

## FMPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA PACKAGE

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Meeting Location
Florida Municipal Power Agency
8553 Commodity Circle
Orlando, FL 32819
(407) 355-7767



#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** FMPA Board of Directors

FROM: Jacob A. Williams, General Manager and CEO

**DATE:** March 7, 2023

RE: FMPA Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 a.m., Thursday March 16, 2023

**PLACE:** Florida Municipal Power Agency

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#### \*Also on the Executive Committee agenda.

#### JW/su

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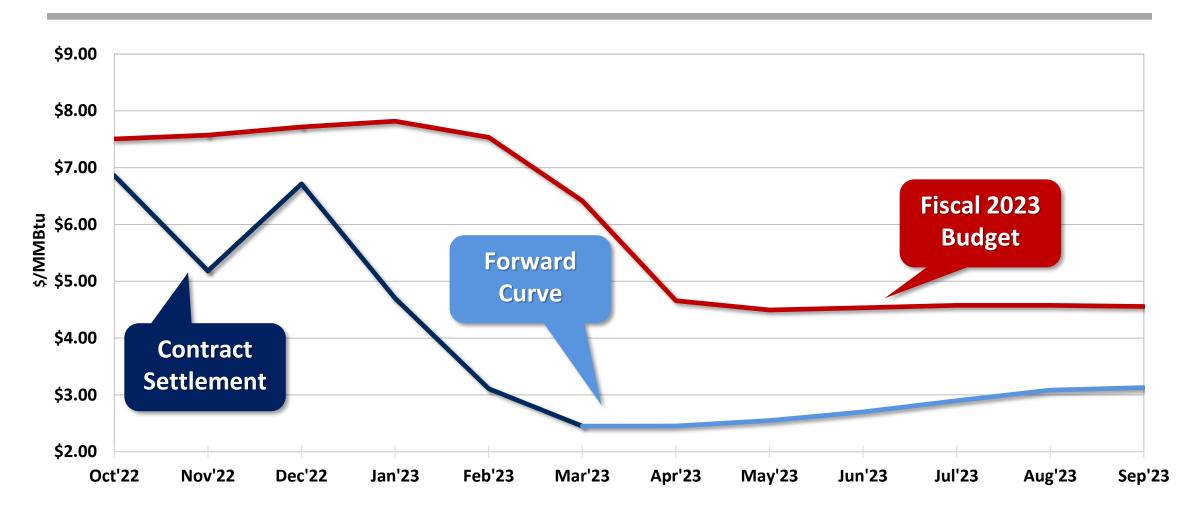
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## Fiscal Year 2023 Management Goals – February Data

Goal		Status	Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Target	FY 2023 Target	Comment
1 Sofoty	Lost-time Accidents		0	0	0	0	No lost-time accidents
1. Safety	OSHA Recordables		0	0	0	0	No lost-time accidents
	Environmental		0	0	0	0	
2. Compliance	Financial		0	0	0	0	
	Regulatory		0	0	0	0	
	Fiscal Year 2023 Rate Objective		124.27	122.74	123.82	< \$105.99	Managed Fuel costs > target due to margin recovery
3. Low Cost (\$/MWh)	Managed Fuel		53.31	50.98	40.16	\$29.40	Market-Exposed Fuel < target is a combination of declining prices and margins on gas sales
	Market-Exposed Fuel		15.48	17.87	29.38	\$26.92	Non-fuel costs 1% below YTD     target primarily due to capacity
	Non-Fuel		55.48	53.88	54.28	\$49.67	sales > target
4. Natural Gas Rate Stability Plan	Discuss need & goals for a structured plan					Complete by June	Workshop conducted on programmatic effort for natural gas/power price stability. Will revisit in the spring after strategic plan and winter impacts are clear.  Page 9 of 80

## NYMEX Settlement \$3.96/MMBtu Below Budget FYTD

Forward Natural Gas Curve as of March 1st





## **Natural Gas Production Finally Above 2019 Peaks**

Gas Demand Up 6 Bcf/Day Over 2019, Continued Tight Market

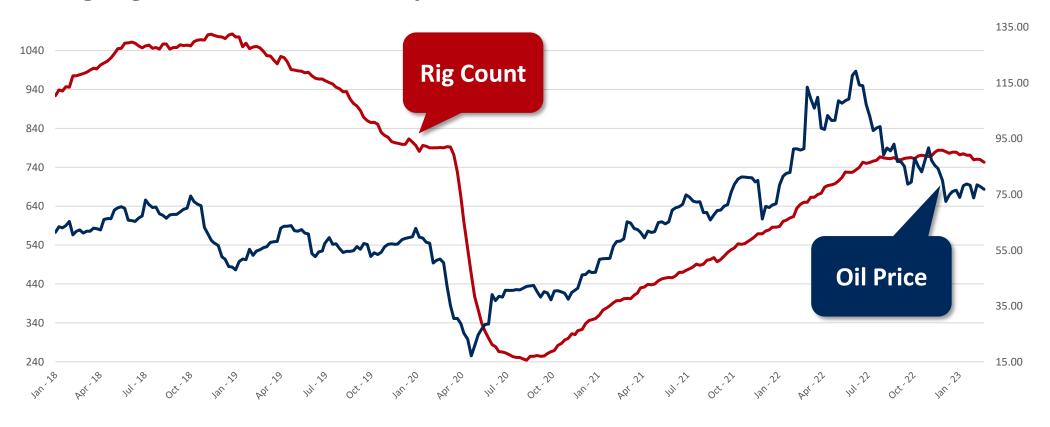




## Oil and Gas Rigs Not Keeping Pace with Demand

US Rigs at Only 70% of 2019 Levels

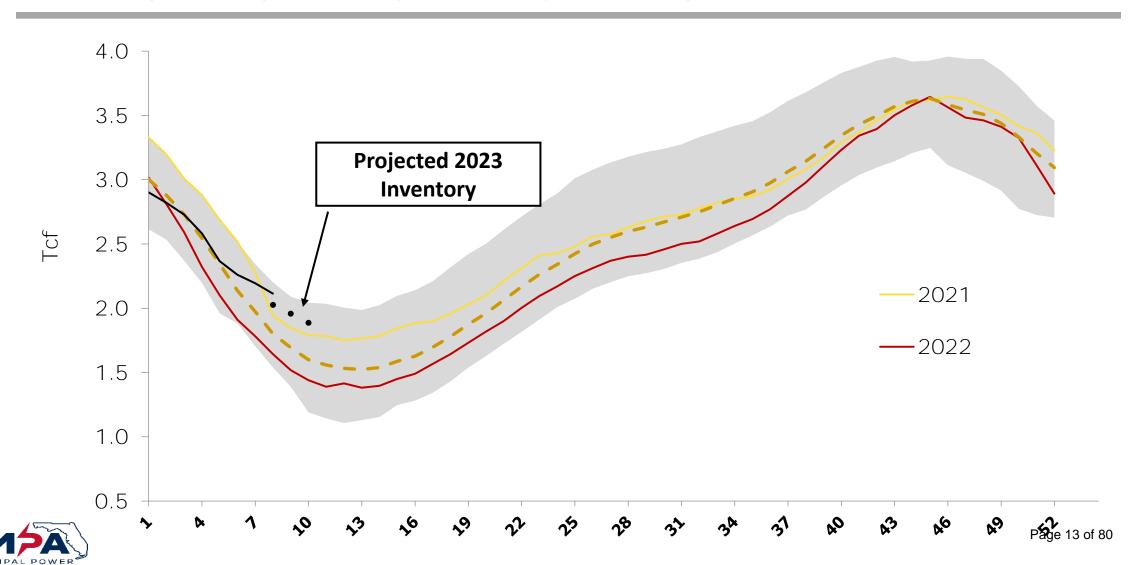
### **US Drilling Rig Count vs. WTI Prompt**



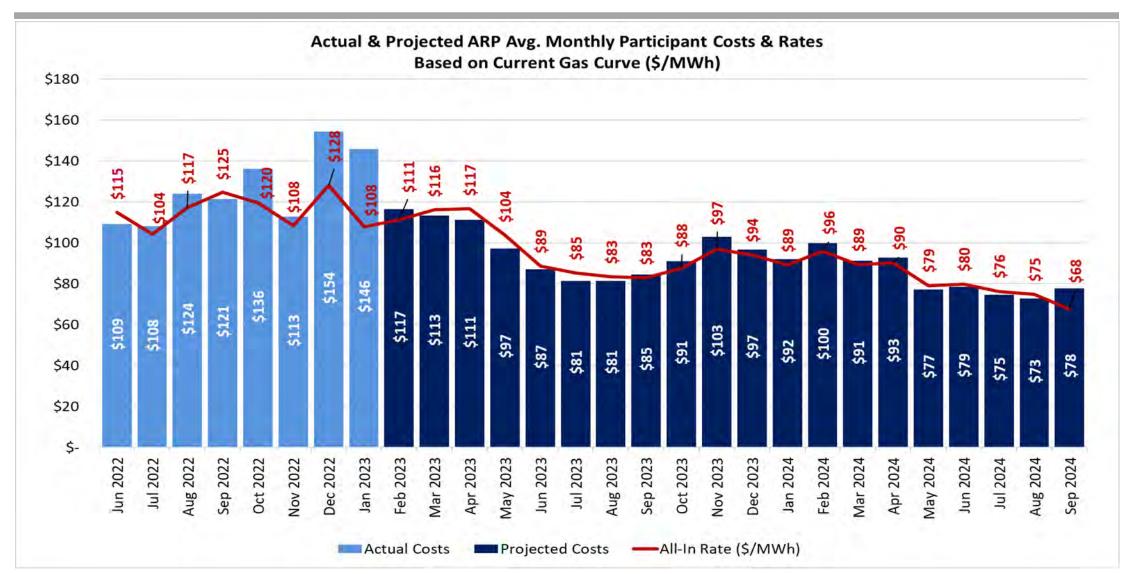


## Gas Storage Inventory as of Week Ending March 3rd

Feb storage averaged 232 bcf over its 5-year average.

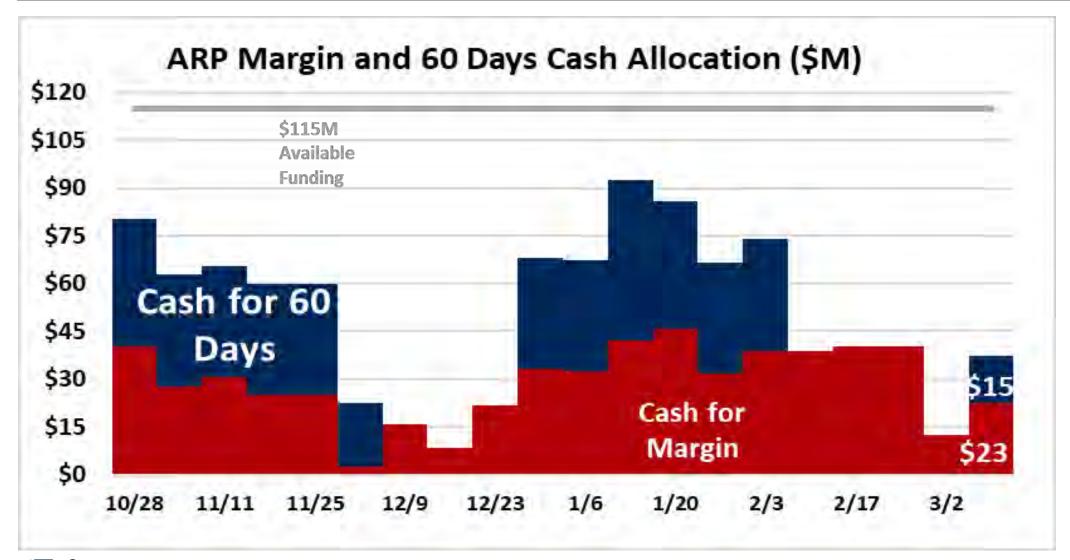


## All-in Rate and Cost Projections Through FY 2024





## ARP Margin and 60-Days Cash Allocation (\$M)



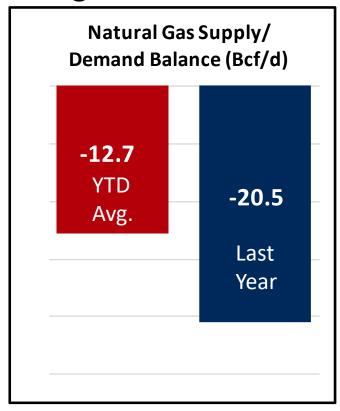


## Gas Demand For Res/Comm Down Due to Mild Winter

Supply Up 1.5 Bcf/Day, Demand Down 6.3 Bcf/Day

## **U.S. Gas Generation Increase Driving Growth**

Supply / Demand Detail (Bcf/day)							
Updated as of 3/14/2023							
	YTD Avg	YTD Last Year					
Production	97.4	94.9					
Imports	5.4	6.4					
Total Supply	102.8	101.3					
Power Demand	-29.9	-28.9					
Industrial Demand	-24.2	-25.2					
Res / Com Demand	-40.9	-46.7					
Exports	-20.4	-21.0					
Total Demand	-115.5	-121.8					
Net Surplus for Storage	-12.7	-20.5					





Goal		Status	Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Target	FY 2023 Target	Comment
E Carlo an	Breaches		0	0	0	0	
5. Cyber- security	Advance phishing tests		1	6	7.3%	10% or <	Advanced phishing tests based on real- world phishing attempts
	Large CC EAF		92.8%	86.3%	88.6%	90%	CI2 and TCEC in planned outage CI2 & CI3 experienced additional outage time vs. plan due to GE performance
6. Reliability	SI EAF		57.8%	84.0%	88.8%	92%	Planned outages on EP2, MSD 1 and 2 to upgrade control system have exceeded planned period, Working to condense future outages to minimize down time
	SI black start and trans. backup		-	1	1	100%	No units operated
7. Member	Project recommendations Major >8 hrs		0	5	5	12	Ocala reviewing Min/Max
Reliability	Projects recommendations Minor < 8 hrs		2	8	7.5	18	<ul> <li>Williston – Program recloser</li> <li>Clewiston – Backup Transformer Support</li> </ul>
	Leadership member visits		6	31	31.25	75	
8. Member Services	Member/Community presentations, com munications & social media support		2	10	8	20	9 presentations; 1 communication supទ្រិទ្ធិទុំt <sup>17 of 80</sup>

Goal		Status	Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Target	FY 2023 Target	Comment
9. Strategic Plan & IRP	Staff will complete IRP for 20-year planning horizon					Complete by EOFY	<ul> <li>Key assumptions for IRP agreed upon by EC during strategic plan</li> <li>Staff conducted Phase 2 kickoff with Burns &amp; McDonnell</li> </ul>
10. Financing	Complete Member <u>pooled loans</u> Complete Gas Prepays		1 3	1 3		1 0	Homestead pooled loan closed Nov. 18. Prepay of 4K(W)/24K(S) at average \$0.61/mmbtu discount
11. Solar Phase III	Complete contract negotiations on Phase III sites					Complete by EOFY	Potential for 3-5 sites; Workshop scheduled March 15, Prices increasing due to FEMA, Insurance costs in addition to higher interest rates
12. People	Complete All Team In-House Training Sessions		1	1	1	3	All Managers attended training for "Managing a remote workforce" in December. Page 18 of 80

AGENDA ITEM 6 – SUNSHINE LAW UPDATE



# Sunshine Law Update – An Election, a Pandemic and a Broken Laptop, Oh My!

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## Sunshine Law and Public Records Law Good Faith Exception for Public Records Law Only!

<u>Jackson v. City of South Bay</u>, 48 Fla. L. Weekly D371, -- So. 3d – (Fla. 4th DCA Feb. 15, 2023).

- City Commission candidate lost election by one vote in March 2020.
- Candidate files a public records request for copies of all meeting minutes of Palm Beach County canvassing board related to election.
- Candidate and County agree to timeframe for when records will be produced.
  - County produces records within the agreed timeframe, but omits minutes for March 13 meeting.
  - Later, candidate learns of March 13 meeting. When asked, County says it was unaware March 13 meeting occurred.
  - Minutes were recorded on laptop which, subsequently, stopped working. (The old broken laptop trick!)
  - Eventually, minutes were retrieved from minute-taker's email.
- Candidate sues for Sunshine Law and Public Records Violation



## Who wins?





## **Both! Really?**

- Public Records Law
  - Public records act requires records custodian to respond "in good faith"
  - Court said that broken laptop does not mean the County lacked "good faith" the County did what it could to retrieve the minutes from March 13.
  - County never refused records and did not have unjustified delay.
  - County wins!
- Sunshine Law (not so fast)
  - No good faith element for Sunshine law.
  - All meeting minutes must be promptly recorded and open to public for inspection.
  - Court said that March 13 minutes were not promptly recorded and open to inspection —evidenced by the fact that County was unaware of the meeting.
  - County claimed, "busy election season," "throes of a pandemic," and "extraordinary circumstances."
  - Too bad, Candidate wins, and gets attorney's fees!





## AGENDA ITEM 7 – CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting Held February 16, 2023

CLERKS DULY NOTIFIED ......February 07, 2023
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#### **MINUTES**

FMPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FLORIDA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2023 8553 COMMODITY CIRCLE ORLANDO, FL 32819 9:00 A.M.

**MEMBERS** Christina Simmons, Bushnell\* (virtual)

PRESENT Lynne Mila, Clewiston (virtual)

Jan Bagnall, Fort Meade Javier Cisneros, Fort Pierce Dino DeLeo, Gainesville (virtual) Bob Page, Green Cove Springs Howard McKinnon, Havana Barbara Quinones, Homestead

Allen Putnam, Jacksonville Beach (virtual)

Lynne Tejeda, Key West Larry Mattern, Kissimmee Ed Liberty, Lake Worth Beach Mike Beckham, Lakeland (virtual)

Joe Bunch, New Smyrna Beach (virtual)

Claston Sunanon, Orlando Kolby Urban, St. Cloud Drew Mullins, Starke

James Braddock, Wauchula (virtual) Jonathan Bishop, Williston\* (virtual)

\*Joined after roll call.

OTHERS Daniel Retherford, FPUA

**PRESENT** Norm Krise, Enercon Services Inc.

Steve Stein, nFront Consulting

STAFF PRESENT Jacob Williams, General Manager and CEO Jody Finklea, General Counsel and CLO

Ken Rutter, Chief Operating Officer Linda S. Howard, Chief Financial Officer

Dan O'Hagan, Assistant General Counsel and Manager of

Regulatory Compliance

Sue Utley, Executive Asst. /Asst. Secy. to the Board

Mike McCleary, Manager of Member Services Development Sharon Adams, Chief People and Member Services Officer

Susan Schumann, Manager of External Affairs and Solar Projects

David Schumann, Power Generation Fleet Director

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 16, 2023 Page **1** of **5**  Chris Gowder, Vice President IT/OT and System Ops
LaKenya VanNorman, Regulatory Compliance Specialist
Rich Popp, Treasurer and Risk Director
Lindsay Jack, Administrative Specialist
Ed Nunez, Assistant Treasurer / Debt
Denise Fuentes, Budget and Financial Analyst II
Ryan Dumas, Senior Public Relations Specialist
Rachel Ilardi, Public Relations Specialist
Wayne Koback, IT Manager
Jose C. Molina-Bravo, Manager of Member Services Development

#### ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Chair, Barbara Quiñones, Homestead, called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:00a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023, in the Frederick M. Bryant Board Room at Florida Municipal Power Agency, 8553 Commodity Circle, Orlando, Florida. The roll was taken, and a quorum was declared with 17 members present representing 28.5 votes out of a possible 47.5 votes. Just after roll call two additional members joined, bringing the total present to 19 members representing 31.5 votes out of a possible 47.5 votes.

#### ITEM 2 - Recognition of Guests

Chair, Barbara Quiñones, Homestead, welcomed Steve Stein, nFront Consulting and Norm Krise, Enercom

#### ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENTS (Individual Public Comments Limited to 3 Minutes)

None

#### ITEM 4 – SET AGENDA (by vote)

**MOTION:** Lynne Tejeda, Key West, moved approval of the agenda as presented. Howard McKinnon, Havana, seconded the motion. Motion Carried 31.5-0.

#### ITEM 5 – REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Jacob Williams reported on the following items:

- 1. Goals Score Card
- Strategic Planning session was a success.
- Jacob recognized Jody Finklea's testimony at the House Energy,
   Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee meeting. Jacob Williams said it was well done.
- 4. Congratulations to Ken Rutter and Lynne Tejeda for the Stock Island USCG

Administrative Order termination.

- 5. FPL minimum customer charge \$30, up from \$5.
- 6. Cybersecurity Workshop will be held March 30 10am-2pm. Department of Homeland Security, FBI, E-ISAC, and local police will be here.
- 7. Annual Member Survey is Due March 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### ITEM 6 - SUNSHINE LAW UPDATE

Dan O'Hagan reported on Public Comment Requirements.

#### ITEM 7 - CONSENT AGENDA

- **a.** Approval of Minutes Meeting Held January 19, 2022
- **b.** Approval of the Projects' Preliminary Financials as of December 31, 2022
- c. Approval of the Treasury Reports as of December 31, 2022

**MOTION:** Larry Mattern, Kissimmee, moved approval of the consent agenda. Javier Cisneros, Fort Pierce, seconded the motion. Motion Carried 31.5-0.

#### ITEM 8 – ACTION ITEMS

#### a. Approval of Poinsett Facility Termination Fund Distribution

Susan Schumann reported on the Poinsett Facility termination fund distribution.

**MOTION:** Ed Liberty, Lake Worth Beach, moved approval of Solar I Project Poinsett termination proceeds to be used toward repayment of the Project Development funds associated with Solar I Project expenditures. Any remaining balance will be returned to Solar I Project participants via check based on pro-rata share. Javier Cisneros, Fort Pierce, seconded the motion. Motion Carried 31.5-0.

**MOTION:** Javier Cisneros, Fort Pierce, moved approval of ARP Solar I Participants Poinsett Termination proceeds to be used toward repayment of Project Development funds associated with Solar Project expenditures, with no remaining balance expected. If EC subsequently approves additional pending Harmony substation expenses, Poinsett Termination proceeds will be used toward those costs first, to avoid an additional request for Development Fund. Larry Mattern, Kissimmee, seconded the motion. Motion Carried 31.5-0.

#### b. Approval of Debt Risk Management Policy

Rich Popp presented revisions to the Debt Risk Management Policy.

**MOTION:** Howard McKinnon, Havana, moved approval of the presented Debt Risk Management Policy with recommended changes. Javier Cisneros, Fort Pierce, seconded the motion. Motion Carried 31.5-0.

#### c. Approval of Financial Advisors' Contracts Renewals

Linda S. Howard presented the Financial Advisors' contracts' renewals.

Howard McKinnon, Havana, asked if PFM will have a representative at our meetings going forward? Linda Howard advised PFM will have someone at our meetings or online in the future.

Larry Mattern, Kissimmee, Thanked Craig for all he has done for the agency and Member cities and said Craig has done a wonderful job.

**MOTION**: Larry Mattern, Kissimmee, moved approval of the contracts with Financial Advisors as follows:

- 3-year contract with PFM with total fees of \$570,000, with the opportunity to extend the contract
- 2-year contract with Dunlap & Associates with total fixed fees of \$180,000
   Howard McKinnon, Havana, seconded the motion. Motion Carried 31.5-0.

#### **ITEM 9 – INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### a. Annual Debt Report

Ed Nunez presented the annual debt report.

#### b. Florida Municipal Solar Project Update

Susan Schumann gave an update on the Florida Municipal Solar Project.

Reminder that the Solar III participation Workshop is March 15, 2023.

#### c. Summary of Finance Committee Items

Linda Howard provided an update on the Finance Committee items.

#### d. Update on Stanton Energy Center

Ken Rutter provided an update on Stanton Energy Center.

#### ITEM 10 - MEMBER COMMENTS

Barbara Quinones, Homestead, mentioned that the mid-year review performance for Jacob Williams and Jody Finklea would be more streamlined going forward. The average merit of FMPA staff will be included in the budget process beginning soon for Jacob Williams and Jody.

#### ITEM 11 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25a.m.						
Barbara Quiñones	Larry Mattern					
Chairperson, Board of Directors	Secretary					
Approved:	_ Seal					
BQ/LM/su						

#### AGENDA ITEM 7 – CONSENT AGENDA

 b. Approval of the Projects' Preliminary Financials as of January 31, 2023



#### AGENDA PACKAGE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** FMPA Board of Directors

FROM: Linda Howard DATE: March 07, 2023

ITEM: 7b – Approval of Projects' Financials as of January 31, 2023

**Discussion:** The summary financial statements and detailed financial statements, which

include GAŠB #62 transactions, of the Projects for the period ended January 31, 2023 are posted on the Document Portal section of FMPA's website.

**Recommended:** Move approval of the Projects' Financial Reports for the month ended January

31, 2023.

LH/GF

## AGENDA ITEM 7 – CONSENT AGENDA

c. Approval of the Treasury Reports as of January 31, 2023



#### AGENDA PACKAGE MEMORANDUM

TO: FMPA Board of Directors

FROM: Sena Mitchell

DATE: March 7, 2023

ITEM: BOD 7(c) – Approval of Treasury Reports as of January 31, 2023

Introduction

This agenda item is a quick summary update of the Treasury

Department's functions.

The Treasury Department reports for January are posted in the member

portal section of FMPA's website.

**Debt Discussion** 

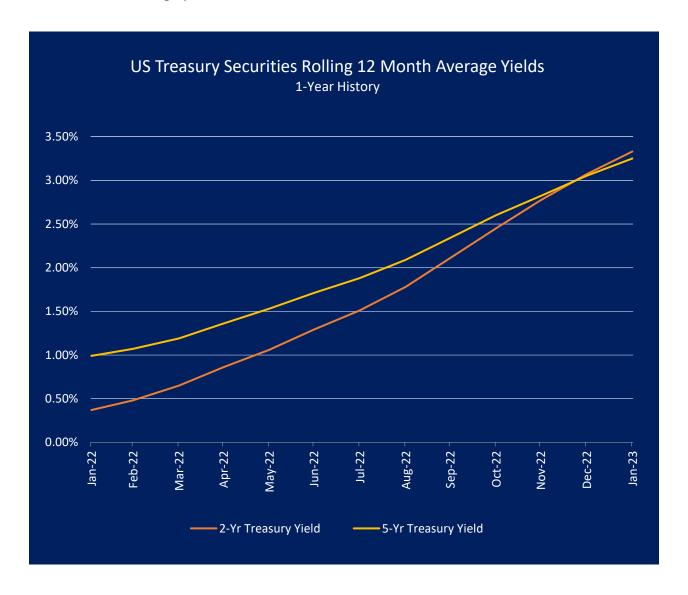
Below is a summary of the total debt outstanding and the percentage of debt that was fixed, variable or synthetically fixed with interest rate swaps as of January 31, 2023.

	Total debt Outstanding	Fixed Rate	Variable Rate	Synthetically Fixed
Agency	0.00	0%	0%	0%
St Lucie	53,285,000.00	100%	0%	0%
Stanton	0.00	0%	0%	0%
Stanton II	73,464,376.31	100%	0%	0%
Tri City	0.00	0%	0%	0%

Investment Discussion

The investments in the Projects are comprised of debt from the government-sponsored enterprises such as the Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), and Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), as well as investments in U.S. Treasuries, Certificates of Deposits, Commercial Paper, Municipal Bonds, Corporate Notes, Local Government Investment Pools and Money Market Mutual Funds.

Below is a graph of the rolling 12-month average US Treasury yields for the past year. The orange line is the 2-year Treasury which had a rolling 12-month average yield on January 31, 2023 of 3.33%. The yellow line is the 5-year Treasury rolling 12-month average yield which was 3.25%.



The rolling 12- month weighted average yields on investments earned as of January 31, 2023, in the Projects, along with their benchmark (Average of Florida Prime Fund and 2-year treasury), are as follows:



Recommended Motion

Move approval of the Treasury Reports for January 31, 2023.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8 - ACTION ITEMS**

a. None

**Board of Directors Meeting March 16, 2023** 

## AGENDA ITEM 9 - INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Update on Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

**Board of Directors Meeting March 16, 2023** 



## **Inflation Reduction Act**

**Considerations for Public Power** 



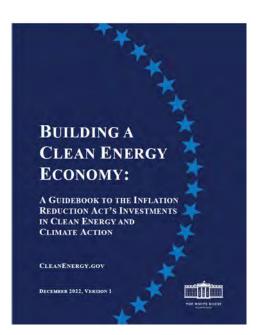
#### **FMPA**

March 16, 2023



#### Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) – Overview

- Signed into law in August 2022
- \$369 billion for new and existing programs, through tax incentives and direct investment, loans and guarantees
- Goals of reducing emission by ~40%
- Incentives touch multiple aspects of your operations and community
  - Installation of energy facilities (e.g., wind, solar...)
  - Conversion of vehicle fleets to electric/hybrid
  - Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station deployment
  - Use of renewable fuels, such as biodiesel
  - Energy efficient building design & construction
- Guidance still needed from Treasury
- Guidebook version 1 was released in December





#### **IRA Key Provisions – Investment and Production Tax Credits**

	Base Credit	Wage & Apprenticeship	Domestic Content Bonus	Energy Community and Low Income	
Inv. Tax Credit	6% of Costs	to 5X Base	Additional 10%	Additional 10%s	
Credit as % of Qualifying				10%	
Capital Costs				10%	
Transferable Tax Credit for Taxpayers			10%	10%	Total to 60+%
Paid Directly to Muni Utilities		24%	24%	24%	of Costs
	6%	6%	6%	6%	
Prod. Tax Credit	~\$5/MwH	to 5X Base	Additional ~\$3.00		
Credit per MwH			Adhara		

Produced over ~10 Yrs

#### **Inflation Adjusted**

**Transferable Tax Credit** for Taxpayers

Paid Directly to Muni **Utilities** 

		~\$3.00	~\$3.00	Total to
	~\$21.00	~\$21.00	~\$21.00	~\$29 per MwH
~\$5.00	~\$5.00	~\$5.00	~\$5.00	



# IRA Key Provisions – lots of Devil in the Details... Areas of Concern and Uncertainty

Base Credit	Wage & Apprenticeship Bonus	Domestic Content Bonus	Energy Community and Low Income
Qualifying Costs	Ability	Availability	Practicality
Uncertainty	Complexity	Complexity	Complexity
Technologies	Documentation	Documentation	Planning
Penalties	Contractors	Cost Pressures	
Timing	Planning	Planning	
		Muni Penalty	

15% "Haircut" for Using Tax-Exempt Debt

ITC vs. PTC - Up-Front vs Over Time (remember BABs?)

Munis Tax Filing to Receive Benefit - in the Year After COD or Production

For Munis, No Domestic Content = Reduced Benefits after 2025





- Financing Renewable Energy recent practices
  - Most muni utilities have procured renewables via competitive RFPs for longterm Power Purchase Agreements ("PPAs") from private, for-profit utilities and project developers
  - For-profit, tax-paying entities had access to tax incentives (ITC, PTC, depreciation) which provide considerable advantages, a portion of which are passed through in the form of lower-priced RFP bids
  - Public power utilities have access to low-cost, tax-exempt debt. However,
     the economics of the tax-benefits outweigh the financing cost advantage
  - PPAs also allocate certain project ownership and performance risks to the developer/owner and provide risk mitigation for PPA buyers



- Initial reactions to IRA provisions were expectations for 30% to 50% reductions to already low prices seen in renewable RFP bids.
- Can public power utilities expect a 30% to 50% decline in renewable prices as a result of the IRA? – Unfortunately, NO
- Why Not?
  - Private, tax-paying developer-owners were already receiving tax benefits, some of which were being incorporated into RFP bid prices
     ~26% solar investment tax credit and accelerated depreciation
  - Bids were often based on developer and tax equity return/profit targets
  - If bids are driven by equity return hurdles, INCREMENTAL tax credits should be incorporated into new bid pricing
  - Private tax benefits should increase from ~26% up to 30%, 40%, 50%??
  - Which could reduce pricing by ~4%, 14%, 24% on RFP bids??



- Why Not? Continued...
  - However...
  - New benefits are <u>at risk</u> to achieving wage/apprenticeship and domestic content provisions over the course of a multi-year construction project
  - And <u>at risk</u> to later IRS interpretation and approval for payment
  - Bid responses are unlikely to price in 100% of <u>potential</u> incremental benefit
  - Inflation, supply chain and supply/demand imbalance are already driving up construction and labor costs for renewable projects
- Net result?
  - IRA will provide valuable assistance in delivering low renewable costs, but do not expect RFP bids to be coming in 25+% lower in the near future



- Solution Public Power build/own and get the full direct tax payments
  - Recent renewable energy core competencies

#### **Public Power**

bidding and negotiating PPAs, finance

#### For-Profit Developers

siting, permitting, contracting, design, engineering, constructing, finance, schedule, interconnection, tax credits, operation, maintenance, risk management and allocation

- New benefits would be <u>at risk</u> to wage/apprenticeship and domestic content provisions over the course of a multi-year construction project
- And <u>at risk</u> to later IRS interpretation and approval for payment
- PTC structures would be at risk to project performance and US Gov't payments – similarly to Build America Bond credit payments
- Net result?
  - Public power build/own interest will increase, but doesn't solve everything



- Public Power renewable acquisition will migrate (slowly and not completely) from the PPA model to the ownership model
- Ownership advantages include tax-exempt financing, residual value of future asset retention and control/flexibility
- It will require a significant change in the evaluation and implementation of renewables
  - Not just a PPA bid
  - Probably an EPC bid or a build/transfer bid
  - Public power now needs to:
    - Determine ITC vs PTC and it is more than just a numbers exercise
    - Integrate and optimize financing
    - Incur ownership and performance risks



## **Treasury/IRS Process**

- Priorities--Direct pay and transferability, prevailing wage and apprenticeship
  - Prevailing wage and apprenticeship guidance issued 11/30/2022
- Treasury has issued nine requests for comments
  - APPA and LPPC submitted comments on three notices:
    - Rules on direct pay, wage/apprenticeship/domestic content and substantive tax issues
- / Compiling issues, drafting process and release of guidance underway
- / Form, Timing, and Elements of direct pay election
- Huge amount of work for them to do
- No one at Treasury Tax Policy that is familiar with public power; IRS tax credit experts also are not familiar with public power



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### **Public Power Action Items**

- Review legislative text and identify questions and potential issues
- Responding to Treasury comment requests
- / Monitoring of Treasury/IRS actions
- / Identify which issues to prioritize, includes identifying synergies with other trade associations
- / Communicate with House and Senate Democratic tax-writers on our issues
- Letters and/or meetings with Treasury highlighting those issues
- / Possible Joint Committee on Taxation Bluebook for further guidance





#### **IRA:** Summary

- IRA will benefit and influence public power acquisition of renewable resources, but will not translate to overwhelming immediate savings
- Availability and extension of the PTC and ITC to municipal utilities will change how renewable resources are analyzed, procured and deployed
- Considerable additional implementation guidance and clarity is needed
- Will require much greater coordination within utility management teams to determine optimal approach to renewable resources – no longer just PPA RFPs

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### **Supporting Materials**

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# Prevailing Wage and Apprenticeship Requirements

- / New rules related to prevailing wages and apprenticeships
- Rules are set up with a base tax credit that is increased by 5x if wage and apprenticeship rules satisfied
- Prevailing wage—requires that laborers and mechanics are paid prevailing wages for the locality in which a project is located during the construction of that project (and, in some cases, the alteration and repair of the project).
  - Guidance provided by Department of Labor
- Apprenticeship—Qualified apprentices must perform at least the applicable percentage of total labor hours related to construction, alteration, repair. Applicable percentage depends on the year in which construction begins: 10 percent for 2022, 12.5 percent for 2023, and 15 percent thereafter
- / IRS guidance released 11/30/22022, including for recordkeeping and when "construction begins"
- Rules to provide grace periods, exceptions for good faith efforts, and ability to remediate failures by making payments



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### **Domestic Content**

#### Bonus of 10 percent (or 10 points) for meeting domestic content

- / Penalty for Tax-Exempt Entities: if the domestic content rules are not satisfied, the PTCs and ITCs are significantly reduced depending on construction start: by 10 percent for 2024, by 15% for 2025, and 100% after 2025.
  - Only for refundable credit beneficiaries; taxable entities either get the full 10% bonus or a 2% bonus if the rules are not met
  - Biggest real world issue for public power?
- / What's required: any steel, iron, or manufactured product that is part of a project is produced in the United States. For manufactured products, specified percentages of cost of components/subcomponents must be mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States.
- / Treasury authority to waive domestic content requirement if materials are too expensive or unavailable
- Additional bonuses for energy communities and low income communities but only for small wind/solar (less than 5mw)
  - Energy communities include brownfields, areas transitioning from fossil fuel production, and MSA in which a coal plant was shut down after 2009 (or the adjacent MSA)



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#### **Effective Dates**

- PTC applies to projects that begin construction before 1/1/25
- / ITC applies to projects that begin construction before 1/1/25 (for costs incurred after 2022)
- New tech neutral ITC and PTC—begin construction after 2024 and until 2032 (with phase out at end)
- Nuclear PTC: existing projects and ends after 2032
- / Direct payments: projects placed in service after 2022
- / Wage/apprenticeship: construction starts on or after January 29, 2022
- Domestic content: construction starts in 2024 and beyond



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## **Direct Payment Process**

- An election must be made to receive direct payments, with the election to be made at the time and manner to be specified by the IRS
- / Payments of direct credits to governmental entities will be made on the later of: (1) the date a tax return would be due (if returns were required), and (2) date on which a claim for the payment is submitted (with the time and manner to be specified by the IRS).
  - Comments urged expedited payment process
- / ITC payments due after project is "placed in service"
- Putting the payment mechanism in place is a very substantial and critical task for the IRS
- / As a reminder, the IRS has not always been timely with BABs payments





## **Additional IRA Tax Issues**

- The rules for tax credit qualification are complicated and subject to interpretation and will be new for public power: qualifying costs, date a project is placed in service, etc.
- / IRS audit potential—there is a 20% penalty for "excessive" payments
- New corporate alternative minimum tax may negatively impact the tax-exempt market





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## AGENDA ITEM 9 – INFORMATION ITEMS

b. Florida Municipal Solar Project Update

**Board of Directors Meeting March 16, 2023** 



# 9b – Florida Municipal Solar Project Update

Board of Directors March 16, 2023



## Phase I and Phase II Activity

## Resolution Reached for Several Pending Issues

#### **Poinsett Facility**

Termination Funds distributed to Solar I Participants

## **Harmony Facility**

Additional substation costs of \$298k issue resolved; No additional action needed

### Rice Creek and Whistling Duck

- Amendment One to PPA executed by FMPA and Origis
- Rice Creek Groundbreaking scheduled for May 11, 2023



## Phase III Activity – Finalizing Documents and Commitments

#### Discussions with Members and Developers Continue

Participant	Megawatts
Poinsett Participants	74.5
All-Requirements Project	100+
Fort Meade	1
JEA	75 - 150
Key West	10
Lake Worth Beach	20
Leesburg	10
Mount Dora	2
New Smyrna Beach	15-20
Orlando	40.5
Starke	1
Winter Park	10
Total	359+

- Power Purchase Agreement
  - <\$45/MWh
    - Final pricing dependent on several factors
    - FPL Interconnected facilities higher price
  - 20-year term
  - 2% annual escalation OR flat pricing
  - FPL and Duke interconnected sites
- Two developers for risk management
  - Contract negotiations underway
- Potentially 3-5 facilities
- COD Dec. 2025 or Dec. 2026



## Phase III Schedule - Workshop Planned

Target: FMPA Approvals at May Board and EC Meetings

Activity	Date Complete	
Negotiation and PPA development with Origis and FRP	March 31	
Member Participation Agreement/Enabling Agreement development	March 31	
Solar III Participant Informational Workshop	Mar. 15	
Member governing board approvals	May 17	
FMPA Board and Executive Committee approvals	May 18	
Final execution of PPAs	May 31	



AGENDA ITEM 9 – INFORMATION ITEMS

c. Quarterly Compliance Update

**Board of Directors Meeting March 16, 2023** 



# 9c – Regulatory Compliance Update

Board of Directors March 16, 2023



## **FERC Update**

- Chairman Glick departure; Commission Phillips serving as Acting Chairman
- FERC Transmission Planning & Cost Allocation NOPR
  - FMPA testified at FERC Technical Conference on Transmission Planning and Cost Management (October 6)
  - Independent Transmission Monitor
    - FMPA leading TAPS non-RTO small group ITM development
    - Written ITM proposal for FERC consideration
- TAPS Spring Conference/Board Meeting March 27-29 (Wash. D.C.)



## Roles of FMPA Regulatory Compliance Department



## **FMPA** Compliance



## **Member Support**



**Industry Influence** 



## **Internal Compliance**

- FMPA has one self-reportable compliance violation
  - Received an FFT (Find, fix, track) enforcement for TPL-001 self-report
  - Recordable but no fine
- Plant coordination
  - Cold weather preparedness plan
  - Training presentation
  - Upcoming spot checks



## **Member Support**

- Cold weather standards roundtable with member and regional GOs and GOPs
- Observation of member city SERC audit
- Upcoming Hometown Security Workshop focused on physical security through the lens of national and local experts
- Upcoming PRC-005 asset management software demonstration for members with PRC-005 applicability



# **Industry Influence**

- APPA and TAPS
  - Cold Weather Preparedness standard development and implementation efforts
  - Joint trade association comments on the IBR NOPR
  - Proposed changes to Section 300 of the Rules of Procedure



## AGENDA ITEM 9 – INFORMATION ITEMS

d. 2023 Strategic Planning Workshop Report

**Board of Directors Meeting March 16, 2023** 



# **2023 Strategic Planning Workshop Report**

Board of Directors & Executive Committee March 16, 2023

## FMPA's Vision and Mission Statements Reviewed

Great Support for Existing Statements Without Any Changes

#### **VISION**

To sustainably be the lowest cost, and a reliable and clean wholesale power provider in Florida.

#### **MISSION**

To provide low-cost, reliable and clean power plus value-added services for FMPA's owner-customers that benefit their communities and customers.



# FMPA's Value Statements Reviewed and Discussed Board Chose to Emphasize 'Low Cost' By Adding It to Values

#### **VALUES**

- A culture that values both our employees and operating agents and their safety
- Teamwork among our employees and our public power member-owner-customers
- Trust built through honesty, integrity, transparency, open communications and respect
- Employee development, recognition, reward and empowerment
- Low-cost electricity for all customers
- Environmentally responsible operations and consider impacts of raw materials/processing thereof in new resources decisions
- Member and employee diversity and inclusion
- Innovation and excellence
- The individual needs and desires of FMPA's owner-customers shall be given the strongest consideration consistent with the best interests of all owner-customers



# **Board of Directors' Top-Ranked Strategic Priorities**

# Top 6 of 8 Strategic Priorities Ranked in Priority Order

	Board of Directors' Top Strategic Priorities	Score
1	Advocate for abundant natural gas supply and pipeline expansions to keep costs low	6.60
2	Begin engaging in discussions to explore viable nuclear resource opportunities	6.27
3	Explore expanding membership in the Florida Municipal Power Pool	4.87
4	Evaluate capital funding strategies that align debt utilization with competitive rates	4.07
5	Continue gradual pursuit of new solar and battery opportunities	3.80
6	Identify our retail customers' energy priorities regarding electricity needs	3.73



# **Executive Committee's Top-Ranked Strategic Priorities**

Top 4 of 6 Strategic Priorities Ranked in Priority Order

	Executive Committee's Top Strategic Priorities	Score
1	Develop systematic approach to reducing exposure to natural gas for power-cost stability	5.00
2	Continue high availability for FMPA's low-cost generating resources	4.18
3	Maximize asset value/minimize costs with significant expansion of the Florida Municipal Power Pool	4.00
4	Pursue more municipal third-party sales that add value to ARP and municipal customers	3.46

11 Executive Committee members responded



AGENDA ITEM 9 – INFORMATION ITEMS

e. JEA Membership in FMPA

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# 9e - JEA Request to Join FMPA

Board of Directors March 16, 2023



## **JEA Seeking to Join FMPA**

## Facilitates JEA's Participation in Solar Phase III

- JEA is one of the largest municipal electric utilities in the U.S., serving almost 500,000 electric customers
- JEA is seeking 75–150 MW of solar from FMPA's Phase III Project
- To facilitate JEA's participation in Phase III, JEA is seeking membership in FMPA
- As Phase III comes on-line, JEA would move from a member with one vote, to a project participant with 1.5 votes
  - ARP members have two votes per member for Board votes
- Information only action item in April



AGENDA ITEM 10 – MEMBER COMMENTS

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AGENDA ITEM 11 – ADJOURNMENT

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