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Mr. Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk  
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Re: Docket 20240026-EI; Petition for Rate Increase by Tampa Electric Company

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing on behalf of Tampa Electric Company in the above-referenced docket is the Direct Testimony of Archie Collins and Exhibit No. AC-1.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

(Document 2 of 32)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Jeffrey Wahlen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. Jeffrey Wahlen

cc: All parties

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Attachment



**BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**DOCKET NO. 20240026-EI  
IN RE: PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE  
BY TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBIT  
OF  
ARCHIE COLLINS**

1                                   **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2                                   **PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY**

3                                   **OF**

4                                   **ARCHIE COLLINS**

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

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8   **A.**   My name is Archie Collins. My business address is 702 N.  
9           Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602. I am employed by  
10          Emera Inc. and am seconded to Tampa Electric Company  
11          ("Tampa Electric" or the "company") as President and Chief  
12          Executive Officer.

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

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17   **A.**   As President and Chief Executive Officer, I report to the  
18          Board of Directors of Tampa Electric. I am responsible for  
19          all aspects of the company's activities, including safety;  
20          customer experience; strategy development; energy supply  
21          and delivery; environment compliance and stewardship; and  
22          shared services such as Information Technology, Legal,  
23          Human Resources, Finance, Facilities, and Procurement. All  
24          Tampa Electric officers report to me, and together we lead  
25          a team of approximately 2,500 employees.

1 **Q.** Please provide a brief outline of your educational  
2 background and business experience.

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4 **A.** I graduated from St. Francis Xavier University with a  
5 diploma in Engineering and from Dalhousie University with  
6 a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

7  
8 I have more than 30 years of experience in the energy  
9 industry. Prior to assuming my current role in 2021, I was  
10 Chief Operating Officer of the company. I also served as  
11 President and Chief Executive Officer of Grand Bahama Power  
12 Company and President and Chief Operating Officer of Emera  
13 Caribbean. I have also served as Executive Vice President  
14 of Commercial Operations for Emera Energy, as Vice  
15 President of Operations at Emera Energy, and in senior  
16 roles with Nova Scotia Power.

17  
18 **Q.** What are the purposes of your direct testimony?

19  
20 **A.** Tampa Electric requests that the Florida Public Service  
21 Commission ("Commission" or "FPSC") approve a \$296.6  
22 million annual increase in the company's retail base rates  
23 effective January 1, 2025, and subsequent year incremental  
24 rate adjustments for 2026 and 2027 of \$100.1 and \$71.8  
25 million, respectively.

1 My direct testimony (1) provides an overview of Tampa  
2 Electric;(2) describes our successes transforming the  
3 company since our last general base rate proceeding in  
4 2021; (3) previews our plans for the future; (4) explains  
5 why we are seeking base rate increases in this proceeding  
6 and the things we have done to moderate our request; (5)  
7 provides an overview of our requests; and (6) highlights  
8 how our proposed rate increase for 2025 is expected to  
9 impact customers' bills. I also introduce the other  
10 witnesses who have filed direct testimony in support of  
11 the company's petition and briefly describe the subject  
12 matter each witness will cover.

13

14 **Q.** How are typical customer bills in 2025 expected to compare  
15 with previous years' bills?

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17 **A.** Based on our clause factors in effect on January 1, 2024  
18 and proposed 2025 base rate increase, we expect typical  
19 residential bills to be lower in 2025 than they were in  
20 2023.

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22 **Q.** Have you prepared an exhibit to support your direct  
23 testimony?

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25 **A.** Yes. Exhibit No. AC-1, entitled "Exhibit of Archie

1 Collins," was prepared under my direction and supervision.  
2 The contents of my exhibit were derived from the business  
3 records of the company and are true and correct to the best  
4 of my information and belief. It consists of three  
5 documents:

6 Document No. 1 List of Tampa Electric Witnesses and  
7 Purpose of their Direct Testimony

8 Document No. 2 List of Minimum Filing Requirement  
9 Schedules Sponsored by Archie Collins

10 Document No. 3 Witness Assignments for Minimum Filing  
11 Requirement Schedules  
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13 **(1) OVERVIEW OF TAMPA ELECTRIC**

14 **Q.** Please describe Tampa Electric.

15  
16 **A.** Tampa Electric was incorporated in Florida in 1899 and was  
17 reincorporated in 1949. Tampa Electric is an indirect  
18 wholly owned subsidiary of Emera Incorporated. ("Emera").  
19 Tampa Electric became part of the Emera family of companies  
20 in 2016 when Emera purchased all common stock of TECO  
21 Energy, Inc. Tampa Electric is an investor-owned public  
22 utility regulated by the Commission and the Federal Energy  
23 Regulatory Commission.  
24

25 **Q.** What are the company's goals?

1 **A.** Tampa Electric is committed to being a trusted energy  
2 partner for our customers now and in the future.

3  
4 We have three overall strategic goals: (1) strengthen and  
5 modernize our electric grid, (2) provide clean and reliable  
6 generation, and (3) create value for customers. Achieving  
7 these goals requires operational excellence, which means  
8 World Class Safety, embracing innovation, using data and  
9 technology to make smart decisions, continuously improving  
10 our business processes, putting the right people in the  
11 right roles with the right training, and engaging with our  
12 communities.

13  
14 We focus on carefully and prudently managing our operating  
15 expenses and capital spending to ensure public and employee  
16 safety, and to meet the growing and changing energy needs  
17 in our service territory. We work diligently and  
18 thoughtfully to continuously improve the safety,  
19 reliability, and resilience of our electric system, improve  
20 efficiency in all areas of our operations - especially the  
21 generating efficiency of our existing power plants - and  
22 ensure that we can continue serving customers at all times  
23 regardless of weather conditions. We must also focus on  
24 ensuring the continuity, security, and resilience of our  
25 business operations.

1 **Q.** Has Tampa Electric been recognized for its storm readiness?

2

3 **A.** Yes. In December 2023, Tampa Electric became the first  
4 electric utility in Florida to be recognized as  
5 "StormReady" by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
6 Administration ("NOAA"). This designation signifies that  
7 the company is at the forefront of advanced planning,  
8 education, and awareness to mitigate the impact of extreme  
9 weather events. NOAA assessed various aspects of our storm  
10 preparedness, including our proactive communications, our  
11 emergency operations center, team member training, 24/7  
12 support, and engagement with local community partners. This  
13 recognition reflects our commitment to being prepared for  
14 whatever Mother Nature may have in store for the company  
15 and our customers.

16

17 **Q.** In addition to providing electricity, how does Tampa  
18 Electric support the communities it serves?

19

20 **A.** Our team members work and live in the communities we serve,  
21 and it is important to Tampa Electric to be a positive  
22 force in those communities. Tampa Electric team members  
23 provided over 90,000 hours of volunteer service to  
24 community groups from 2021 to 2023. Our employees and the  
25 company donated more than \$2.3 million to assist customers



1 in need from 2021 to 2023 through our SHARE program.

2  
3 The company recognizes the importance of environmental  
4 stewardship to our customers, and we show it by pursuing  
5 environmentally beneficial projects when doing so makes  
6 sense. Some of them, like solar generation, provide direct  
7 benefits to our communities through fuel savings and  
8 emission reductions.

9  
10 Others, like our Manatee Viewing Center, thoughtfully  
11 integrate conservation, environmental stewardship, and  
12 normal utility operations in beneficial ways. The Manatee  
13 Viewing Center is a public education center at Big Bend  
14 Power Station that uses the warm water discharge at Big  
15 Bend Power Station to provide critical protection from the  
16 cold for manatees. This winter, Big Bend Power Station and  
17 its state and federally designated manatee sanctuary hosted  
18 a record 1,100 manatees and thousands of customers,  
19 neighbors, and visitors to the Tampa Bay area.

20  
21 **Q.** Please describe Emera.

22  
23 **A.** Emera is a geographically diverse energy and services  
24 company headquartered in Halifax, Nova Scotia. As of  
25 December 31, 2023, it had approximately \$39.5 billion CAD

1 (Canadian dollars) in assets and 2023 revenues of  
2 approximately \$7.6 billion CAD. Emera primarily invests in  
3 regulated electric and gas utilities, with a strategic  
4 focus on transformation as energy markets evolve. Emera  
5 has investments throughout North America and in three  
6 Caribbean countries.

7  
8 **Q.** What is Tampa Electric's legal relationship with Peoples  
9 Gas System, Inc.?

10  
11 **A.** Peoples Gas System was an operating division of Tampa  
12 Electric until January 1, 2023, when its assets,  
13 liabilities, and equity were transferred as part of a tax-  
14 free exchange to a new corporation named Peoples Gas  
15 System, Inc. ("2023 Transaction"). Peoples Gas System, Inc.  
16 is an affiliate of Tampa Electric and a local natural gas  
17 distribution company regulated by the Commission. Our Vice  
18 President Finance, Jeff Chronister discusses the 2023  
19 Transaction in his direct testimony.

20  
21 **Q.** How many retail customers does Tampa Electric serve?

22  
23 **A.** Tampa Electric currently provides retail electric service  
24 to approximately 844,000 customers in a service territory  
25 covering approximately 2,000 square miles in Hillsborough

1 and portions of Polk, Pasco, and Pinellas counties. We  
2 serve these customers with our employees, contractors and  
3 the utility facilities described below. Most of our  
4 employees work in the areas of Energy Supply, Electric  
5 Delivery, and Customer Experience, along with others who  
6 work in support areas like Information Technology,  
7 Accounting and Finance, Human Resources, and Regulatory  
8 Affairs.

9  
10 **Q.** Please describe the company's electric generating  
11 facilities.

12  
13 **A.** The company maintains a diverse portfolio of generating  
14 facilities with a net winter capacity of approximately  
15 6,433 megawatts ("MW"). Tampa Electric operates three  
16 electric generating stations that include fossil steam  
17 units, combined cycle units, combustion turbine peaking  
18 units, and an integrated gasification combined cycle unit.  
19 These units are located at Big Bend Power Station, H.L.  
20 Culbreath Bayside Power Station, and Polk Power Station.

21  
22 As of January 1, 2024, the company operated about 1,250 MW  
23 of solar generating capacity at 22 facilities located  
24 throughout its retail service territory and had energy  
25 storage capacity of about 13.0 MW<sub>ac</sub>. During calendar year

1           2023, the company's solar facilities provided  
2           approximately 8.6 percent of the company's total energy  
3           sales and represented almost 21 percent of the company's  
4           installed summer generating capacity. Since 2017, our solar  
5           facilities saved our customers approximately \$200 million  
6           in fuel expense.

7  
8           Our electric generating, energy storage, and solar  
9           facilities are part of our Energy Supply area, which is  
10          led by our Vice President Energy Supply, Carlos Aldazabal,  
11          who discusses Energy Supply in his testimony.

12  
13       **Q.** Please describe the company's transmission and  
14       distribution system.

15  
16       **A.** Tampa Electric's transmission system consists of nearly  
17       1,332 circuit miles of overhead facilities, including  
18       approximately 25,296 transmission poles and structures,  
19       and approximately ten circuit miles of underground  
20       facilities.

21  
22       The company's distribution system consists of  
23       approximately 6,137 circuit miles of overhead facilities,  
24       approximately 266,773 poles, and 6,475 circuit miles of  
25       underground facilities.

1 Our transmission and distribution systems are connected  
2 through 238 substations throughout the company's service  
3 territory.

4  
5 These systems and substations are part of our Electric  
6 Delivery area, which is led by our Vice President Electric  
7 Delivery, Chip Whitworth, who discusses Electric Delivery  
8 in his testimony.

9  
10 **Q.** How important are its employees to the success of Tampa  
11 Electric?

12  
13 **A.** They are vitally important. Each of our employees impacts  
14 the level of customer service we provide. Many of our  
15 employees are also customers and many of them work in the  
16 field or a customer care center and directly interact with  
17 our customers or operate and maintain our electric system.  
18 The employees who work in our corporate offices promote  
19 excellent customer service by making smart decisions  
20 informed by data, spending resources wisely, and preparing  
21 for the future. Tampa Electric is committed to providing  
22 fair and reasonable compensation to its employees and an  
23 opportunity for a life-long career in energy. We also like  
24 to provide apprenticeship and cooperative education  
25 opportunities to qualified people who are interested in an

1 energy career.

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3 **(2) SUCCESSES SINCE TAMPA ELECTRIC'S LAST BASE RATE PROCEEDING**

4 **Q.** When did the company last file a petition seeking to  
5 increase its general base rates and charges ("rate case")?  
6

7 **A.** Tampa Electric last filed a rate case on April 9, 2021, in  
8 Docket No. 20210034-EI. The issues in that case were  
9 resolved by a unanimous Stipulation and Settlement  
10 Agreement ("2021 Agreement") by and between Tampa Electric  
11 and the consumer parties that participated in the case.  
12 The Commission approved the 2021 Agreement by Order No.  
13 PSC-2021-0423-S-EI, issued on November 10, 2021. The  
14 company has been operating under its terms since then.  
15

16 2021 AGREEMENT

17 **Q.** Please describe the 2021 Agreement.  
18

19 **A.** Tampa Electric agreed that the general base rates provided  
20 for therein would remain in effect through December 31,  
21 2024, and thereafter, until the company's next general base  
22 rate case. In addition, the 2021 Agreement:  
23

24 (1) set the company's midpoint return on equity at 9.95  
25 percent, with the opportunity to earn an additional 25 basis

1 points as a result of a Return on Equity ("ROE") Trigger;

2  
3 (2) prescribed a 54 percent equity ratio for all regulatory  
4 purposes;

5  
6 (3) created the Clean Energy Transition Mechanism ("CETM")  
7 that recovers the retirement and dismantlement of Big Bend  
8 Units 1, 2, and 3 and retired Automatic Meter Readings  
9 assets;

10  
11 (4) authorized \$89.7 million and \$21.4 million Generating  
12 Base Rate Adjustments ("GBRA") for the Big Bend  
13 Modernization Conversion Project and certain solar  
14 projects; and

15  
16 (5) specified certain cost of service and rate design  
17 principles for use during the term of the agreement and for  
18 the initial filing in this case.

19  
20 **Q.** Did the company increase its base rates as a result of the  
21 ROE Trigger?

22  
23 **A.** Yes. During the term of the 2021 Agreement, the average 30-  
24 year United States Treasury Bond yield rate increased for  
25 a period of six (6) consecutive months at least 50 basis

1 points over the yield rate on the date the Commission voted  
2 to approve this 2021 Agreement. Tampa Electric requested to  
3 implement the "Trigger" provision in paragraph 2 of the  
4 2021 Agreement by adjusting the company's authorized ROE by  
5 25 basis points to be within a range of 9.25 percent to  
6 11.25 percent with a mid-point of 10.20 percent and to make  
7 a commensurate increase in base rates and charges. The  
8 Commission issued Order No. PSC-2022-0322-FOF-EI on  
9 September 12, 2022, approving the company's request.

10  
11 **Q.** Has the company experienced challenges during the term of  
12 the 2021 Agreement?

13  
14 **A.** Yes. Like our customers, Tampa Electric experienced  
15 unanticipated levels of general inflation, interest rate  
16 increases, insurance premium increases, and challenging  
17 labor market conditions. In 2023, our customers experienced  
18 higher than normal bills due to the unfortunate combined  
19 effects of (1) our recovery in 2023 of higher than expected  
20 fuel prices incurred in 2022, (2) the impact of damage from  
21 tropical storms on our system, and (3) record-setting heat  
22 during the summer months. Our Vice President of Customer  
23 Experience, Karen Sparkman, discusses the impact that high  
24 customer bills in 2023 had on our customer experience and  
25 how we are improving based on the lessons we learned last



1 year.

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3 **Q.** Has Tampa Electric grown since 2021 when the 2021 Agreement  
4 was approved?

5

6 **A.** Yes. We served approximately 800,000 customers in May 2021  
7 and employed an average of approximately 2,400 team members  
8 in 2021. As of December 2023, we served approximately  
9 840,000 customers, and increased to 844,000 by February  
10 2024. We expect to serve approximately 854,000 customers  
11 by the end of 2024 and 868,000 customers by the end of  
12 2025. We employed approximately 2,500 team members in  
13 December 2023. We expect our average employee count for  
14 2024 to be approximately 2,550 and then to remain at that  
15 level during 2025.

16

17 **Q.** Did the 2021 Agreement contain general cost recovery  
18 provisions?

19

20 **A.** No. The 2021 Agreement included GBRA for recovering  
21 capital investments beyond the 2022 test year but did not  
22 include cost recovery for the general capital investments  
23 we make each year to operate the company or for the expenses  
24 associated with additional employees, so the company had  
25 to manage these and other costs during the settlement

1 period.

2

3 Our employee and customer count numbers are discussed  
4 further in the direct testimony of Vice President Human  
5 Resources Marian Cacciatore and Director Load Research and  
6 Forecasting Lori Cifuentes, respectively.

7

8 **Q.** Has the 2021 Agreement served the public interest?

9

10 **A.** Yes. The agreement promoted regulatory certainty and  
11 efficiency by eliminating the need to file successive rate  
12 cases in 2022 and 2023 and has proven to be in the public  
13 interest. The 2021 Agreement allowed the company to improve  
14 its safety record; continue to be a solar leader in  
15 Florida; continue to transform its generating fleet to be  
16 more efficient and reduce fuel costs; improve reliability  
17 and resiliency; maintain a strong financial profile and  
18 customer service rankings; and maintain sufficient reserve  
19 margins. It also enabled the company to improve the  
20 efficiency, sufficiency, and adequacy of its facilities  
21 and services during the settlement period.

22

23 SAFETY

24 **Q.** Did the challenges described above cause the company's  
25 safety record to decline?

1 **A.** No. Safety is still our number one priority, and our  
2 results show it.

3  
4 We have committed ourselves to achieving World Class  
5 safety, and to the beliefs that (1) all injuries are  
6 preventable and (2) no business consideration can take  
7 priority over safety. Our unwavering focus on safety  
8 creates a sense of ownership among our entire team that  
9 ultimately benefits our customers.

10  
11 Tampa Electric's reportable OSHA incidents declined from  
12 24 in 2019 to a low of 17 in 2023. Our OSHA incident rate  
13 declined from 1.02 in 2019 to a low of 0.70 in 2023. Our  
14 safety efforts and results are discussed further in the  
15 testimony of Mr. Aldazabal and Mr. Whitworth.

16  
17 SOLAR GENERATION AND ENERGY SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS

18 **Q.** What solar generation facilities did the company add to  
19 its Energy Supply system since 2021?

20  
21 **A.** We added approximately 600 MW of solar generating capacity  
22 as provided in the 2021 Agreement. With these additions,  
23 Tampa Electric's solar facilities can now produce  
24 approximately 1,250 MW of electricity, enough to power more  
25 than 200,000 homes. We are Florida's top - and the

1 Southeast's second highest - producer of solar energy per  
2 customer. About 8.6 percent of the electricity we generated  
3 in 2023 came from the sun, and we expect our solar  
4 generation to reach approximately 12 percent in 2024. These  
5 solar projects have saved our customers more than \$200  
6 million in fuel costs since 2017 and help moderate fuel  
7 price volatility. These solar additions furthered the goals  
8 in Section 366.91(1), Florida Statutes, by developing  
9 renewable energy resources and are discussed further in  
10 the prepared direct testimony of Mr. Aldazabal and Kris  
11 Stryker, Vice President Clean Energy and Emerging  
12 Technology.

13  
14 **Q.** What other improvements did the company make to its Energy  
15 Supply system?

16  
17 **A.** We made a number of operational improvement investments,  
18 but the biggest was the Big Bend Modernization Project,  
19 which also was approved in the 2021 Agreement. As part of  
20 this project, the company retired Big Bend Unit 2 and Unit  
21 3, refurbished the Big Bend Unit 1 steam turbine and  
22 generator, and replaced the Unit 1 boiler and coal  
23 processing equipment with two new, highly efficient General  
24 Electric 7HA.02 combustion turbines and associated heat  
25 recovery steam generators. These changes helped improve

1 our system reliability and operating flexibility, and  
2 reduced fuel costs. The combined winter generating capacity  
3 of the new units increased from approximately 800 MW to  
4 1,120 MW (winter capacity) and reduced their combined heat  
5 rates from over 10,500 Btu/kWh to about 6,300 Btu/kWh - a  
6 40 percent efficiency gain.

7  
8 Another example of our system improvements is the Advanced  
9 Gas Path ("AGP") Project at Bayside Power Station, that  
10 consists of improvements to the cooling systems, hot  
11 section parts redesign, and sealing to maximize output,  
12 efficiency, and flexibility at Units 1 and 2. The AGP work  
13 at Bayside Unit 1 was completed in 2022 and resulted in  
14 increased capacity and greater efficiency for Unit 1.  
15 Bayside Unit 2 AGP work will be completed in spring 2024,  
16 for a combined 128 MW increase in capacity and heat rate  
17 improvement of nearly five percent. The AGP technology  
18 improves the flexibility of the units by adding fast start  
19 capability, which substantially reduces time to  
20 synchronize to the grid.

21  
22 The efficiency of our combined generating system has  
23 improved by 20 percent since 2017. These changes, along  
24 with other improvements and the addition of solar  
25 generation, have significantly reduced customers' fuel

1 costs, and reduced annual emissions by about 38 percent  
2 since 2017. Presently, about two percent of our  
3 electricity is generated using coal, about 86 percent is  
4 natural gas-fired, and about 12 percent is from solar.

5  
6 Our Energy Supply investments have improved the efficiency,  
7 sufficiency, and adequacy of our facilities and services  
8 since the company's last case and are explained in the  
9 prepared direct testimony of Mr. Aldazabal.

10  
11 ELECTRIC DELIVERY AND RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENTS

12 **Q.** What investments did the company make in its Electric  
13 Delivery system?

14  
15 **A.** We made important investments to improve our customer  
16 experience and promote resilience and reliability. We  
17 completed our Automated Metering Infrastructure ("AMI")  
18 project by installing over 800,000 smart meters and a new  
19 distribution communications system, which allows us to  
20 identify outages more quickly and has helped moderate O&M  
21 expense increases. We also invested in distribution  
22 operating technology to improve system reliability. These  
23 changes, together with the enhanced vegetation management  
24 and grid hardening included in our Commission - approved  
25 Storm Protection Plan have improved system reliability.

1     **Q.**    Can you quantify Tampa Electric's system reliability  
2            improvements?

3  
4     **A.**    Yes, our reliability has steadily improved since 2021. Our  
5            System Average Interruption Duration Index ("SAIDI")  
6            improved from a high of 84.5 in 2021 to a low of 57.27 in  
7            2023 and our Momentary Average Interruption Frequency Index  
8            ("MAIFIe") improved from a high of 6.5 in 2021 to a low of  
9            6.44 in 2023. Customers Experiencing More than Five Outages  
10           of more than one minute ("CEMI-5") improved from 9,744 in  
11           2021 to 1,022 in 2023. Today, the company provides 99.98  
12           percent service reliability for its customers.

13  
14    **Q.**    Did the company make other major improvements to its  
15            electric delivery system?

16  
17    **A.**    Yes. The company replaced all of our street and area lights  
18            with smart LED technology. This innovative technology  
19            improves visibility, reduces glare, lowers O&M expense,  
20            and is more energy efficient than traditional lighting.  
21            Keeping the communities we serve well-lit helps keep our  
22            roadways safe and promotes public safety.

23  
24            All of these investments have improved the efficiency,  
25            sufficiency, and adequacy of our facilities and services

1 since the company's last case. Our Electric Delivery system  
2 improvements and reliability results are discussed further  
3 in the prepared direct testimony of Mr. Whitworth and Tampa  
4 Electric witness David Lukcic.

5  
6 CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

7 **Q.** How have the company's customer service rankings changed  
8 since 2021?

9  
10 **A.** Although our call center performance metrics declined in  
11 2023 due to increased call volumes, our J.D. Power ranking  
12 for residential customer overall satisfaction has improved  
13 from the fourth quartile in 2017 to near the top of the  
14 second quartile in 2023.

15  
16 We scored better than the industry average for all six J.D.  
17 Power measures of customer satisfaction in 2023. Tampa  
18 Electric is ranked in the first quartile for  
19 Communications, and in the second quartile for four  
20 measures, including Power Quality and Reliability, Billing  
21 and Payment, Corporate Citizenship, and Customer Care. Our  
22 overall business satisfaction measures declined slightly  
23 in 2023 but remained above the industry average.

24  
25 Ms. Sparkman, explains these rankings and our customer



1 experience performance metrics in her prepared direct  
2 testimony.

3  
4 **(3) PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

5 **Q.** What is Tampa Electric planning for the future?

6  
7 **A.** Our work to transform our company is not complete. From  
8 2024 to 2030, we expect ten percent customer growth, so  
9 investing to serve new customers will continue to be a  
10 priority. We must plan and invest now to be ready to serve  
11 our customers in the future. Our goals are to: (1) become  
12 even more reliable, resilient, efficient, and customer-  
13 focused, while remaining committed to safety, managing our  
14 costs, and providing the kind of positive customer  
15 experience our customers expect; (2) strengthen our system  
16 and enhance our response to power outages; and (3) focus  
17 on generating efficiencies and new energy supply projects  
18 that will help reduce the fuel costs our customers pay as  
19 part of their monthly bills.

20  
21 **Q.** Please summarize the company's future plans.

22  
23 **A.** As we look ahead, Tampa Electric plans to:

24  
25 (1) Modify existing power plants (Polk Fuel Diversity

1 Project and Polk Unit 1 Flexibility Project) to improve  
2 performance and efficiency, increase fuel diversity,  
3 reduce fuel costs, increase generating fleet flexibility,  
4 and enhance system reliability. Mr. Aldazabal will explain  
5 these activities in his direct testimony.

6  
7 (2) Add approximately 490 MW of incremental solar  
8 generation via eight projects to promote fuel diversity,  
9 reduce customer exposure to fuel price volatility, and  
10 lower fuel costs on customers' bills. Mr. Stryker will  
11 explain these projects in his direct testimony, and Jose  
12 Aponte, Manager Resource Planning, will show that these  
13 projects are cost-effective additions to our generating  
14 fleet. These solar facilities are an efficient use of  
15 alternative energy resources and further the goals in  
16 Section 366.91(1), Florida Statutes, by developing  
17 renewable energy resources in Florida.

18  
19 (3) Install a group of small reciprocating electric  
20 generators as part of our South Tampa Resilience Project  
21 that will help the company avoid costly transmission system  
22 upgrades, increase system resilience, and support national  
23 security. Mr. Aldazabal will explain this project in his  
24 direct testimony, and Mr. Aponte will show that the project  
25 is a cost-effective addition to our generating fleet.

1 (4) Construct approximately 115 MW of energy storage  
2 capacity as a cost-effective means to maintain winter  
3 reserve margins during cold weather events and an efficient  
4 use of alternative energy resources. This energy storage  
5 will allow us to serve customers with lower-cost energy  
6 during winter peaks, and also reduces our reliance on fuels  
7 purchased from sources beyond Florida. Mr. Stryker will  
8 explain these projects in his testimony, and Mr. Aponte  
9 will show that they are needed for winter reserve margin  
10 and are cost-effective additions to our generating fleet.  
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12 (5) Enhance our smart grid capabilities by improving our  
13 grid communication system and related technologies so our  
14 system will automatically respond to outages before crews  
15 arrive - allowing troubleshooters to diagnose and repair  
16 problems more quickly, which will reduce restoration times  
17 and costs. These improvements will be discussed by Mr.  
18 Whitworth and Mr. Lukcic, Senior Director Operational  
19 Technology and Strategy, in their direct testimony.  
20

21 (6) Enhance operational security at critical company  
22 facilities by moving our energy control center and  
23 corporate offices to more storm-resistant locations that  
24 are farther inland and away from potential storm surge and  
25 flooding. The Bearss Operations Center and corporate

1 headquarters will improve our access and ability to operate  
2 at all times, especially after an extreme weather event,  
3 so we can continue to serve our customers when they need  
4 us the most. Mr. Aldazabal will explain these projects in  
5 his direct testimony.

6  
7 (7) Expand our digital and self-service solutions with  
8 personalized energy-use insights and energy-saving tools  
9 to help customers make informed decisions that save energy  
10 and money. We are streamlining our operations to simplify  
11 customer interactions and to reduce call volumes and wait  
12 times. Ms. Sparkman will explain these and other Customer  
13 Experience initiatives in her prepared direct testimony.

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15 (8) Continue to enhance and strengthen the security of  
16 our information technology systems against the ever-  
17 growing threat of cyber-security attacks. Chris Heck, our  
18 Vice President Information Technology and Chief  
19 Information Officer, will describe our efforts in this area  
20 in his direct testimony.

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22 (9) Finally, we will continue to invest in innovative  
23 outdoor lighting technology, such as smart network controls  
24 that will let us know when a streetlight goes out. Mr.  
25 Lukcic will explain these enhancements in his testimony.

1 All of these investments and plans will continue to improve  
2 the efficiency, sufficiency, and adequacy of our facilities  
3 and services.

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5 **(4) OUR NEED FOR RATE RELIEF**

6 **Q.** Has the company's financial profile changed since the end  
7 of 2021?

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9 **A.** Yes. Our service territory continues to be one of the  
10 fastest growing areas in Florida, which is one of the  
11 fastest growing states in America. We have made substantial  
12 capital investments to better serve new and existing  
13 customers. Major portions of our rate base growth have  
14 helped us take advantage of typically low-cost natural gas  
15 as our primary fuel source as well as the addition of solar  
16 generation, reducing the fuel expenses borne by our  
17 customers. Although we are spending more each year to  
18 operate and maintain our growing system, our cumulative  
19 annual O&M expense growth rate over the past 10 years is  
20 only one half of one percent, which is well below customer  
21 growth and inflation.

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23 Our Director Load Research and Forecasting, Lori Cifuentes,  
24 will provide more detail on our customer growth and present  
25 our 2025 customer, demand, and energy forecast in her

1 testimony. Tampa Electric witness Jeff Chronister, Vice  
2 President Finance, will provide more detail on our  
3 financial profile changes in his direct testimony.

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5 **Q.** What are the major factors driving the need for rate  
6 relief?

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8 **A.** Despite our efforts to be efficient and control costs, we  
9 expect our earned rate of return on equity to be less than  
10 nine percent for 2024, which is well below the current cost  
11 of equity and is not a fair and reasonable return.

12  
13 The major factors causing the need for rate relief are:

14  
15 INFLATION

16 The recent levels of inflation were significantly higher  
17 than expected in our last rate case. In that case, the  
18 consumer price index ("CPI") increase was projected to be  
19 2.5 percent in 2021 and 2.8 percent in 2022. The actual  
20 CPI increases for 2021, 2022, and 2023 were 4.7 percent,  
21 8.0 percent, and 4.1 percent, respectively, for a 17  
22 percent increase over three years. Although the rate of  
23 inflation is expected to be lower in the future, the  
24 effects of higher prices are here to stay. Inflation has  
25 raised both the price of equipment and services needed for

1 capital projects and the company's O&M expenses.

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3 For example, from 2021 to 2023, the prices Tampa Electric  
4 paid for transformers, substation equipment, switchgear,  
5 and poles increased by 49 percent, 36 percent, 21 percent,  
6 and 34 percent, respectively. The price of Grain Oriented  
7 Electrical Steel ("GOES") has doubled since January 2020,  
8 and the price of copper has increased by 50 percent over  
9 the same period. Distribution line contractor rates have  
10 increased over 45 percent since 2021. Property and  
11 liability insurance costs increased about 45 percent from  
12 2020 to 2023.

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14 The impact of inflation on the company and its operations  
15 are described in the direct testimony of Mr. Chronister,  
16 and our operations witnesses Aldazabal, Whitworth,  
17 Sparkman, and Heck.

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19 COST OF CAPITAL AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

20 As of December 31, 2021, the Federal Reserve rate was 0.08  
21 percent and by December 31, 2023, the Federal Reserve  
22 increased the rate to about 5.33 percent. The short-term  
23 borrowing rates paid by the company reflected this  
24 increase; the average short-term debt interest rate for  
25 the company was 0.58 percent in 2021 and was 5.70 percent

1 in 2023. These changes in the capital markets have  
2 influenced long- and short-term borrowing costs and the  
3 cost of common equity.

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5 An appropriate ROE is essential for a regulated utility to  
6 attract the capital necessary to make long-term  
7 investments. The company's equity ratio must be set to  
8 allow the company to maintain its financial integrity and  
9 access capital at competitive rates. Approving a reasonable  
10 return on equity and equity ratio will allow the company  
11 to make the investments needed to provide customers with  
12 reliable service at reasonable rates.

13  
14 Mr. Chronister describes the impact of interest rate  
15 increases on our operations and supports our proposed  
16 short- and long-term debt interest rates in his testimony.  
17 He also explains the importance of maintaining the  
18 company's financial integrity and how the company's  
19 proposed capital structure, which maintains our currently  
20 approved equity ratio of 54 percent (investor sources),  
21 and revenue increase will help preserve the company's  
22 overall financial integrity.

23  
24 Company witness Dylan D'Ascendis explains how changes in  
25 the capital markets have influenced the cost of equity



1 capital for utilities like Tampa Electric and provides  
2 testimony supporting the company's proposed 2025 mid-point  
3 return on equity of 11.50 percent.  
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5 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

6 During the three-year term of the 2021 Agreement, Tampa  
7 Electric expects to invest approximately \$3.7 billion to  
8 serve new customers; improve reliability, resilience, and  
9 efficiency; and ensure that our existing plant investments  
10 remain in sound working condition. In 2025, 2026, and 2027,  
11 the company expects to invest an average of \$1.6 billion  
12 per year for these purposes. The projects included in these  
13 investment amounts are explained in the direct testimony  
14 of witnesses Aldazabal, Stryker, Whitworth, Lukcic,  
15 Sparkman, and Chronister for their areas of responsibility.  
16 Mr. Heck and Ms. Cacciatore will do the same for our  
17 Information Technology and Human Resource areas,  
18 respectively.  
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20 DEPRECIATION EXPENSE AND DISMANTLEMENT COSTS

21 As our investments grow to serve new customers and improve  
22 reliability and resilience, so does the level of our  
23 depreciation expense. Consistent with the 2021 Agreement,  
24 the company filed an updated depreciation and dismantlement  
25 study on December 27, 2023 (Docket No. 20230139-EI) which

1 reflects a need to change certain depreciation rates. Tampa  
2 Electric witnesses Ned Allis and Jeff Kopp present  
3 depreciation and dismantlement studies that support the  
4 company's proposed depreciation rates for the 2025 test  
5 year. Our Utility Controller, Richard Latta, explains how  
6 the company applied the proposed depreciation rates to  
7 projected 2025 plant balances to develop the proposed level  
8 of depreciation expense included in our revenue requirement  
9 calculation.

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11 OTHER FACTORS

12 In the current inflationary, higher-priced environment,  
13 O&M expenses must increase so we can continue to provide  
14 safe and reliable service to our customers. The company  
15 has been able to manage its overall O&M expense levels  
16 through the smart use of technology, its AMI investment,  
17 transitioning from coal to natural gas, and reasonable cost  
18 management practices; however, the costs of labor,  
19 contractors, materials, insurance, and health care  
20 benefits have increased.

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22 Challenging labor markets, explained by Ms. Cacciatore,  
23 have created upward pressure on our wage rates; however,  
24 the company is committed to fair wages and as Ms.  
25 Cacciatore explains in her testimony, the company must

1 continue to compensate our employees in a way that reflects  
2 the current market for talent.

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4 The company has been able to partially offset O&M expense  
5 increases through the use of Production Tax Credits  
6 ("PTC"), which lower tax expense. Mr. Chronister and Tampa  
7 Electric witness Valerie Strickland, Director Corporate  
8 Taxes, discuss our use of PTC to reduce our 2025 revenue  
9 requirement in their direct testimony.

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11 **Q.** What actions has the company taken to avoid increasing base  
12 rates and to moderate bill increases to customers?

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14 **A.** The company has taken these specific actions to avoid and  
15 mitigate a rate increase:

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17 (1) We have operated under a general base rate freeze  
18 since the end of 2021, agreeing not to seek rate relief  
19 during the term of the 2021 Agreement.

20  
21 (2) Tampa Electric focused on cost control and financial  
22 efficiencies. We have invested in projects to improve  
23 operational efficiency and streamline processes, and we  
24 have operated with a commitment to cost discipline—all of  
25 which have helped us manage the company's overall cost

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(3) As the company has invested in solar power, we have generated more and more electricity with no fuel costs. Since 2017, our solar projects have saved customers over \$200 million in fuel costs.

(4) We have successfully invested in projects to improve the efficiency (heat rate) of our generation fleet, and the results show. From 2017 to 2023, our overall system heat rate declined 20 percent from 8,488 to 6,755 Btu/kWh. Some of this decline can be attributed to our new solar generation, but most of it is the result of projects like Big Bend Modernization, Bayside AGP investment, and other system improvements, which have generated significant fuel and O&M savings and reduced customer bills. Mr. Aldazabal discusses these efforts and our results in his direct testimony.

(5) Although they are not base rate items, the company exceeded our 2023 expectations for Asset Optimization Mechanism ("AOM") gains and renewable energy credit ("REC") sales. Our customers are credited with a large share of the \$10 million in AOM gains through the fuel adjustment clause and 100 percent of wholesale REC sale proceeds

1 through the environmental cost recovery clause - which will  
2 help lower customers' bills. Mr. John Heisey, Director  
3 Origination and Trading, discusses these programs and the  
4 benefits they provide to customers in his testimony.

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6 **(5) OUR REQUEST FOR NEW RATES AND CHARGES**

7 **Q.** Please summarize the company's requested base rate  
8 increases in this case.

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10 **A.** The company's request has two parts.

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12 First, the company requests a \$296.6 million general base  
13 rate increase to become effective with the first billing  
14 cycle in January 2025. This increase is needed to recover  
15 our expected costs of service for our projected 2025 test  
16 year and to maintain our financial integrity. Mr. Latta  
17 presents and explains the calculation of our 2025 total  
18 revenue requirement and our proposed 2025 base rate  
19 increase in his testimony. He also explains why our  
20 proposed 2025 forecasted test year is reasonable as a test  
21 year for ratemaking purposes in this proceeding.

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23 Second, the company requests two incremental adjustments  
24 in base rates and charges to become effective with the  
25 first billing cycles of January 2026 and January 2027. Like

1 the GBRA and Solar Base Rate Adjustments ("SoBRA") approved  
2 by the Commission in other cases, these subsequent year  
3 adjustments ("SYA") are designed to only recover the  
4 incremental costs of projects the company will place in  
5 service in 2026 and 2027 and are not designed to cover all  
6 of the investments we will make or expense increases we  
7 expect to experience in 2026 and 2027. Our proposed 2026  
8 SYA amount is approximately \$100.1 million and our proposed  
9 2027 SYA is \$71.8 million.

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11 The prudence of assets included in our proposed 2026 and  
12 2027 SYA are explained in the direct testimony of witnesses  
13 Stryker, Aponte, Aldazabal and Lukcic. Approving our  
14 proposed 2026 and 2027 SYA will enable the company, absent  
15 unforeseen circumstances, to avoid the administrative  
16 burden of annual rate proceedings for three years. Approval  
17 will also promote price predictability for customers and  
18 promote regulatory efficiency for our customers, the  
19 company, and the Commission.

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21 **Q.** What information has the company filed with the Commission  
22 to support these requested rate increases?

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24 **A.** The company's petition for rate increase was accompanied  
25 by (1) the prepared direct testimony of the company's 19

1 witnesses and (2) the minimum filing requirement ("MFR")  
2 schedules identified as Exhibit Nos. TEC-1 through TEC-12.  
3 The witnesses filing direct testimony and the purposes of  
4 their testimony are shown on Document No. 1 of my exhibit.  
5 The witnesses sponsoring each MFR schedule are identified  
6 in Document No. 3 of my exhibit.  
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8 **Q.** What other significant items are included in the company's  
9 request?

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11 **A.** In addition to our requested base rate increases explained  
12 above, Tampa Electric seeks approval to continue its AOM  
13 and to reset the company's Clean Energy Transition  
14 Mechanism ("CETM") factors approved in the 2021 Agreement.  
15 Mr. Heisey explains how the AOM has benefited our customers  
16 over the last three years and why it should be extended in  
17 his direct testimony. Ms. Ashley Sizemore, Director Rates,  
18 will explain our proposed CETM factors and how they comply  
19 with the 2021 Agreement in her direct testimony. She will  
20 also describe the company's performance under the Florida  
21 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act.  
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23 **Q.** What cost of service methodology and rate design principles  
24 has the company used to develop its proposed rates and  
25 charges in this case?

1     **A.**    The company's proposed rates and charges were developed in  
2            accordance with the applicable provisions in paragraph 6(d)  
3            of our 2021 Agreement. The company's initial filing also  
4            contains the cost of service and rate design information  
5            required by the Commission's minimum filing requirement  
6            rule.

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8            In his testimony, Mr. Jordan Williams, Director Pricing  
9            and Financial Analysis, explains the cost of service  
10           studies, jurisdictional separations studies, rate designs,  
11           and proposed rates used in our proposal and initial filing.  
12           He will also explain Tampa Electric's proposed service  
13           charges and miscellaneous tariff changes, and that the  
14           company's proposed customer rates, charges, and tariffs  
15           are fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved.

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17     **Q.**    Does the company's proposed rate design make any special  
18           provisions for elderly low-income customers?

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20     **A.**    Yes. As explained further by Mr. Williams, the company  
21           seeks approval of its Senior Care program, which will make  
22           a \$10 monthly bill credit available to residential customers  
23           who are 65 years of age or older and Medicaid eligible. Ms.  
24           Sparkman explains the other programs offered by the company  
25           to help customers who need assistance paying their electric



1 bill in her testimony.

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3 **(6) PROJECTED BILL IMPACTS**

4 **Q.** How do the company's expected typical residential bills  
5 for 2024 compare to typical 2023 residential bills?

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7 **A.** We are pleased that our customers are seeing lower electric  
8 bills this year. Lower projected fuel prices in 2024, the  
9 progress we made in 2023 recovering high fuel costs from  
10 2022, and the approval to spread 2022 storm damage costs  
11 over a longer period have all combined to generate good  
12 news for our customers. In January, our typical residential  
13 customer bill decreased by 11 percent, and commercial and  
14 industrial customer rates decreased by 10 to 18 percent  
15 depending on their usage. Our current 2024 residential bill  
16 is the second lowest among Florida's investor-owned  
17 electric utilities.

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19 **Q.** How does the company expect its proposed rate increase for  
20 2025 to affect typical customers' bills?

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22 **A.** Using our clause factors as of January 1, 2024 for 2025,  
23 we expect our typical 1,000 kWh residential customer bill  
24 in 2025 to be slightly lower than in 2023 and about 12  
25 percent higher than in 2024. Our typical residential bills

1 will still be among the lowest in Florida. Mr. Williams  
2 will provide more detail on customer class bill impacts in  
3 his testimony.

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5 **Q.** What about typical bills for small commercial customers?

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7 **A.** Using our clause factors as of January 1, 2024 for 2025,  
8 we expect our typical small 1,200 kWh commercial customer  
9 (GS) bill in 2025 to be approximately 0.1 percent higher  
10 than 2024 and about 10 percent lower than in 2023. Mr.  
11 Williams will provide more detail on this topic in his  
12 testimony.

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14 **Q.** Will other changes affect 2025 bills?

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16 **A.** Yes. The company's storm restoration charge applies through  
17 December 2024, so customer bills will be lower in 2025 when  
18 that charge ends. Fuel prices have been lower in 2024 than  
19 we projected in fall 2023, so we submitted a proposal to  
20 lower fuel costs on April 2, 2024. With the reduction in  
21 fuel charges and storm restoration charges, 2025  
22 residential customer bill increases will be moderated, and  
23 2025 small commercial customer bills will decrease compared  
24 to their current levels.

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1       **(7) SUMMARY**

2       **Q.**    Please summarize your direct testimony.

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4       **A.**    Tampa Electric understands that there is never a good time  
5           to request rate increases and that higher electric rates  
6           will impact our customers. However, I am proud of the work  
7           we have done as a company to transform our system and serve  
8           the over 40,000 net new customers who joined our system  
9           since May 2021.

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11           We have worked diligently and thoughtfully to improve the  
12           safety, reliability, and resilience of our electric system,  
13           to improve efficiency in all areas of our operations -  
14           especially the generating efficiency of our existing power  
15           plants - and to ensure that we can continue serving  
16           customers at all times regardless of weather conditions.  
17           Our future plans will make our system even more reliable,  
18           resilient, and efficient.

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20           The rate relief we are requesting in this case is  
21           critically important to enable Tampa Electric to maintain  
22           its financial integrity and support the growth of West  
23           Central Florida while continuing to meet the expectations  
24           of our customers for safe, reliable, and resilient electric  
25           service.

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

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3    **A.**    Yes.

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**List of Tampa Electric Witnesses**  
**And Purposes of Their Direct Testimony**

<b>Witness</b>	<b>Purposes of Direct Testimony</b>
Archie Collins	(1) provide an overview of Tampa Electric; (2) describe successes transforming the company since last general base rate proceeding in 2021; (3) preview plans for the future; (4) explain why the company is seeking base rate increases and the things it has done to moderate the request; (5) summarize rate increase requests; and (6) highlight how proposed rate increase for 2025 is expected to impact customers' bills
Karen Sparkman	(1) describe Tampa Electric's Customer Experience area and the company's focus on excellent customer service; (2) summarize changes in the Customer Experience area since our last rate case; (3) present and explain the company's customer service results; (4) outline the company's plans to enhance the customer experience it provides; and (5) demonstrate that the company's Customer Experience area rate base amounts and operations and maintenance levels for the 2025 test year are reasonable and prudent. Also discusses the company's programs for low-income customers and proposed miscellaneous tariff changes

<b>Witness</b>	<b>Purposes of Direct Testimony</b>
Carlos Aldazabal	(1) describe Energy Supply system; (2) summarize successes transforming Energy Supply since last rate case, (3) outline future Energy Supply plans; and (4) demonstrate that the Energy Supply rate base amounts and operations and maintenance expense levels for the 2025 test year are reasonable and prudent. Also explains the Polk 1 Flexibility, Polk Fuel Diversity, South Tampa Resilience, Bearss Operations Center, and Corporate Headquarters projects, which are included in the proposed 2026 and 2027 SYA, why these projects are prudent, and how they will benefit customers
Kris Stryker	(1) explain plans to build 488.7 MW of Future Solar Projects; (2) explain plans to build 115 MW of Future Energy Storage Capacity Projects; (3) provide the projected installed costs for the projects; (4) explain investigative work for future environmental compliance; and (5) describe planned emerging technology R&D projects
Jose Aponte	(1) discuss plans to add the Polk 1 Flexibility and South Tampa Resilience projects; (2) show that the Polk 1 Flexibility and South Tampa Resilience projects are cost-effective; (3) discuss plans for 12 projects to add Future Energy Storage capacity and Future Solar projects; and (4) demonstrate that the Future Energy Storage and Future Solar projects are cost-effective



<b>Witness</b>	<b>Purposes of Direct Testimony</b>
Chip Whitworth	(1) describe the company's T&D system; (2) describe the changes to the T&D system since the company's last base rate case; (3) describe future plans for its T&D system and its grid modernization strategy; (4) show that the 2025 T&D construction program and capital budget is reasonable and prudent; and (5) show that the proposed 2025 level of T&D O&M is reasonable and prudent
David Lukcic	(1) describe Operations Technology and Strategy department and Operations Technology ("OT") resources and applications Tampa Electric uses to operate its electric system; (2) explain progress made in the OT area since the company's last base rate case; (3) summarize the department's plans for the future; (4) show that the company's OT capital investments and O&M expense for 2025 are reasonable and prudent; and (5) describe the Grid Reliability and Resilience Project that will be going in service and part of 2026 and 2027 SYA
Chris Heck	(1) describe Information Technology ("IT") department, the IT resources and applications Tampa Electric uses, and the company's cybersecurity strategy; (2) explain progress in the IT area since 2021 rate case; and (3) demonstrate that the IT rate base amounts and operations and maintenance expense levels for the 2025 test year are reasonable and prudent

<b>Witness</b>	<b>Purposes of Direct Testimony</b>
Marian Cacciatore	(1) provide an overview of the company's Human Resource activities, (2) explain the company's employee compensation system, and (3) demonstrate that Tampa Electric's total compensation costs for the 2025 test year are reasonable
Lori Cifuentes	(1) describe Tampa Electric's load forecasting process; (2) describe the methodologies and assumptions used for the forecast; and (3) to present the load forecast used in Tampa Electric's test year budget that supports its request for a base rate increase. In addition, show that the forecasts are appropriate and reasonable
Ned Allis	Sponsors and explains the company's 2023 Depreciation Study and proposed depreciation rates
Jeff Kopp	Sponsors and explains the company's Dismantlement Study and (2) supports the reasonableness of the Dismantlement Study costs
Dylan D'Ascendis	Recommends that the Commission authorize Tampa Electric the opportunity to earn an ROE of 11.50 percent on its jurisdictional rate base
John Heisey	Describes the Asset Optimization Mechanism and explains why it should be continued after 2021 Agreement expires

<b>Witness</b>	<b>Purposes of Direct Testimony</b>
Valerie Strickland	(1) describe changes in income tax law since the company's last general base rate proceeding in 2021; (2) discuss the impact of new renewable tax credits on the company's income tax expense for the 2025 test year; (3) present the company's calculation of income tax expense for the 2023 historical and 2025 projected test years; (4) explain Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes and Investments Tax Credits in the company's projected capital structure; and (5) present the company's 2025 parent debt adjustment calculation
Richard Latta	(1) describe the company's 2025 test year; (2) explain the 2025 budget and process used to develop it; (3) present proposed 2025 rate base, net operating income, and revenue requirement increase; (4) explain how the company accounts for affiliated transactions; and present the revenue requirement calculations for proposed 2026 and 2027 SYA
Jeff Chronister	(1) explain how the company's financial profile has changed from its last rate case; (2) discuss the importance of Tampa Electric's financial integrity and credit ratings; (3) present the company's proposed capital structure and weighted average cost of capital for the 2025 test year; and (4) describe the company's projected financial condition for 2026 and 2027 and regulatory options for those years including the company's request for Subsequent Year Adjustments. Explains why the Commission should approve the company's proposed 54 percent equity ratio (investor sources) as part capital structure discussion

<b>Witness</b>	<b>Purposes of Direct Testimony</b>
Ashley Sizemore	(1) describe the Clean Energy Transition Mechanism ("CETM"), (2) explain what has happened with the CETM since 2022, (3) discuss Tampa Electric's proposed CETM factors to be effective January 1, 2025, and (4) discuss Tampa Electric's performance under the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act ("FEECA")
Jordan Williams	(1) present and explain the company's filed cost of service studies and proposed base rates and service charges and (2) explain proposed miscellaneous tariff changes and the proposed Senior Care program

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