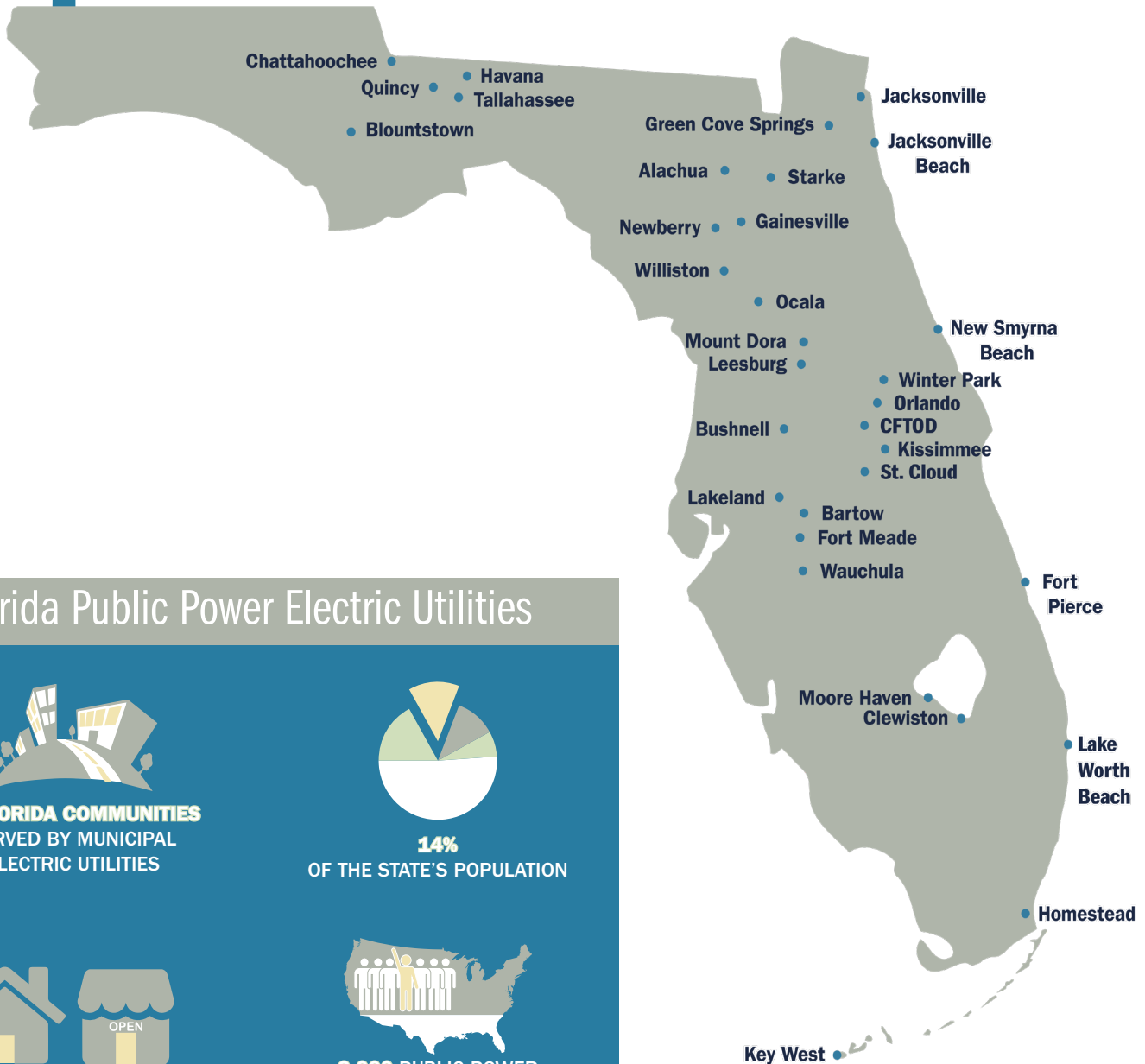




Florida Public Power

2024 Federal Legislative Issues


- Maintain Affordable & Reliable Power
- Solve Supply Chain Crisis
- Support FEMA Reform
- Preserve Exemption from Pole Attachment Regulations




Florida Public Power Electric Utilities




33 FLORIDA COMMUNITIES
SERVED BY MUNICIPAL
ELECTRIC UTILITIES



14%
OF THE STATE'S POPULATION



MORE THAN 3 MILLION
FLORIDA RESIDENTS
& BUSINESSES



2,000 PUBLIC POWER
UTILITIES IN THE U.S.
1 IN 7 AMERICANS SERVED BY
A COMMUNITY-OWNED UTILITY

MAINTAIN AFFORDABLE & RELIABLE POWER

Higher consumption, fixed incomes

Support diversity of resources, streamline permits for U.S. energy projects

- Electricity costs are critical to Florida where consumption is higher than average.
- Florida relies heavily on natural gas—it provides 75 percent of all electricity.
- Florida continues to add renewable resources, especially solar, to our electric grid, but it's not enough—we need to expand diversity of fuel sources, including natural gas, and explore new generation technologies such as nuclear small modular reactors (SMRs).
- Federal environmental regulations, including EPA proposed rules for greenhouse gases, could put Florida's reliability in jeopardy; we urge FERC and NERC, the federal agencies responsible for grid reliability, to work closely with EPA in the rulemaking process.



SOLVE THE SUPPLY CHAIN CRISIS

Grid reliability is threatened by critically short supplies of distribution transformers

We urge swift Congressional action to alleviate the crisis

- Distribution transformers and other critical electric infrastructure materials are essential for everyday power service, but these necessary grid components are in short supply.
- Lead times for purchase and deployment of transformers have grown 400 percent—from months to years—and have increased costs dramatically, often delaying local economic development projects.
- Florida is a hurricane prone state, and supply chain issues could put at serious risk our typically quick disaster response programs.
- DOE proposed regulations to increase efficiency standards for distribution transformers are not helpful; fortunately, new bipartisan legislation (S. 3627/H. 7171) bolsters the transformer supply chain by setting realistic standards for domestic manufacturers (Sen. Rubio is an original cosponsor).



SUPPORT FEMA REFORM

FEMA reform is needed now—bureaucratic delays cost Florida consumers millions
Support bipartisan FEMA loan interest payment relief legislation

- Florida public power communities continue to wait years for FEMA reimbursements, and the situation is getting worse.
- Bureaucratic delays in the distribution of funding from the Public Assistance Program can often cripple small communities that are forced to take out large loans and lines of credit; the interest quickly adds up.
- We urge swift passage of the FEMA Loan Interest Payment Relief Act (H.R. 2672, Reps. Dunn-Soto/S. 1180, Sens. Rubio-Scott).
- In addition, we urge Congress to require FEMA reimbursements for local communities burdened with pre-positioning and pre-staging costs that could reach millions of dollars.



PRESERVE MUNICIPAL EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL POLE ATTACHMENT REGULATIONS

Public power utilities are not barriers to national broadband expansion

Oppose any legislation that limits our ability to provide broadband services to local communities

- Municipal electric utilities continue to be under attack from large private cable companies that support federal legislation that adversely restricts our mission to provide telecommunications services.
- We strongly oppose Congressional efforts that would restrict public power telecommunications services and impact local infrastructure.
- House draft legislation would weaken the municipal exemption for public power utilities under section 224 of the Communications Act (1934)—the exemption would not apply to those local entities that receive federal broadband assistance.
- Oppose any legislation that would impose “one size fits all” pole attachment regulations or “shot clocks” on local utilities.



Key Features of Municipal Electric Utilities in Florida



Public Ownership



Local control



Nonprofit Operations



Low-cost Structure



Customer Focused



Fully Transparent

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