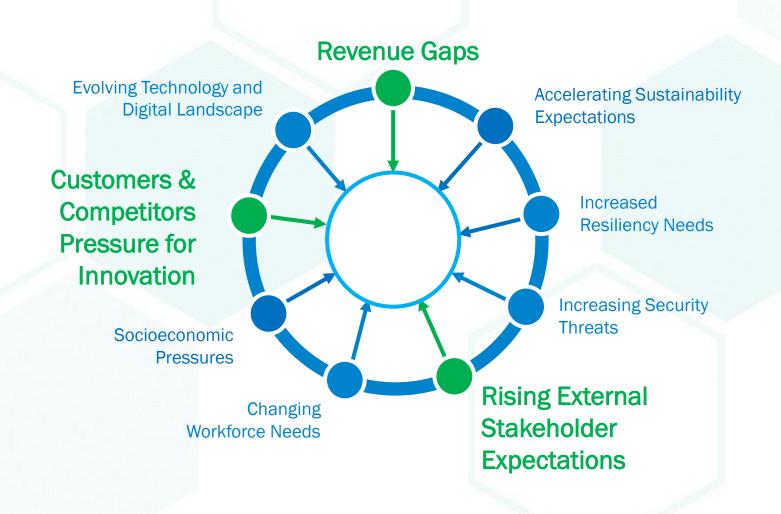


OUC Strategic Pillars





Key Drivers Shaping Our Strategy





Our Vision: OUC is an innovative solutions leader and the partner of choice



Relationships and partnerships are key to success.



Grid Integration at Gardenia Innovation Lab



Powerful Partnerships Support EV Infrastructure Development















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Investing in Tomorrow's Grid to Improve the Customer Experience

Sheila Pressley, Chief Customer Experience Officer



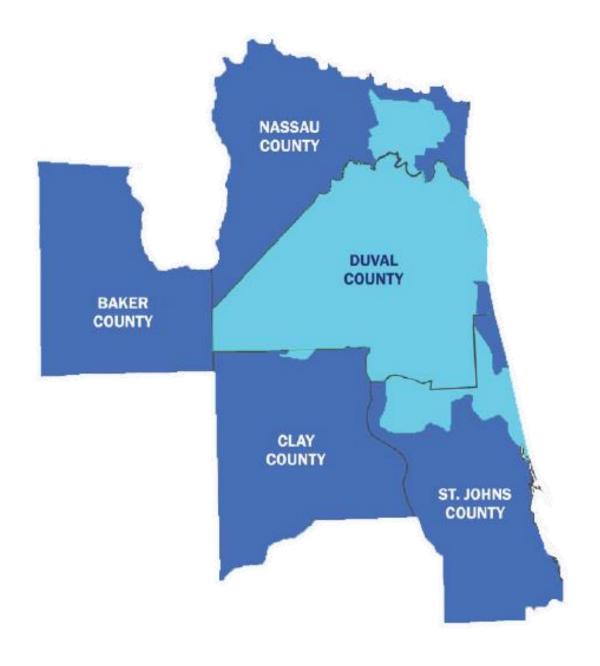
About JEA

JEA has served Jacksonville as a municipal electric system since 1895 and has operated water systems since 1997.

Serve approximately **550,000 electric** and **400,000** water customers.

Service territory covers over 900 square miles and more than 1.3 million people.

Largest municipal utility in Florida with more than 2,200 employees and almost \$3 billion in revenue.





Proactive Alerts



Abnormal Consumption Alerts

Customers using at least 3 times their normal consumption receive an alert by text, voice or email midway through their cycle.



Leak Detection Alert

Statistical model developed to identify customers who are likely experiencing a water leak.



Daily Consumption Alert

Piloting an alert
that provides daily
notifications for how
much energy and water
customers have consumed
the previous day in dollars
versus kWh.



Broken Water Meter Identification

Machine learning model developed that accurately identifies meters that are no longer registering.



Customer Engagement Technologies

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

Smart meters enable real-time monitoring and management of energy usage, providing detailed insights for both JEA and our customers.

Enhanced Consumption Portal

Website self-service enhancement to provide disaggregated energy and water consumption stats, automated billing and usage alerts, ways to save planned.

Next-Gen Outage Map + Reporting Tools

New bilingual outage map allows new levels of information sharing, alongside messaging tools including 2-way natural language SMS reporting.



What's Next

Affordability Impacts

Investment decisions, the impact on rates and the value for customers.

Load Management

Demand side management, behind the meter and impact of electrification (EVs).

Sharing Data with Customers

Provide disaggregated data and analytics to empower customers to make informed decisions.

