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2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good afternoon, everyone.

3 Let's try that one more time, again. Good
4 afternoon, everyone.

5 THE AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

6 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Glad to see you guys are all
7 here safe. I know we've had a lot of stuff happen
8 since the last time we were here. And noting that,
9 at privilege to Chair, we have one of our
10 commissioners here that actually was closer to the
11 epicenter of all this stuff than most. So, I'm
12 going to give him a couple of minutes to talk about
13 the effects that Matthew had on his -- his area.

14 Commissioner Clark.

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
16 I appreciate the time.

17 I wanted to just say a -- a couple of words of
18 thank you to all of the folks that have lent
19 support and help to the areas that were devastated
20 during Hurricane Michael.

21 If you've had a chance to travel through the
22 area, I think it's pretty obvious that the
23 devastation was somewhat overwhelming. I've had
24 the opportunity to work a number of storms over the
25 years and lend assistance to other utilities

1 working storms and to look at -- see some of the
2 damages on a -- on a firsthand basis. And this is,
3 to me, an exception to what I have ever seen in the
4 past.

5 It has also been a -- a really neat blessing
6 to watch the people in these communities come
7 together. And to see the family and to see the
8 response that has occurred over the last couple of
9 weeks has just been absolutely amazing. I think
10 that the spirit of the people has never been more
11 evident than it has been in the last two weeks.
12 And it's an incredible sight to see these folks
13 coming together.

14 I also wanted to speak just for a second on
15 the tragedy that occurred in my hometown, probably
16 an accident that happened about three or four miles
17 from my house, actually. And on behalf of this
18 Commission, I wanted to extend our sympathies to
19 the family -- families that lost loved ones working
20 the storm this week.

21 I had the opportunity to work with James
22 Ussery -- Bo Ussery, as he was known to us -- for
23 over 25 years. Bo and I actually started to work
24 in the utility business about the same time.

25 And Bo was definitely the definition of a

1 servant and no -- probably no one else expressed
2 the love of the community and the people that he
3 served more than Bo Ussery did. And I just want to
4 extend our sympathies to the family.

5 You know, we do a lot in this industry to
6 protect the linemen, the people that are serving,
7 the people that are working in a dangerous
8 environment, with safety, and rules and
9 regulations. I think that's why it's so hard to
10 comprehend such a senseless and selfish act that
11 actually takes a human life. That's probably the
12 more difficult part to understand.

13 But on behalf of this Commission, I sincerely
14 express our deepest sympathies to the families that
15 that -- of these victims. And we wish them a
16 strong recovery in the near future.

17 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you, Commissioner
19 Clark.

20 Yes, it was definitely devastating. And my
21 hat goes off to all those men and women that were
22 out there, trying to get everybody's lives back to
23 some sort of normal and the ones that put their
24 lives on the line.

25 It's -- it's truly unfortunate -- I know we

1 had quite a few fatalities during this hurricane,
2 which, you know, everybody says to themselves, you
3 know, I've been through four of these already; it's
4 not going to be that big of a deal, but it's always
5 that one. And this was that big one that made the
6 difference.

7 Okay. Again, good afternoon, everyone.

8 THE AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

9 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. This is a ten-year
10 site plan Commission workshop. We will call this
11 workshop to order.

12 Staff, would you read the notice, please.

13 MS. DZIECHCIARZ: Thank you, Chairman. Rachel
14 Dziechciarz on behalf of Commission staff.

15 By notice issued on September 27th, 2018, and
16 subsequently revised on October 8th, 2018, due to
17 Hurricane Michael, this time and place was set for
18 Commission workshop to review the ten-year site
19 plan of electric utilities. And the purpose of the
20 workshop is set out in the notice.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you, staff.

23 We have -- FRCC is here today to discuss the
24 2018 regional load and resource plan, and will be
25 followed by Duke, and Florida Power & Light.

1 Sir, welcome to the podium.

2 MR. SENKOWICZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good
3 afternoon, everyone. My name is Eric Senkowicz,
4 I'm the director of planning for FRCC. I'm here on
5 behalf of Stacy Dochoda, our president and CEO. I
6 also have the brains of the operation here. I have
7 Ryan Deptula and Christina Rau, who are here. And
8 those are FRCC staff that are primarily responsible
9 for compiling and aggregating and -- and eventually
10 publishing the load and resource plan that -- that
11 serves as the basis for our ten-year site plan.

12 Again, our vision at FRCC -- although our
13 complexity has increased over the years, it -- it
14 is still fundamentally to maintain a highly and
15 reliable secure bulk-power system for peninsular
16 Florida.

17 We originally met -- we originally established
18 the organization as a forum for periodically
19 meeting and talking about operations and planning.
20 And eventually, we migrated to almost a daily
21 interaction across our members, through our
22 reliability coordinator function, and through our
23 planning authority function. And we continually
24 coordinate the operations across the grid in
25 peninsular Florida as well as the interconnection

1 with the eastern.

2 Our agenda today -- again, we're going to give
3 you an overview of the FRCC load and resource plan.
4 We'll talk about -- a little bit about the
5 methodology of how the resource plan -- it comes
6 about. We'll talk a little bit about the
7 integrated resource planning process that occurs at
8 the individual utility members, a little bit on
9 load forecast, demand-side management.

10 We'll give you a brief overview of the
11 generation addition and reserves margins for our
12 region, review the fuel mix. And we'll touch on
13 renewable resources as well as the natural gas
14 infrastructure in -- in Florida.

15 Firm peak demand -- again, an overview of
16 where we are with the 2018 load and resource plan.
17 Firm peak -- firm peak demand and energy sales
18 forecasts are slightly lower than the 2017
19 forecasts. Some of the key points are showing
20 11,000 megawatts of generation additions are
21 planned. And our planned reserve margin is -- is
22 maintained above 20 percent for the ten-year
23 planning horizon.

24 Demand-side management continues to be a
25 significant component of reserves and an effective

1 way to -- to manage our resource-adequacy goals.

2 Continuing on, the change in the fuel mix over
3 the region -- natural gas continues to be a
4 significant part of our -- our resources. And
5 we've got an incremental increase over the ten-year
6 horizon from 64 percent to 66 percent.

7 Our renewables increase from 2 percent to --
8 to 8 percent, with another step change as -- as was
9 reported last year. We had another significant
10 step change in renewables with solar increases this
11 year as well.

12 Coal decreases from 15 percent to 10 percent.
13 And overall, our solar energy is projected to
14 provide over 16,000 gigawatt hours of energy by the
15 end of the ten-year period.

16 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Eric, we have a question for
17 you.

18 Commissioner Brown.

19 MR. SENKOWICZ: Certainly.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.

21 MR. SENKOWICZ: Sure.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you for being here.

23 MR. SENKOWICZ: Uh-huh.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: The jump from renewables,
25 from 2 percent to 8 percent -- I'm assuming that's

1 primarily solar-generation increases?

2 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yes, ma'am.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: What are the other --
4 what are the other increases, if any?

5 MR. SENKOWICZ: I do have a slide --

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Oh.

7 MR. SENKOWICZ: -- specifically on renewables.
8 And we'll get into the details of that, if -- if
9 you --

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, I'll wait.

11 MR. SENKOWICZ: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thanks.

13 MR. SENKOWICZ: Thanks.

14 Okay. Load and resource plan. How do we get
15 this data and what impacts the data, what impacts
16 the forecasts. We'll go over a few of those
17 elements.

18 And -- and they're really -- there's a variety
19 of ways that the utilities plan and do their
20 resource planning across their membership, but
21 there are some common elements: Load forecast.
22 They look at demand energy; fuel as far as their
23 trends; and their local systems on how to forecast
24 their loads across the ten-year horizon. They look
25 at their existing resources and contracts and

1 purchases and ways of meeting those demand
2 forecasts.

3 And all that comes into an evaluation process
4 that looks at some supply-side options, some
5 demand-side options. And then you balance that
6 with your -- your cost and economics of your
7 alternatives, and you come up with an integrated
8 resource plan for the individual utility members.

9 What we do at FRCC is we take those annual
10 integrated resource plan information from our
11 different members and we integrate that into our
12 load and resource plan, and we compile all that
13 information, the resource information, retirements,
14 additions, and we compile that into our load and
15 resource database. That database becomes
16 a fund- -- becomes a basis for this plan and the
17 ten-year site plan regional look as far as resource
18 adequacy.

19 The added benefit is these resources also get
20 added to our regional model and our transmission
21 model to make sure that the resources and where
22 they're being sited -- we have deliverability of
23 those resources over the ten-year planning horizon
24 as well.

25 And finally, the added benefit is that meets

1 our compliance obligations through the North
2 American Reliability Corporation standards, the
3 reliability standards that we have to meet as a
4 planning authority as well as our members have to
5 meet with planning authorities.

6 Okay. Load forecasts -- so, we -- we compile
7 all this data and we create the regional load and
8 resource plan. At a high level, load is expected
9 to grow at 1.2 percent for the summer across the
10 ten-year period. And it's projected to grow at
11 1.1 percent per year through the ten-year period
12 for the winter -- winter periods.

13 Net energy for load is projected to grow about
14 .8 percent per year and forecasted energy sales are
15 slightly lower than what was delivered to you in
16 the 2017 ten-year site plan.

17 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Eric, we've got another
18 question for you.

19 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yes, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Commissioner Polmann.

21 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you,
22 Mr. Chairman.

23 The growth that you're projecting -- is that
24 based on additional customer growth or is -- are
25 you seeing a change in a demand pattern?

1 MR. SENKOWICZ: Both. Both. So, at the
2 utility level, you're looking at your customer
3 growth. You're looking at all your inputs to
4 population increases, pop- -- you know, new
5 permits, all your -- your relative inputs as well
6 as your -- your takeaways, efficiency, different
7 economic models that are occurring in your system.
8 And you come up with that load factor -- or that
9 load forecast.

10 And again, that load forecast is projecting
11 growth across a ten-year period. And I'll -- I'll
12 detail a few more of those --

13 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you.

14 MR. SENKOWICZ: -- load fact- -- forecasts.

15 And again, as an overview of our load
16 forecasts and demand-side management, demand-
17 side -- demand response reduces that firm summer
18 peak by approximately 6.4 percent on average over
19 the ten-year period, which is, again, not
20 insignificant.

21 These are programs that are on-call,
22 reductions of load. They're utility energy-
23 efficiency programs that are utility-sponsored, and
24 they help to mitigate some of that load -- the
25 resource needs to meet the load forecasts.

1 We do have the energy-efficiency delivered
2 through some mandated code and standard. We
3 started tracking this information. And right now,
4 we're estimating approximately a four-point
5 reduction in the load forecasts by 2027. These are
6 appliance-efficiency improvements and so forth that
7 are mandated by -- by standards.

8 So, your load-forecast factors -- again, here,
9 you have unemployment rate. A utility will look at
10 unemployment, population growth, wage and income
11 growth, impacts from standards, and -- and
12 efficiency standards, and also some of the
13 commercial activities that are going on in -- in
14 the State and they're going on across the country.
15 They will forecast -- they will use that inter-load
16 forecast to create their expected loads over the
17 next ten-year horizon.

18 Talked a little bit about these energy-
19 efficiency codes and standards. Right now, we're
20 projecting by -- by 2027, a reduction of
21 approximately 2,000 megawatts based on those
22 standards that are coming into play over -- over
23 the last few years.

24 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Eric, we have another
25 question for you.

1 Commissioner Brown.

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Going back to your Slide
3 11, you have an area that says one of your fact- --
4 load-forecast factors includes commercial customer-
5 based challenges presented by online commerce.

6 Can you elaborate on what that means and what
7 the challenges are?

8 MR. SENKOWICZ: So -- yes, some of our -- some
9 of our members are dealing a little bit with
10 looking at the impacts and the Amazon effect. So,
11 the impacts of the loss of local distribution
12 centers, local manufacturing, local retailers, and
13 being replaced by, you know, the online commerce
14 activities that are going on.

15 So, you -- you're looking at more of those
16 retail impacts as far as your industrial -- you
17 know, your industrial loads for your -- the member
18 utilities.

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Even though the economy
20 is doing well in Florida and population continues
21 to increase, you're still suggesting that there
22 still is that online commerce migration.

23 MR. SENKOWICZ: Well, that's what the
24 utilities need -- that's what we look for in our
25 load forecasting. And they're trying to -- to

1 weigh the impact of that on their system and how
2 they figure out, okay, what is this going to look
3 like five years from now; what are the trends; and
4 are we seeing a -- you know, lower number of retail
5 stores, brick-and-mortar-type establishments that
6 are not using electricity.

7 However, you have the online -- or the online
8 commerce that's replacing some of that traffic at
9 the retail level. So, those are all part of the
10 load forecast --

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thanks.

12 MR. SENKOWICZ: -- algorithm. Uh-huh.

13 Any other questions?

14 Commissioner Polmann, did I cover the
15 forecast?

16 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: (Nodding head
17 affirmatively.)

18 MR. SENKOWICZ: Okay. So, what you're seeing
19 here is a comparison of the 2017 load forecast for
20 the summer peak demand compared to the 2018. And
21 what you're seeing is a -- is a slight shift
22 downward.

23 Again, what we're doing is looking at a lower
24 forecast. It's a comparable growth rate over the
25 ten-year horizon. And it -- what it's doing is

1 projecting a growth of approximately 5,000
2 megawatts across our member system over the next
3 ten years.

4 Now, the -- again, you'll -- you'll see the
5 shift that the starting point is, again, trying to
6 adjust that load forecast due to increasing impacts
7 of codes and standards.

8 Right now, we're forecasting a little bit of
9 impacts of customer self-generation and so forth.
10 So, you're seeing our models have to shift that
11 forecast down. So, that starting point is -- is
12 shifting lower.

13 You'll see a similar slide here for our winter
14 projections. And again, you'll see a similar shift
15 starting lower compared to the 2017 ten-year site
16 plan. And we're projecting a growth of
17 approximately 4,000 megawatts of demand over the
18 ten-year forecast.

19 This is your net energy for load. This is
20 your energy compared to -- for 2018 compared to
21 your 2017 site plan. And again, this is pretty
22 comparable, from an energy perspective, total
23 energy, looking at a projected growth of
24 approximately 18,000 gigawatt hours over the ten-
25 year horizon. Rates are similar.

1 I'm going pretty fast over this. So,
2 questions?

3 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: You're all good.

4 MR. SENKOWICZ: All right. Next slide is
5 showing you -- and again, this -- this load
6 forecasting is part art, part science. And it's --
7 the inputs and outputs change, obviously. And it's
8 hard to know what you're doing ten years from now
9 and what your loads are going to be doing.

10 So, our utilities -- this graph shows an
11 overlay of -- of the actual load from 1990 through
12 our forecast period. And what you see is a trend
13 line for the last 20 years. So -- so, the last 20
14 years would be more relevant than -- than 30 years,
15 obviously, but we do have a mix within our
16 utilities where, if some are going back 30 years,
17 some are going back ten years.

18 And so, what we do is we take that data, we
19 compile it, and we bring it to the FRCC. And what
20 you're seeing is a trend line, a 20-year trend
21 line. And we're balancing that against our
22 forecast over the next ten years.

23 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Eric, question for you.

24 MR. SENKOWICZ: Uh-huh.

25 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Commissioner Polmann.

1 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you,
2 Mr. Chairman.

3 I -- I'm wondering if you have a -- a proxy
4 group elsewhere, where you feel like this is a -- a
5 reasonably-good ability to forecast. How would you
6 compare this to work by others, say, in another
7 state, another market? I mean, this looks pretty
8 good to me, but others might say, well, this is --
9 you know, you're not really projecting very well or
10 I -- I don't know. Do you -- have you done
11 comparisons to -- you know, to other --

12 MR. SENKOWICZ: We have not. We have -- we
13 have not. I have not personally done benchmark
14 studies across load forecasting across the country.
15 I could check, you know, with our member utilities
16 and see what kind of benchmarking data we could
17 compile and -- and bring it back at some point,
18 but -- again, this is a -- this is as much an art
19 as a science. And it is definitely, you know,
20 something that the utilities revisit on an annual
21 basis to -- to adjust according to what's going on
22 in the -- in the actual world, so --

23 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Sure. Yeah. I'm not
24 asking for anything.

25 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: I was just wondering if
2 you had done any comparisons or any -- any
3 utilities in your group had -- had done any work of
4 that type.

5 MR. SENKOWICZ: We have not that I know of --

6 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Okay.

7 MR. SENKOWICZ: -- at FRCC, but again, I can
8 check with my resources subcommittee and find out
9 if we can get some information for the --

10 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Okay.

11 MR. SENKOWICZ: For the Commission --

12 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Yeah, I was just
13 curious.

14 MR. SENKOWICZ: -- on benchmarking.

15 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: That's fine. Thank
16 you.

17 MR. SENKOWICZ: Uh-huh.

18 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Actually, I think that's
19 some pretty good information I wouldn't mind having
20 at maybe one of our future IA meetings. I'll have
21 my -- my office kind of chase that down, see if we
22 can get it from you or from somebody else, but
23 especially just in the southeast here, to kind of
24 see comparables, what it looks like.

25 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yeah, I -- I think you have a

1 lot of opportunities to do that, with the ISOs, the
2 RTOs, and -- and so forth, so -- so, there's
3 definitely some peer groups that we could benchmark
4 against.

5 And yeah, if -- however you guys want to -- to
6 make it happen, we can certainly look into that --

7 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay.

8 MR. SENKOWICZ: -- and try to bring back an
9 answer.

10 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you.

11 MR. SENKOWICZ: Uh-huh. Okay. Again, here --
12 here, looking at the details of our -- our
13 forecasted peak summer demand, what you're looking
14 at is -- the orange line is actually your firm
15 lo- -- firm-load obligation as a region. That's
16 our firm-load obligation.

17 The orange line is the load with demand
18 response excluded and -- and the yellow is the load
19 with demand response and our energy -- energy-
20 efficiency programs excluded. So, it's easy -- a
21 relative trend line over the load increases over
22 the next ten years.

23 And then, finally, here's your historical
24 compounded average annual growth rate. This --
25 this chart shows you, you know, we're stabilizing a

1 little bit here in the out years, but what you see
2 is, again, back in the '0- -- '05, '07 time frame,
3 you were looking at 2-percent growth rate in
4 those -- out -- in those years. And now, we've
5 reduced that -- you know, that growth rate down to
6 about 1 percent is what we're looking at. So, over
7 time, it gives you an idea of that load forecasting
8 and how it is dynamic.

9 Okay. Going into generation additions and
10 reserve margins -- again, noted this earlier; we've
11 got 11,000 megawatts of new generation planned over
12 the next ten years. The planned reserve margin,
13 again, is projected to remain above the 20-percent
14 margin. DSM, again, continues to be a sig- --
15 significant component of reserves.

16 The generation additions are made up of
17 about 8,000 megawatts of firm natural gas
18 generation. We've got 3,000 megawatts of solar --
19 firm solar generation. And then that's coupled
20 with the retirement of about 5,200 megawatts of --
21 of generation, older coal or older gas generation.

22 This chart -- what this chart, again, tells
23 you -- it's a good view of our generation additions
24 over time, over the next ten years. And I'll just
25 note that you've got your scale there, starting at

1 40,000. So, it's a little bit -- it's a little --
2 you've just got to keep that in mind.

3 It's a little misleading on the impact of the
4 changes, but what you see is that the new gas
5 generation, again, is at 8,000 megawatts of
6 generation coming in over the next ten years.

7 Out of that, there's about 5,700 megawatts of
8 green field generation, and about 2,300 megawatts
9 of gas that's repowered gen- -- sites. And again,
10 you've got the 3,000 megawatts of solar coming in
11 across the ten years.

12 This is -- again, this gives you a little bit
13 of a time stamp, as far as that generation addition
14 and the retirements and how they're going to occur
15 over the ten-year site plan.

16 As far as the nuclear -- nuclear outlook is
17 stable over the ten-year horizon. You're looking
18 at about 3,600 megawatts of nuclear generation
19 that's going to remain within the ten-year planning
20 horizon.

21 You've got a couple of incremental increases.
22 One is going on right now and one is actually going
23 to go on, I think, in early '19, for the Turkey
24 Point sites.

25 So, we've got our load forecasts and we've got

1 our resources and our capacities over the ten-year
2 horizon. What we do is we compare those to find
3 our reserve margin. And again, looking at the firm
4 load obligation across the ten-year horizon, you
5 can clearly see here we're remaining over the
6 20-percent reserve margin criteria.

7 There is a bit of a downward trend in the
8 outer years, you'll see. And that's due to some
9 non-utility purchase reductions as well as
10 continued load growth.

11 This is a similar chart except it excludes the
12 impacts of demand response and utility efficiency
13 programs.

14 Okay. Looking at benchmark -- or talking
15 about benchmarking data, here, this chart actually
16 shows you the demand response as a percentage of
17 peak demand based on our 2018 ten-year site plan
18 and how we compare across some of the peer groups
19 across the -- North America.

20 And you see the demand response is definitely
21 a -- a significant piece of our reserve margin.
22 And it's still an important planning asset that --
23 that's effective in our resource-planning efforts.

24 So, this chart really brings everything
25 together. It's -- it's a little busy, but it --

1 it's a great thumbnail of the ten-year site plan
2 for 2018. You've got your forecasts, and it's
3 overlaid over capacity. And it also has the fuel-
4 mix information blended within it.

5 On the fuel mix, you'll see that, again, for
6 2018, our firm capacity, fuel projections are
7 72 percent gas. We're going to move, by 2027, to
8 75 percent gas. You'll see the corresponding
9 reduction in coal generation. And you'll be --
10 you'll see the increase -- corresponding increase
11 in renewable energy over the ten-year horizon.

12 A little bit of a different look as far as
13 fuel mix, but -- but, again, this chart shows the
14 relative amount of natural gas versus our other
15 fuels.

16 And Commissioner Brown, this is your
17 forecasted renewable mix and -- and again, the
18 changes in solar generation over the -- the
19 ten-year planning horizon. And we're going from
20 482 megawatts of solar to 3,000 megawatts of solar
21 by 2027, is what we're forecasting at this point.
22 You'll see that the other renewables are -- are
23 relatively static over that time frame.

24 Okay. And finally, on the forecast, again, a
25 little bit of the art part in resource planning.

1 This chart shows a little bit of the shift that we
2 brought last year; and again, another more -- more
3 of a step change this year on solar generation, but
4 it shows you three years of the ten-year site-plan
5 data relative to forecasted solar generation.

6 Okay. And then, this is your forecasted fuel
7 mix, again, for energy, relative to energy over
8 time. And again, we are -- we are significant
9 as -- we are fortunate, as a significant amount of
10 that gas generation is backed up by firm natural
11 gas contractual rights to get that gas and -- and
12 serve that energy. And then this is the energy
13 slide for our expected renewables.

14 Okay. A little bit on natural gas
15 infrastructure in Florida. Again, we do have the
16 three main pipelines, FGT, Gulf Stream, Sable
17 Trail, the Southeast Connect as well as the -- now
18 the hub that is -- is in operation.

19 Again, natural gas continues to be a critical
20 partner in meeting our resource needs and -- and we
21 do, at FRCC, continue to look at that
22 infrastructure on a regional basis to -- to make
23 sure we understand where some of those
24 vulnerabilities might be on -- on getting some of
25 those resources in place.

1 We do look at gas-infrastructure expansion
2 plans and -- and as part of our charter at the
3 resources subcommittee. And again, the expansions
4 appear to be on pace with the generation additions
5 over time and -- and they're reasonable.

6 And then, finally over the ten-year forecast,
7 we do have gas generation that has alternate fuel
8 capabilities on-site, the fuel oil. And that's an
9 important part of our resiliency plans to make sure
10 that, if we do have threats to our natural gas
11 supply, that we can maintain those resources.

12 Part of maintaining those resources, whether
13 it be in an emergency -- part of those resources
14 and -- and maintaining gas and -- and fuel in
15 place, we do have a group at FRCC, the fuel
16 reliability working group. And again, we do look
17 at the interdependencies of fuel availability,
18 reliability, how they're impacted.

19 We do look at the pipeline systems and -- and
20 some of the contingencies -- contingencies on the
21 pipeline systems. And then we also are able to
22 coordinate on regional responses to fuel issues
23 in -- in an -- almost real time in good
24 relationships with the natural gas pipeline
25 operators as well. And then, again, we do

1 commission some periodic studies on analyzing gas
2 infrastructure. And our operating committee gets
3 that information.

4 Again, energy production from natural gas --
5 you'll see that has become increasingly --
6 increasingly important since 2004, our resources in
7 Florida. And they are very important to us meeting
8 our -- our customer loads.

9 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Eric, I have a couple of
10 questions for you.

11 Commissioner Clark.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 From a strictly reliability perspective, does
14 FRCC have a position on what is an appropriate fuel
15 mix? We've talked about the reliability and -- not
16 necessarily the reliability, but the vulnerability
17 of natural gas infrastructure.

18 As we continue to pour more resources into
19 natural gas energy production, where do we -- where
20 do we draw the line? Where -- where is -- what is
21 the FRCC's position on what is the appropriate mix?

22 MR. SENKOWICZ: So, the FRCC, I would say,
23 does not have a position on the appropriate mix.
24 What we do have a position on is making sure we
25 identify vulnerabilities and risks from a

1 reliability-standard perspective, from a
2 reliability perspective and so forth.

3 So, how we -- we obviously don't get into the
4 market, the -- the cost elements of decisions and
5 how they're made. What we do delve deeply into --
6 well, what -- the what-ifs, the what would happen
7 and -- and how significant is this and what-would-
8 we-do kind of scenario.

9 So, the answer to your question, no, I
10 don't -- we do not have a position on what the
11 right mix is. Obviously, there's a lot of
12 controversy across the country today on that,
13 but -- but we do -- are very interested in -- in
14 making sure we understand where the vulnerabilities
15 on the grid and the resources are.

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can you -- can you
17 discuss any of the contingency plans for natural
18 gas interruptions? You mentioned the -- the
19 alternative fuel supplies that are on-site. What
20 are we looking at realistically in terms of
21 production capabilities in the event of two
22 pipeline -- double pipeline disruption, for
23 example?

24 MR. SENKOWICZ: So, what you're looking at
25 right now is -- is the natural gas alternate fuel

1 capability of our generation gas fleet. And
2 what -- where we're at right now is, I believe,
3 somewhere around 60 percent of the gas fleet has
4 on-site liquid storage. How that translates into a
5 double pipeline outage, that, I couldn't tell you
6 right now. And I probably wouldn't tell you, if I
7 knew.

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Understand.

9 MR. SENKOWICZ: So -- but -- but there are --
10 there are ways and -- and there are ways to
11 mitigate that, especially with the new Sable Trail
12 Southeast Connect hub that we've found some
13 operational flexibilities. And obviously, some of
14 those have been designed into the pipeline
15 infrastructure to accommodate and probably look at
16 some of those scenarios, but --

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. But -- but the
18 systems have been evaluated from that perspective,
19 looking at how long a supply would last, those
20 kinds of things.

21 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yes -- well, they -- we have
22 looked -- at FRCC, we have looked at selected
23 pipeline outages, selected segment outages and --
24 to understand what the impact would be and how to
25 mitigate that, using the liquid fuel.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Thank you,
2 Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Commissioner Polmann.

4 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you,
5 Mr. Chairman.

6 I had similar questions to Mr. -- Commissioner
7 Clark, and this may not be the time or place to
8 discuss those things that you can't tell us, but I
9 would appreciate information that you, perhaps,
10 could share with appropriate staff and -- so that
11 we would be more knowledgeable as a Commission.

12 And the -- the issue -- particularly looking
13 at your Page 34, fuel reliability, this Commission
14 has had some -- I would say, maybe Commissioners
15 have made some comments publicly, similar to
16 Commissioner Clark's expressions, and you know, the
17 issue of growing reliance on -- on single fuel type
18 and so forth. So, I'm not quite sure how -- how to
19 provide additional information to Commissioners,
20 but I think we are seeking that.

21 So, maybe appropriate staff here can work --
22 work with you and your group so that we can gain
23 some -- some greater comfort along the lines of
24 what -- what you just discussed. I think we're
25 looking for some more information.

1 So, the other questions I had was, on DSM,
2 you've got some -- some points in here, you've made
3 earlier on -- I think it's Page 19 -- but
4 regardless of what page it is, you bring it up
5 again in your -- your conclusions -- that it's a
6 significant component -- it almost looks like a
7 source. You know, we're talking about the demand-
8 side management, I assume, and -- and that being,
9 in my experience, a short-term solution to a short-
10 term problem.

11 Is -- is that how you're -- you're describing
12 it? It's not really a fuel source. It's -- it's a
13 demand abatement. Can you clarify that?

14 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yes. So -- so, I -- I think
15 it -- your load varies every four seconds in our --
16 and our utilities are constantly chasing that load,
17 serving it with generation, raising generation up,
18 down.

19 So, for a certain period of the day, you're
20 going to be at peak load. And that's going to
21 be -- you know, in the summer, it's going to be a
22 window, an hour; say, at 5:00 in the afternoon,
23 you'll be serving that peak load. The rest of the
24 day, you're not going to need generation level for
25 23 hours, if you will.

1 So -- so, what demand-side management does --
2 it allows you to shave that peak off to serve, if
3 you need to, from a -- from a reliability
4 perspective, that load, without having to build
5 another generator.

6 So, in other words, it's -- it's helping your
7 reserve margin to try to be able to re- -- plan
8 resources effectively and efficiently.

9 Does that make sense?

10 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Yes, I understand that
11 from a -- from a peak-shaving perspective, provided
12 that it's -- it's something that can be sustained;
13 whether it's a change-out in technology for -- for,
14 you know, base population, you know, more efficient
15 appliances and so forth, provided that -- that, you
16 know, is adopted by general population.

17 What I'm concerned about is that not become a
18 paradigm for base-load reduction. You know, it
19 could be, in terms of reliability, when you -- when
20 you do have a catastrophic loss, it can be a
21 temporary solution. And I anticipate that that's
22 something that you've taken into account in your
23 evaluations. You know, it's -- it's an emergency
24 reduction. People, you know, are essentially just
25 reducing their overall demand --

1 MR. SENKOWICZ: Right.

2 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: -- in the general
3 sense. So, I --

4 MR. SENKOWICZ: Well, and these are
5 controllable. These are controllable at the
6 utility level --

7 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Yes.

8 MR. SENKOWICZ: -- where you can reduce
9 that -- that demand --

10 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: So, I think I'd be
11 looking for some additional understanding on how,
12 from a planning perspective, you're taking into
13 account the DSM, both from a peak perspective as
14 well as an emergency treatment on the overall
15 system-reliability perspective.

16 So I'll just leave that with you --

17 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: -- and perhaps we
19 can --

20 MR. SENKOWICZ: And I may have not been clear
21 on this slide. This slide is actually starting to
22 look at a little more of our generation-only
23 reserve margin and -- and how we balance that
24 margin out. It's going to become increasingly
25 important, again, with the renewables that are --

1 that are --

2 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Yes.

3 MR. SENKOWICZ: -- coming onto the system
4 as -- as those are less controllable than, you
5 know, traditional resources.

6 So, our member utilities are looking at those
7 reserve margins and will mix up that reserve as
8 well.

9 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: I appreciate that
10 distinction.

11 MR. SENKOWICZ: Uh-huh.

12 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Yeah. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Commissioner Brown.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Just a question on
15 natural gas storage. And obviously, in Florida, we
16 have minimal natural -- underground natural gas
17 storage capability unlike, in other states, where
18 they have aquifers and salt domes.

19 What is FRCC doing to look at tapping into
20 that, if -- if at all?

21 MR. SENKOWICZ: So -- so, again, we -- we
22 incorporate that into some of our assessments and
23 our analysis that we do in-house, and we look at --
24 our members voluntarily provide us some pretty
25 sensitive, strategic information on the amounts of

1 storage they have, the amounts of contracts they
2 have, the withdrawal rates they can take out of
3 that storage.

4 And obviously, it's upstream. It's up in
5 Louisiana's areas and so forth. And we incorporate
6 that into supply slide -- you know, it was a little
7 more relevant back in '05, '06, '07, when a lot of
8 the supply was coming out of the Gulf and the
9 hurricanes would cut off that supply.

10 A lot of the supply is on land now, so it's a
11 little less, but you can still use it to mitigate
12 other compressor-station outages and so forth; is
13 used in that -- or other supply-side shortages,
14 but -- so, we do have that information.

15 Obviously, the natural gas information is very
16 sensitive. We -- we don't -- you know, our
17 operating committee and our board is very engaged
18 in -- in wanting us to look at that information,
19 but it's a very limited audience that we want to
20 share that information with because of the
21 sensitivity of that -- those potential
22 vulnerabilities that might be out there.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Absolutely. Thanks.

24 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Commissioner Clark, can I
25 come back to you after he concludes?

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Eric, go ahead.

3 MR. SENKOWICZ: Okay. You guys have a lot of
4 questions today.

5 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: It's not over yet.

6 (Laughter.)

7 MR. SENKOWICZ: So, in conclusion, again, on
8 our -- based on our ten-year -- 2018 ten-year site
9 plan, our reserve margins are -- are above
10 20 percent for all peak periods for the next ten
11 years.

12 Again, DSM is part of that reserve margin and
13 continues to be important from an -- from an
14 effectiveness -- from a resource-adequacy
15 perspective.

16 Energy-efficiency codes and standards continue
17 to reduce the demand and energy forecasts over
18 time. We're seeing that increasingly.

19 Planned gas-infrastructure capacity increases
20 are in place that we've seen to support planned
21 generation additions near term.

22 And then finally, existing gas-infrastructure
23 expansion capabilities can support the -- the
24 outer-year increases as well.

25 Changes to the fuel mix -- again, we've talked

1 about natural gas quite a bit. We're looking at
2 natural gas from -- going from 64 percent to
3 66 percent, as far as energy served over the ten-
4 year horizon.

5 We're looking at a significant increase in
6 renewables, mostly due to solar, from 2 percent to
7 8 percent. And we're seeing that decrease in coal
8 from 15 to 10 percent. Again, solar is projected
9 to provide over 16,000 gigawatt hours of energy by
10 2027 on our member systems.

11 And talked a little bit about solar
12 reliability, but at this point, the solar
13 penetration levels -- right now we're not
14 identifying any reliability impacts to -- to grid
15 operations.

16 With that --

17 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Commissioner Clark.

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 I -- I wanted to follow up on Commissioner
20 Polmann's line of questions regarding DSM programs.
21 Understanding the difference between direct load-
22 control DSM and supply-side controls -- looking at
23 Page 17, it seems to indicate that there is going
24 to be, as time goes on, less and less benefit or
25 positive economic impact from DSM.

1 Am I reading this graph correct?

2 MR. SENKOWICZ: Let me get you there.

3 Actually, it's -- it seems to be increasing.

4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So, if the orange line is
5 projected demand with demand-response impacts
6 excluded versus --

7 MR. SENKOWICZ: Right. So --

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So, I'm read- -- I am
9 reading it wrong.

10 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yeah, it's the opposite.

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

12 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yeah. So, again, it's a
13 component that's helping that reserve. If you were
14 to use it --

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So, you're saying that
16 DSM programs are increasing -- going to help
17 increase the impacts.

18 MR. SENKOWICZ: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And that includes -- are
20 you including direct load control as part of DSM
21 programs?

22 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yes. Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yeah, what's not included
25 in -- in Slide 17 -- if I can get to it -- is the

1 estimates on codes and efficiencies standards that
2 are out there. Again, that's -- that's -- that is
3 not measured data; it's utility and resource
4 planners estimating what the impacts of those
5 standards -- having them on their systems.

6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you differentiate, at
7 any point, the difference between the capacity
8 controls on direct load control versus just
9 traditional demand-side management programs?

10 MR. SENKOWICZ: We do -- well --

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How much can we reduce in
12 direct load control?

13 MR. SENKOWICZ: I'd have to give you the exact
14 numbers, like real time, but -- but again, they're
15 estimates that are updated in -- in operations --
16 in the operations horizons.

17 And then every year, they're updating those
18 estimates in the planning horizon on -- on what
19 they can do from direct load control, industrial --
20 you know, customer load -- had load curtailments
21 and so forth, and -- and those things that are
22 controllable.

23 I don't have the exact numbers.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: One final question,
25 Mr. Chairman.

1 Do you do any -- do you overlay heating-degree
2 days, cooling-degree days on any of your peak-
3 demand projections?

4 MR. SENKOWICZ: I'm sorry --

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: The effects of heating-
6 degree days or cooling-degree days on your
7 projections -- as you see the variants in peak
8 demand over the last five or six years, do you have
9 calculations showing what the impact of the
10 heating-degree days or cooling-degree days was on
11 that peak demand? I know it's --

12 MR. SENKOWICZ: I don't know --

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- included in the load
14 forecast --

15 MR. SENKOWICZ: -- that we do that regionally.
16 I know our members are probably doing that, but I
17 don't know that we aggregate that and do that
18 regionally.

19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

20 MR. SENKOWICZ: I would have to get back to
21 you.

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks.

23 MR. SENKOWICZ: Uh-huh.

24 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Eric, I have two quick
25 questions for you. Going back to Page 29 --

1 actually, make it 32. The landfill gas -- why do
2 you see that number dropping? Is it trending down
3 now?

4 MR. SENKOWICZ: The landfill gas -- okay. So,
5 going from 40 to 35, you're talking about?

6 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: On Page 32?

7 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yes -- oh, I'm sorry. Yes.
8 So, you're going from 392 to 336?

9 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Yes.

10 MR. SENKOWICZ: So, yeah, I -- that's --
11 that's just what's being reported to us as far as
12 what the projections are for that category of
13 generation. And it's all coming out in the map.

14 It looks more significant, obviously with
15 the -- the chart -- the bar chart -- or the
16 doughnut chart here, but that's --

17 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Are we --

18 MR. SENKOWICZ: -- what's being reported.

19 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Is it trending down now,
20 though?

21 MR. SENKOWICZ: The landfill gas?

22 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Yes.

23 MR. SENKOWICZ: I'd have to go look at the
24 details of -- of that specifically, but --

25 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: What would be -- what would

1 cause that to drop off? I mean, now, granted, it's
2 not a big number, but it's just curiosity. I would
3 think that that would be constantly going up. Or
4 is that something we should be looking more at
5 here?

6 MR. SENKOWICZ: That -- it's just, again --
7 maybe the retirement of a unit or two units is
8 affecting that amount. Again, it's not a large
9 amount. You're looking at five megawatts.

10 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Yeah.

11 MR. SENKOWICZ: So, how that -- I can --
12 again, we can dig down into the details of that and
13 get you that information, if you like, and -- and
14 figure out exactly where that's coming from.

15 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: The other question I have
16 is, planning-wise, what are we doing to deal
17 with -- because we're talking about going up some
18 500 percent with solar, 600 percent.

19 What are we doing to deal -- to get ready for
20 that, I mean, as far as load on the system? I
21 mean, I know some of the problems they run into on
22 the west coast when it's a sunny day, and then all
23 of a sudden, the clouds come out, and the sun comes
24 back out again. Are we --

25 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: -- learning, planning,
2 anticipating all that stuff?

3 MR. SENKOWICZ: We are intently looking at
4 California, New England, Carolinas. They're seeing
5 a lot of penetration on the retail level.
6 California has both. They've got a, you know,
7 utility scale and retail level. And they're --
8 they're seeing it on their load curves.

9 For us right now, it -- it's still in the
10 noise, but what we are doing is we did establish a
11 solar task force last year to look at the different
12 operating aspects of high levels of solar
13 penetration. And we're -- we're collecting data.

14 So, we have several facilities now in service
15 and are actually collecting operating data, looking
16 at those things, geographic diversity, how much is
17 enough. You have a cloud over here. If you've
18 got, you know, four sites in one place and there's
19 a cloud that shows up, how is that going to impact
20 you.

21 So, we are very sensitive to that. Our
22 operating committee and our planning committee are
23 very sensitive to gathering operational data to
24 better understand these facilities, how they
25 operate so that we can integrate more and more

1 levels of penetration of solar resources.

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Is this task force
3 generating any reports that maybe we could take a
4 look at?

5 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yeah, I -- I can find out from
6 our operating committee and our planning committee
7 on the distribution of that, but yeah, we -- we do
8 have some recommendations that we continue to
9 follow up on, again, over time on how to address
10 the -- the impacts of these resources.

11 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. Thank you.

12 Commissioner Brown.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Just one last question
14 regarding EVs and if FRCC has looked at load
15 forecasts for the penetration of the EVs on the --
16 on the grid.

17 MR. SENKOWICZ: So -- so, I'm not a load
18 forecaster, but I know they've talked a lot about
19 the electric vehicles and how -- how that plays
20 into their systems. So, we are sensitive to it. I
21 know, as a region, we're sensitive to it. That's
22 probably all I can say.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I haven't seen much data
24 for a ten-year period, so I would be curious to see
25 what the -- what the growth rate is and how that

1 would affect the -- the grow- -- the load.

2 MR. SENKOWICZ: We did have an EV workshop --
3 I believe we did have an EV workshop. And maybe we
4 could get you a summary of that workshop as well,
5 but yeah, we did look at the expected penetration
6 levels. And it seemed like it was --

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Modest -- was it modest?

8 MR. SENKOWICZ: No -- yeah, it was not
9 significant at -- you know, as -- even from a
10 forecast perspective and looking at some aggressive
11 forecasts as well, so -- but we can get you some
12 information on it.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you. Thank you for
14 coming here.

15 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Eric, thank you very much
16 for your -- your time, your presentation.

17 MR. SENKOWICZ: Yes, sir. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: As you can tell, we were
19 very enthused with it.

20 MR. SENKOWICZ: Thank you for your engagement.

21 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you.

22 Okay. Next, to the podium, we have Duke.
23 Come on down.

24 MR. KUZNAR: Good afternoon, everybody. So,
25 my name is Zach Kuznar. I lead up a group at Duke

1 focused really on distributed generation and how
2 we're starting to integrate it into our -- into our
3 portfolio.

4 And my group is primarily focused on a couple
5 of technologies. One is regulated by the power
6 facilities, similar to the Eight Flags project that
7 was done down here in Florida. We also look at
8 energy storage and microgrid applications, when
9 you're pairing storage with solar.

10 So, today I'm going to talk really about where
11 we are with the 50-megawatt pilot that we're --
12 that we're working on here in Florida.

13 So, quick agenda, you know, I want to just hit
14 a little bit on some -- just some background for
15 folks who might not be as familiar with electrical
16 chemical battery storage; talk a little bit about
17 how we're integrating it into our business; and
18 some of the use cases we're looking -- and then
19 really kind of lead that into some of the really
20 specific use cases that we're looking at.

21 So, if you look at background -- I mean, the
22 concept of energy storage isn't new. It's just
23 been very geographically limited for some time. I
24 mean, you look at -- pumped hydro, is -- is, you
25 know, a popular form of it. We've got a lot of

1 pumped hydro in the Carolinas, but you need a lot
2 of water and you need a big mountain, and
3 they're -- it's tough to build. Compressed air as
4 well -- you know, you need some kind of underground
5 kind of salt dome.

6 The one thing with electric chemical storage,
7 which I think we're excited about, is just the
8 scalability. You know, you can go from kilowatt-
9 size to very large megawatt-size projects.

10 And I think the use cases, you know, kind of
11 speak for themselves, right. You've got, you know,
12 the ability to shift energy. I mean, it's -- it's
13 a supply chain for -- for the electric grid. You
14 know, it's got a transmission and distribution
15 value.

16 So, a lot of the projects we're looking at
17 have T-and-D value, but then, on top of that, you
18 can layer in kind of bulk-system generation value
19 when you're looking at how to use it to provide
20 regulation, how to use it to integrate more
21 renewables like solar, you know, how do you use it
22 to peak shave.

23 So, there's a lot of different use cases and
24 applications, which I'll hopefully hit on and kind
25 of give you some idea of where our thoughts on --

1 on how storage can -- can benefit the grid.

2 So, just some background. You know, I think
3 if you look at where the technology is today, you
4 know, we really see lithium ion, you know,
5 dominating for the foreseeable future based on
6 costs and really supply chain.

7 But with that said, you know, we are always
8 monitoring and looking at emerging technologies.
9 We're very interested in flow batteries and metal
10 air batteries and ones that could have a lower cost
11 going forward.

12 But if you'll just look at the supply chain
13 right now, lithium ion seems to be at a -- seems to
14 be one of the best technologies for the foreseeable
15 future. We're seeing costs come down at a rapid
16 pace. You know, we're -- we're surprised on how
17 fast we've seen system costs decrease.

18 You know, I would expect breakthrough press
19 releases to be very common. You know, you're
20 always reading about the next best battery, the one
21 that's going to last 50,000 cycles, the one that's
22 going to cost, you know, very -- very small amount.
23 So, you know, I -- that's just something to keep an
24 eye on.

25 And you're seeing a very steep growth, though,

1 in deployment. So, there's -- about 295 megawatts
2 were deployed last year, right around 300. If you
3 look at a lot of the reports, you're seeing it up
4 to maybe 2,500 megawatts by 2022, and that's driven
5 by a number of factors.

6 One, you've got, you know, some states with
7 mandates; two, you know, you've got declining
8 costs; and three, you're seeing utilities really
9 start to utilize it as part of their planning
10 process from both the transmission and distribution
11 standpoint, but also the generation standpoint.

12 So, where we've been -- I would say we
13 started -- we put in our first small battery at
14 Duke -- it was about 2010. And we -- we've had
15 about seven or eight pilots over that period of
16 time. And these were all less than one megawatt.
17 It was really to kind of get our -- get our feet
18 wet, understand how to integrate it to the grid,
19 what applications could we use the assets for. And
20 on the commercial side of our business, we -- we
21 deployed a very large battery in Texas, at a wind
22 farm.

23 Now, what we're really getting at, in all of
24 our territories, is how do we take the pilot, get
25 to more of what we call a scalable demonstration

1 where you're not necessarily -- you know, you're
2 not going straight from zero to 500 megawatts or a
3 thousand megawatts. You're kind of easing in.

4 And this is where this pilot, I think, is
5 going to be extremely helpful for us in Florida.
6 And we're looking at these kind of in all of our
7 territories.

8 And then, getting it out there, where -- you
9 know, I think where we see it going forward is this
10 could be a tool that our planners use, our
11 distribution planners, if they need to do, you
12 know, an upgrade to a substation, what's the more
13 cost-effective solution: Is it storage; is it
14 traditional.

15 When you have circuits that have high
16 penetrations of solar, how do you deal with that
17 intermittency. And this could be a tool that we
18 really want to see kind of be ubiquitous on the
19 grid going forward.

20 So, this is a bit of an eye chart, but you
21 know, I think it captures and -- and really talks
22 about the value streams well. And it has to really
23 get you thinking, with a technology like this, how
24 you capture all the benefits.

25 And so, what do I mean by that? If I have a

1 project -- and I'm going to talk about one of the
2 examples -- you know, that is focused on the
3 transmission and distribution system -- well, I
4 might only, you know, need it for that application
5 a certain amount of time.

6 So, how do I use it the rest of the time to
7 provide some bulk-system benefits. How do I use it
8 if it's a very intermittent cloudy day and I've got
9 a lot of solar on my system to deal with
10 intermittency instead of cycling a gas facility.
11 If it's a very hot day, how do I make sure all my
12 storage on the grid is charged up and ready to
13 shave peak.

14 And so, the way we've really approached this
15 particular pilot is we've been working very closely
16 with our distribution planners and some of our
17 gen- -- and our, you know, generation-planning team
18 to really hone in and identify where do we find the
19 best sites where we could deploy this, which is
20 best for our customers in Florida, and to prove out
21 these concepts.

22 What we've done to date -- we've identified
23 seven sites, which is going to make up that 50
24 megawatts, and then we've got a couple kind of in
25 the pipeline, if there would be an issue with

1 those.

2 And we're not ready to announce the sites
3 publicly yet, as we're working through some
4 commercial terms on acquiring land and don't want
5 to make public announcements, but hope -- hope to
6 be able to make some of those announcements soon.

7 But what I want to do today is just kind of
8 talk about three specific use cases that aren't,
9 you know, saying exactly where the projects are or
10 the size that we are looking at for -- for our
11 deployment plan.

12 So, first one, you know, I mentioned is, you
13 know, here is one which is focused more on the
14 distribution system, but captures bulk-system
15 benefits as well.

16 And here is a particular use case where, you
17 know, you've got a radial feeder and it's got very
18 sharp load growth, but it's just a certain time of
19 year. So, you know, you've got certain areas where
20 it might be, you know, wintertime. It could be
21 summertime.

22 In this particular instance, it's a location
23 that has very peaking summer loads, especially on
24 the weekends. And what you're going to need --
25 what we're going to need to do is actually do a

1 substation upgrade because we're going to exceed
2 the capacity on that substation; however, when --
3 you know, you need to make that investment just for
4 a certain time of the year.

5 And this graph here -- what it shows is just
6 one weekend. You can see where we currently are,
7 where we expect to be by 2025, and then going
8 forward, but we're going to have to invest and
9 upgrade the substation to deal with this excess --
10 excess load growth there.

11 If you look at it from a yearly standpoint,
12 though, you're really going above. This is present
13 day. You know, eventually, it will go up more.
14 You're only going to go above the capacity of that
15 substation a very small time of the year.

16 So, if I do just a traditional upgrade, I'm
17 investing. I'm increasing the capacity of the
18 substation, but that's the only value it provides.
19 In this case, you could use the storage for that
20 capacity increase, but then also, the rest of the
21 year, where you're below that, you can use it for
22 peak shaving needs, you can use it for providing
23 regulation service.

24 So, this kind of shows you at least the
25 stacked value of capturing distribution value, but

1 then not underutilizing the asset and capturing
2 bulk-system value as well.

3 Another use case -- and we've done -- we've
4 done two projects like this in other -- in our
5 other states, which I think is a very good
6 application for storage -- is, when we're talking
7 about using batteries for bulk-system value, you
8 know, we mentioned, you know, how does solar affect
9 the grid, right.

10 Well, you have solar. We have a perfect
11 example -- I don't have the graph up here, but you
12 know, in North Carolina -- because that was brought
13 up -- during the solar eclipse. It was interesting
14 we lost 3,000 megawatts of solar within a matter
15 two minutes. So, we had all these gas turbines,
16 you know, spinning reserves. And then a minute
17 later, it came back on. And it shows that kind of
18 severe ramping and, you know, duck-curve issues
19 that storage provides, so -- or that solar can
20 provide; so, having, you know, down the road, where
21 you have a couple hundred megawatts of storage on
22 the grid to help deal with the intermittency,
23 solar; also, you know, provide some peak shaving
24 needs and maybe some distribution value.

25 You know, one thing we've thought about is, if

1 you're using it for bulk-system benefits, is there
2 a way to partner and site it at critical
3 facilities.

4 So, 99 percent of the time, I'm using it for
5 peak shaving, but if I site it at, let's say, a
6 shelter that's used for hurricane evacuation, it's
7 got some customer-sited benefit as well. So, you
8 know, can I make sure it's charge- -- you know,
9 it's providing back-up for that facility, or at
10 least critical load.

11 So, in this case, you're looking at the grid-
12 system value, but how can you site it at critical
13 facilities. And we did a similar project -- just
14 as an example -- where we've got a battery in one
15 of our substations in North Carolina sited a
16 substation.

17 The substa- -- this particular circuit has
18 quite a bit of solar on it. So, we use it most of
19 the time for, you know, dealing with the solar
20 intermittency on that circuit. During a grid
21 outage, it actually provides back-up power to a
22 fire station.

23 So, it's, I think, thinking creatively and
24 siting these at the right locations on the grid.

25 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Zach, I've got --

1 MR. KUZNAR: Yeah.

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: -- a quick question for you.
3 Commissioner Brown.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you. Thank you
5 Mr. Chairman.

6 Two questions, with regard to the lithium
7 ion --

8 MR. KUZNAR: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: -- that is being used,
10 how many hours of batteries does it provide?

11 MR. KUZNAR: So -- very good que- -- so, right
12 now, lithium is typically limited to about a four-
13 hour duration. So, if I have a five-megawatt
14 battery, you know, it could provide 20-megawatt
15 hours of -- of kind of energy to the grid.

16 What we've done is, you know, if you're
17 looking at -- okay. Let's say I'm siting -- to
18 really get the bulk-system benefits, you know, you
19 have to have five, 10, 15, 20 -- you have to get to
20 the point where you're scalable, where -- you know,
21 you showed a 50,000-megawatt system here in
22 Florida, you know, five megawatts by, itself, isn't
23 going to have a huge impact.

24 But if I have, you know, ten five-megawatt
25 systems, and I go up to 20, and 30, and 40, you

1 know, you can get to that scale where you can get
2 bulk-system benefits.

3 You know, some of these critical facilities,
4 like, let's say --

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: That --

6 MR. KUZNAR: -- a fire station is -- could be,
7 you know, 250 KW. So, that five-megawatt, 20-
8 megawatt-hour, battery, which has a lot of bulk-
9 system value -- you know, that size asset, even
10 though it's a four-hour duration, might be able to
11 provide 48 hours of back-up for those smaller
12 loads. So, it's all about the sizing and how
13 you -- how you look at it.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: And you're familiar with
15 the cost, then, of the lithium ion on different
16 project sizes.

17 MR. KUZNAR: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So, in some of those
19 states that mandate battery storage --

20 MR. KUZNAR: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: -- component, how -- do
22 you know what the incremental costs of that would
23 be?

24 MR. KUZNAR: You talking about the per -- so,
25 I understand the question, per hour?

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah.

2 MR. KUZNAR: You know, it's -- we've gotten
3 some -- I can't -- I don't want to say a number.
4 As you go from, like, a five-megawatt/five-
5 megawatt hour battery to a five-megawatt/20-
6 megawatt battery, there is an increased cost, but
7 it doesn't necessarily scale linearly because, if
8 you look at the overall costs of these systems, the
9 battery is a big component of it.

10 But you've got the battery, you've got the
11 inverter, you've got the container, the controls.
12 So, it's not necessarily scaling linearly, but
13 we've got information on that; I just don't know it
14 off the top of my head.

15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: And then, just for land
16 purposes --

17 MR. KUZNAR: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: -- when -- you know, land
19 is the big part --

20 MR. KUZNAR: Right.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: -- of these large-scale
22 solar projects.

23 MR. KUZNAR: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: How much would a
25 battery -- you're trying to break these -- the

1 50 megawatts up into --

2 MR. KUZNAR: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: How much would it occupy?

4 MR. KUZNAR: Pretty small. So, the way you
5 look right now -- I mean, you have solar -- you're
6 right. I mean, it's -- one megawatt could be six,
7 seven, eight acres, depending on the size.

8 Typically, the way most vendors are going to
9 now is -- initially, like, our project that we
10 built in Texas, which is 36 megawatts for a
11 comm- -- it was for a wind farm -- when that was
12 built seven, eight years ago, the mindset was it
13 was in a big building, it had all the batteries,
14 all the cooling there.

15 The way the vendors are going to now is very
16 modular. So, imagine, like, a typical 40-foot
17 truck, shipping container -- those will typically
18 hold two megawatts. So, if you needed five
19 megawatts, roughly, you have three forty-foot
20 containers. So, the land use -- and that will have
21 your battery system, your inverter -- is very, very
22 small.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thanks.

24 MR. KUZNAR: Great. So, I just wanted to
25 touch on one last use case. And again, I think

1 we -- we've discussed this. You know, again, like
2 I've mentioned before, we've -- we've got that
3 50-megawatts currently broken out to about seven
4 projects.

5 And they're -- fall into these -- similar to
6 these three buckets. We've got a couple of other
7 use cases we're looking at, but we think these are,
8 you know, probably the biggest hitters, you know,
9 capturing the distribution value, critical
10 facility, transmission value.

11 But as we mentioned -- I mean, as you -- as
12 you increase your solar on the grid, it does start
13 to create -- you have to plan for it, right, you
14 can't just throw it out there. You know, you're
15 constantly balancing supply and demand.

16 Having something as a sink or to store and
17 react we think is very valuable. So, you know, I
18 think you talk about the four biggest -- I don't
19 want to say issues, but challenges for grid
20 operators with -- with solar is intermittency.

21 And you know, we see that any solar farm --
22 you know, clouds come over and you lose it. You
23 know, you have a solar eclipse, which is rare, you
24 know, you could lose it very quickly and bring it
25 back on.

1 You're balancing -- you know, when you get to
2 the point where you have a thousand, 2,000,
3 3,000 megawatts of solar down here, it's something
4 you have to plan for.

5 Ramp rate -- you know, the eclipse is a
6 perfect example, but at the end of the day, when
7 you lose that generation, and let's say you're
8 peaking in the evening, you've got to have standby
9 generation to do that.

10 Batteries could be a -- you know, a way to
11 deal with some, and maybe eventually all of that,
12 energy shifting. You know, you've got -- you could
13 have instances where you have those kind of cooler
14 shoulder months and, as you increase your solar
15 penetration, you know, do you ever dip into your --
16 your kind of base-load generation. You know,
17 that's down the road, but something to think about,
18 how you capture that and shift it to the peak
19 needs.

20 And then just enable to increase capacity.
21 You know, a lot of times, you'll oversize the solar
22 on the DC side of the inverter so you're producing
23 max output, but there's clipped energy there. So,
24 again, we see a lot of value.

25 You know, we're excited about getting these

1 50 megawatts out in the grid to kind of get to that
2 scalable piece where we can truly start to show the
3 value and, you know, hope to start at least
4 announcing some of our initial projects in the
5 next -- next few months.

6 So, you know, in summary, we've kind -- we've
7 been following this for a while. We think it's
8 reaching that kind of tipping point for adoption.
9 You know, I think, when you look at the business
10 case for storage, you've got to think outside the
11 box a little bit because, like, when I showed you
12 that -- that distribution upgrade, right, you've --
13 I could increase my substation capacity, I could
14 use storage to do that, and I could also use that
15 battery for a lot of other functions the rest of
16 the year.

17 You know as costs, obviously, continue to
18 decrease, use cases will increase. You know,
19 you've got to try to capture the stacked benefits
20 of looking at how you capture the transmission
21 distribution generation value. You don't want to,
22 you know, really, I don't think, undervalue what
23 this stuff can do and the flexibility it can just
24 provide to the grid.

25 And so, you know, as -- we're preparing, you

1 know, as a Florida grid operator to use storage in
2 many functions. So, we're excited about getting
3 these projects out.

4 And that's -- that's all I have.

5 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Zach, I've got a quick
6 question for you.

7 MR. KUZNAR: Yep.

8 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: You mentioned the -- the
9 eclipse in the Carolinas. What exactly happened up
10 there and how did they handle that?

11 MR. KUZNAR: Right.

12 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: I mean, that's an extreme
13 case, but --

14 MR. KUZNAR: Very extreme.

15 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: I guess you've got to --
16 you've got to plan for that.

17 MR. KUZNAR: Right. So, at the time, you
18 know, it was done -- this is, I think, something
19 we're thinking about just overall. So, the way
20 that was handled was we had a lot of spinning
21 reserves. We had a lot of our gas facilities, you
22 know, on standby. The -- the sun dropped off, the
23 gas facilities ramped up; as the sun came back a
24 couple of minutes later, they ramped down.

25 But when -- you're talking about how do you

1 quantify that, right. You know, when I -- when we
2 think about base-load generation, when I think
3 about a gas plant or a new plant or coal plant or
4 whatever it is, the optimal way to run those is at,
5 you know, peak capacity and, you know, kind of
6 maximum peak rates to get the most value.

7 You know, as you start having more and more
8 intermittent generation, you start turning on,
9 let's say, peaking facilities that you otherwise
10 wouldn't turn on. It's just to deal with the
11 supply-demand balancing.

12 So, you know, I think you want to make sure
13 you're doing it the most cost-effective way, but as
14 we see storage come down, tech- -- like, if you're
15 just taking technology -- take costs out of the
16 equation, I think, you know, the application of
17 using storage for fast response just makes a lot of
18 sense.

19 So, it's, how do you eventually have that
20 right mix of, you know, you're ramping CTs versus
21 I've got something that can, you know, basically
22 respond immediately, doesn't have a fuel source.
23 You're operating it in the most optimal way, but I
24 think it's also a balancing act with, is it the
25 most cost-effective I'm just using for that

1 application.

2 But in the Carolinas, it was -- and in other
3 places like California, with the duck curve,
4 they're fo- -- they're using a lot of natural gas
5 to do that.

6 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Clark.

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you, Mr. -- thank
9 you, Mr. Chairman.

10 When it comes to capacity and output of the --
11 the systems with energy storage cap- -- solar with
12 energy storage --

13 MR. KUZNAR: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What are you seeing in
15 terms of its -- its contribution toward firm peak?
16 Normally we're seeing -- I think you see 50-percent
17 contribution of solar toward firm peak. What do
18 you --

19 MR. KUZNAR: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- up it to when you go
21 to bat- -- when you put energy storage on top of
22 it?

23 MR. KUZNAR: Right. I don't know if I've got
24 a good answer for you there. I think it's
25 something we're starting to really think about

1 with, if you have storage paired with solar, what
2 kind of capacity value can you give that, but you
3 know, I would say, right now, where we see a lot of
4 the value is kind of the distribution side, the
5 transmission side, in dealing with the
6 intermittency. And I think, as costs come down and
7 durations become longer, I think that's where
8 you're getting that, you know, solar-plus-storage
9 peak-capacity needs.

10 You know, at the end of the day, like, the way
11 I view it is you don't -- you don't necessarily
12 have to have the storage at the solar location. I
13 think there's a mindset that, like, if you have
14 solar, you put a battery there and you get this,
15 you know, firmed-up kind of, you know, base-load
16 generator.

17 To me, the most valuable spot is finding the
18 location that gives -- has the most distribution
19 value, and then layer in those bulk-system values.
20 So, you know, if I could have a solar farm, you
21 know, on land somewhere, I don't necessarily have
22 to have the battery paired with that.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: From -- from a regulatory
24 perspective, I think the -- the idea of being able
25 to displace potential transmission costs --

1 MR. KUZNAR: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- is -- is -- that's a
3 very interesting perspective. But I am curious how
4 we began to look at what the cost justifications
5 are when it comes to adding these components, for
6 example, when you start looking at what are the
7 true capacity costs of that unit --

8 MR. KUZNAR: Right.

9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- with storage, without
10 storage versus what your traditional generating
11 capacity costs are, based on what your contribution
12 to firm peak is.

13 MR. KUZNAR: Right. I'm probably not the best
14 person to answer that. I don't know. You know, we
15 do have, like, our -- I think it's something that's
16 being -- it's going to be integrated into kind of
17 part of our IRP going forward when you're looking
18 at what's the cheapest sort of, you know, peak --
19 peaking costs, but I would say, you know, like I
20 said, right now, where we are, I think the -- kind
21 of the use cases I discussed are probably the most
22 cost-effective now, but as the lithium-ion costs
23 continue to come down, I think that's where you're
24 going to see, okay, where is solar, where is
25 storage. If I pair them, how do they compete maybe

1 with a future peaking unit.

2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks.

3 MR. KUZNAR: Yep.

4 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: All right. Zach, thank you.

5 MR. KUZNAR: Great. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: I appreciate your time and
7 your presentation.

8 MR. KUZNAR: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Next up is Florida Power &
10 Light.

11 Dr. Sim, welcome back.

12 DR. SIM: Thank you. It's always nice to be
13 back.

14 All right. Our presentation today covers
15 essentially three perspectives of how FPL is -- is
16 viewing storage facilities. First of all, I'll
17 talk a little bit about some of the smaller-scale
18 storage projects we've been looking at and
19 examining the results of over the last couple of
20 years.

21 Then I'll turn to what we're doing right now,
22 which is the 50-megawatt pilot project that was
23 part of the settlement agreement.

24 And then finally, I'll close with kind of a
25 look ahead as to what we're doing now to provide

1 proper valuation of batteries in terms of resource
2 planning; how we see batteries being used on our
3 system.

4 So, essentially, this is the -- the same
5 overview, the -- we initially began deploying
6 smaller-battery projects, roughly a total of about
7 four megawatts, distribution-connected projects
8 starting about 2016.

9 Then, later in 2016, we reached the settlement
10 agreement, which authorized 50 megawatts of pilot
11 projects. These are larger utility-scale-type
12 batteries. We have 14 megawatts of those currently
13 on our system in solar-plus-storage applications.

14 We have another 10 megawatts about to go in,
15 in early 2019, and we think that all 50 megawatts
16 of the storage pilot projects are going to be in
17 service by the end of 2020.

18 And we have one additional pilot that's
19 outside of the pilot program that I'll talk a
20 little bit about as well; and then, finally, close,
21 as I mention, with how we, as resource planners,
22 are looking at batteries and how they might best be
23 applied to the FPL system.

24 The smaller pilot projects began about two
25 years ago. In Miami-Dade, we had one project where

1 we were looking at using what we call second life
2 of car batteries. And we were installing them to
3 try to look at how fuel-cost savings might be
4 gained on the system from this small project. It
5 was 1.5 megawatts, four megawatt hours.

6 Another one was out in Everglades National
7 Park. We had essentially what was a fishing camp
8 or village out at the end of a very long feeder
9 that was having some problems in terms of
10 reliability. So, a battery was placed there to see
11 if we could ameliorate some of those service
12 problems out there.

13 Then -- and in -- in addition, in the Broward,
14 Dade, and Palm Beach County areas, we tried some,
15 what we call, community energy storage, which was,
16 at various residential sites, we would put very
17 small-scale batteries to see if we could reduce
18 some of the momentary outage problems we were
19 having.

20 And then, finally, in the smaller-scale
21 effort, we had a mobile, uninterrupted power supply
22 service, which was essentially a big truck with a
23 big battery that we could move from place to place
24 at various locations and see if we could service
25 special events. And I'll talk a little bit more

1 about those, each one of them.

2 The one in which we did the second life of car
3 batteries -- we got the batteries at a fairly-low
4 price; however, we -- we ran into problems with
5 pretty high integration costs of connecting it with
6 our system and integrating it with our system
7 control.

8 So, overall, probably the best thing that came
9 out of that is we had a lot of learning that came
10 out of the integration into our system, which was
11 valuable to us.

12 In regard to the Florida Bay Project, which
13 was the remote fishing village -- it's one in which
14 we don't have a lot of those type of customers out
15 there. And we did have some problems in
16 integrating an indoor system so that, when our
17 power and the battery were trying to switch in and
18 switch off, we had some problems in tripping the
19 system for that customer.

20 But we learned quite a bit in terms of that
21 integration, which we think we -- is going to be
22 helpful for larger scale microgrid projects where
23 there might be solar, batteries, and utility
24 connection.

25 The community energy storage at the

1 residential sites -- it was very effective, but at
2 the time, those batteries were quite expensive and
3 it wasn't a cost-effective application, at least at
4 that time.

5 And then, finally, on the mobile
6 uninterruptible power supply system -- we used it
7 at a couple of sites. One of them was the Sony
8 Tennis Open, down at Key Biscayne, but it was a --
9 turned out to be a limited opportunity.

10 This very large truck with very heavy battery
11 was affectionately known as the "bridge-buster."
12 And so, we couldn't take it to too many sites, but
13 it was -- it was very useful in term- -- in
14 learning in terms of how we would have to integrate
15 a remote battery that was moveable in term- -- in
16 case of a natural disaster or other type situation
17 where we would need to supply uninterrupted power,
18 at least for short periods of time.

19 Moving on to the larger-scale 50-megawatt
20 projects, the first two of those are in. One of
21 them was an existing -- actually, the first two
22 were existing solar sites. One is at the Babcock
23 Ranch solar site in Charlotte County.

24 And this was a solar-plus-storage application
25 of a 10-megawatt battery with a four-hour duration.

1 And it was connected on the AC side of the -- of
2 the facility. And this went in about six or seven
3 months ago.

4 There was a second one at our Citrus solar
5 site in DeSoto County. This is on the DC side, is
6 where the connection of the battery was. It was a
7 four meg- -- it is a four megawatt, 16-megawatt
8 hour or four-hour-duration battery going in about
9 the same time. And I'll talk about those and the
10 other items on this page in a little bit more
11 detail on -- on subsequent slides.

12 In Miami-Dade, we currently are going through
13 the permitting for a ten-megawatt battery that will
14 be part of our distribution system. As Duke Energy
15 Florida just mentioned, this was one in which we
16 were just trying to defer an upgrade that otherwise
17 would have been needed on our distribution system.
18 And that is proceeding and, in mid-next year, that
19 will be in service.

20 Then the last one in this upper table is a
21 vehicle-to-grid application. We're looking out at
22 automobile manufacturers projecting that, by 2023,
23 there may be as many as 100 to 120 new car models
24 that are electric cars.

25 So, we're seeing a lot of mobile batteries

1 being added to Florida and to the rest of the U.S.
2 And what we're trying to do here is get a first
3 step in and look to see, is it possible to
4 integrate use of those batteries at peak times in
5 order to discharge those batteries into the system.

6 And then, finally, there is one that is
7 mentioned here that is not part of our 50-megawatt
8 pilot program. And this is one in which we will
9 put small-scale, five- to eight-KW batteries,
10 directly on residential batteries, in order to test
11 how they work for the customer and how we might be
12 able to control them remotely to discharge back
13 into the system.

14 And I'll talk a little bit about each of those
15 now. The two solar-plus-storage projects -- I
16 mentioned earlier, one is at Babcock Ranch, one is
17 at Citrus. The Babcock Ranch is ten megawatts,
18 four-hour duration, essentially. And it's
19 connected on the AC side of the system.

20 Citrus, DC coupled -- it's a four-megawatt,
21 four-hour duration battery. And those have been in
22 service a little bit more than a half year. And we
23 are learning a lot from them. And what we have
24 learned from it, we like. And we'll get into that
25 towards the end of the presentation as to -- as to

1 where we may be going next with such.

2 Okay. And part of the idea of the solar-plus-
3 storage is to get more solar energy out of a solar
4 facility. And what I've drawn here is a -- it's a
5 very simplistic conceptual design.

6 As you know, our solar -- current solar
7 facilities are 74.5, or let's call it 75 megawatts.
8 They're limited to that output. And if we were to
9 design a solar facility which would never go above
10 that 75-megawatt limit, it would -- it would
11 operate similar to the blue line here, and we would
12 essentially have the DC output, which is the solar
13 arrays, putting out no more than 75 megawatts at
14 any time.

15 But what we've learned is that's not the most
16 efficient way to do it. It doesn't maximize the
17 solar output nor does it minimize the cost of
18 dollars per megawatt hour of solar output.

19 So, what we've designed is shown on the next
20 slide. This is more like what -- how our current
21 solar facilities operate. And as you can see,
22 there's a dotted line that goes above the blue
23 line.

24 And what that represents is the output of
25 solar facilities, greater output, above the blue

1 line, in other words, the area between the dotted
2 line and the blue line, up to the orange line, both
3 on the morning side of the curve and then on the
4 afternoon side of the curve. That area represents
5 additional megawatt hours from solar that are
6 generated by our facilities.

7 But what happens is, by putting in more DC
8 than the AC inverter limit -- and our facilities
9 are typically a 1.5-to- -- DC-to-1-AC ratio, you
10 see -- above the orange line, you see a shaded
11 area, which would be additional output capable from
12 the solar facility that is clipped by the inverter.
13 It's just not allowed to come through the point of
14 interconnection to our system.

15 So, the idea behind solar plus storage, on the
16 next slide, is by installing solar facil- --
17 storage facilities connected with the solar, we are
18 taking some of that shading above the orange line,
19 storing it, and then releasing it in the later
20 afternoon and early evening hours so that we
21 capture a greater percentage of the megawatt hours
22 that are generated from the solar.

23 And we think that this has significant
24 benefits for -- for our customers.

25 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Dr. Sim, we've got a

1 question for you.

2 Commissioner Brown.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.

4 Not an engineer. So, say you get the peak sun
5 solar at 12:00, but your peak demand is at 5:00,
6 6:00, how -- but the battery is only four hours in
7 duration -- so, that additional clipped energy that
8 you're storing at the -- the peak of the sun
9 gets to -- does -- how does it -- does it get
10 depleted during that -- or when it turns on?
11 When -- how does the actual technology work --

12 DR. SIM: It would actually --

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: -- in use?

14 DR. SIM: Once -- once the solar output
15 exceeds the 75-megawatt limit, the storage facility
16 would begin capturing that. And it would simply
17 hold it until the 4:00-to-5:00 p.m. hour when we
18 peak.

19 And at the time, as the sun is going down and
20 the output of the solar facility is dropping off
21 and comes below the 75 megawatts, then the storage
22 facility will begin releasing that energy onto the
23 system.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Got it.

25 DR. SIM: So, it charges it when it otherwise

1 would have been wasted and then discharges late
2 afternoon.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Got it. Thank you. That
4 was good.

5 DR. SIM: All right.

6 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Doc, quick question for you.

7 DR. SIM: Yes, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: So, you're showing here in
9 your graph -- and I'm kind of picking on you, but
10 this solar plant is rated for 74.9 megawatts.

11 DR. SIM: Or 74.5 -- just under 75.

12 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: So, when you go over that,
13 are you in violation of your permit that we gave
14 you?

15 DR. SIM: We don't go over that.

16 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. Just checking.

17 DR. SIM: Is this a trick question?

18 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: No, just checking.

19 DR. SIM: All right. Yes, sir.

20 In terms of the AC-versus-DC connection, we
21 don't have a winner yet. Our current view is
22 probably something like this: The AC connection is
23 probably a technology that's better known.

24 The ability to capture a great amount of the
25 clipped solar energy with our current designs of

1 the solar facilities -- probably the advantage
2 would go to a DC connection, but -- but we could
3 change the solar design and that answer might flip.

4 The cost -- we don't see a -- a definitive
5 winner there. It's going to depend upon the design
6 of the system and the -- and the specific case in
7 which we're applying it.

8 The round-trip efficiency -- because we
9 typically lose 10 to 12 percent of the energy that
10 goes into the battery before it comes out, DC seems
11 to have an advantage there.

12 And either one of these can be charged, not
13 just from the sun; they can be charged from the
14 grid if we run into a number of cloudy days or we
15 need to charge the batteries at night.

16 So, it -- it's an open question as to which
17 one we see as being the winner for our system, and
18 we'll learn more as we gain more data coming out
19 and as we do more analysis over on the side.

20 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Question for you, Dr. Sim.

21 DR. SIM: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Commissioner Brown.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.

24 Just going back to that clipped solar energy,
25 being able to capture that, doesn't it make sense

1 that that would be -- that it would be more cost-
2 effective to capture that and then take advantage
3 of the DC-connected technology?

4 I mean, if the AC -- it looks from your graph
5 that the AC-connected -- you can't take advantage
6 of that additional clipped energy, right?

7 DR. SIM: It -- in part, yes. Again, it
8 depends upon the design of the system. And it
9 depends -- also, there's a -- there's a cost
10 component of this as well. And we're trying to
11 figure out how you optimize the amount of energy
12 that one could capture and the amount of cost
13 that's involved into it. We're try- --

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Is DC more expensive than
15 AC?

16 DR. SIM: It depends. That's the --
17 unfortunately, that's --

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: You talk like a lawyer.
19 (Laughter.)

20 DR. SIM: I've been up here too often.
21 That's one thing we are finding, is there
22 are a -- there's a lot of information about
23 batteries that we're just starting to know. And
24 it's going to take more experiment, a lot more
25 analysis before we come up with a winner. And the

1 winner may not remain the winner as we look at
2 different applications.

3 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Dr. Sim, I apologize for my
4 colleague calling you a lawyer.

5 (Laughter.)

6 DR. SIM: My brother is a lawyer.

7 Moving on to another project that's -- that's
8 on the drawing board right now -- it will go in
9 service in mid-2019. This is the ten-megawatt
10 four-hour battery in urban Miami. It's designed to
11 defer a distribution upgrade by about four years.
12 We're learning a lot about how you design and
13 permit batteries in a dense urban area.

14 And one thing we'll be looking at is to see if
15 we can stack benefits, which means you design and
16 operate the battery to address the distribution
17 system, but at the same time, can you also capture
18 system-generation benefits. Can it reduce the
19 system peak load as well as the distribution-system
20 peak load. And that's one thing that we will learn
21 more about once the battery goes in service next
22 year.

23 Another one we're interested in is this
24 vehicle-to-grid approach. And we're starting small
25 with an electric bus pilot. This is scheduled to

1 go in service early next year.

2 We're looking at a private school bus system
3 and looking at ten electric buses. Each one has
4 batteries of about 70 KW. FPL will own the
5 batteries; the host company will own the vehicles.

6 And the idea is to see if, during the day
7 after the bus charge- -- the school bus routes are
8 run, particularly in the afternoon, after the
9 children are let out, is there still sufficient
10 charge left on the batteries to where those
11 vehicles could discharge back into the system
12 during our peak hour and help to meet peak load.
13 This is an interesting one, and I'm looking forward
14 to -- to seeing how this works in practice.

15 The next one we've got is -- this is one that
16 we're going to do outside of the 50-megawatt pilot
17 project, primarily because we're going to go into
18 residential homes. And there is the potential for
19 unintended consequences there.

20 So, up to, perhaps, 20 employees will be used
21 for these -- as sites for the initial batteries.
22 And I volunteered for this program. I'm interested
23 to see how this works. The idea is to see how it
24 saves -- or how it best serves customers; the idea
25 being that these batteries will be of a sufficient

1 size that they could run, perhaps, refrigerators,
2 lighting, and certain plugged loads for up to 10 to
3 12 hours.

4 So, in the event of a storm or an outage, this
5 might be a boon to customers, but we also want to
6 see, just like with the vehicle-to-grid
7 application, do we have the ability to discharge
8 the energy that's stored in those batteries back to
9 the grid as kind of a reverse load-control
10 application.

11 And that -- this one should be up and running
12 early in 2019.

13 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Dr. Sim, what is the
14 dimension of that battery? Is that about the size
15 of a small refrigerator?

16 DR. SIM: I would say it is the size of a
17 relatively small television.

18 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay.

19 DR. SIM: And if I get one on my home, I will
20 know for sure.

21 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you.

22 DR. SIM: Yes, sir.

23 All right. Now, for battery valuation, this
24 is where we're looking at -- at batteries as --
25 with my resource-planning hat on. In addition to

1 the solar-plus-storage or the T-and-D applications,
2 we're trying to look at how batteries might
3 generally be used on -- on a utility system,
4 particularly FPL's system.

5 Now, from a planning perspective, we look at
6 it as capacity. You could -- you could have a
7 battery that could meet reserve margin or help to
8 meet reserve margin the same way that a new
9 combustion turbine or combined-cycle-type power
10 plant could.

11 Also, there are a number of operational
12 aspects of it. One of them is energy arbitrage
13 where you charge it during low-cost periods and you
14 discharge during higher-energy-cost hours, in order
15 to -- in order to low- -- lower energy costs for
16 our customers.

17 Contingency reserve is one where you keep the
18 battery in a state of charge and you discharge it
19 only when you have immediate capacity needs such as
20 if a power plant goes down or a transmission line
21 goes down.

22 Frequency regulation reserve -- we keep the
23 battery charged. We dispatch it only to maintain
24 system frequency near the 60-hertz level. Voltage
25 support, you keep it -- the battery in a full state

1 of charge and then you either absorb or provide
2 reactive power to maintain the grid voltage or a
3 stacked application, which could be a combination
4 of some or all of these operational applications.

5 And we're just beginning to do the analysis of
6 how this would work on the FPL system, but our
7 current view right now, subject to change, is the
8 biggest potential benefit category for FPL is to
9 use these as if they were power plants in meeting
10 reserve-margin needs.

11 Energy arbitrage on the FPL system -- the
12 analysis we've done to date says it's significantly
13 less benefit than is the capacity benefit. And
14 that's largely because there's not a big difference
15 in marginal energy cost on our system between on-
16 peak hours and off-peak hours because nuclear
17 energy -- we've got a lot of very low-cost gas fuel
18 being burned in very highly-efficient gas-fired
19 units, and we're adding more solar as we go.

20 So, you need a fairly large on-peak-to-off-
21 peak differential and energy cost for energy
22 arbitrage to be a significant contributor. And on
23 our system, we just don't have that.

24 Contingency reserve, frequency-regulation
25 reserve, voltage support -- all of them are even

1 less than energy arbitrage on our system. And when
2 we looked in our analysis at stacking these
3 applications, if you stack energy arbitrage and the
4 three items -- or three categories below them,
5 you're getting a negligible increase over energy
6 arbitrage alone because, at certain times of the
7 day, they can either do one function or the other;
8 they can't do both. They're a limited amount of
9 output or discharge from the batteries. So, we're
10 not seeing a lot of benefit here other than from
11 capacity.

12 And I guess that brings us to where does FPL
13 go next with this. And I think what you will see
14 in the -- in the next year -- perhaps as early as
15 our next ten-year site plan -- is I think you will
16 see that FPL will be doing more solar-plus-storage,
17 probably with 20 to 30 megawatts of storage on our
18 solar facilities.

19 And I think you may see batteries being added
20 for capacity purposes, for reserve margin, and
21 loss-of-load-probability reasons, and the -- the
22 extent to which that will occur -- well, the
23 analysis is still ongoing, but I think you will see
24 that in our next ten-year site plan to some degree.

25 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Dr. Sim, I've got a quick

1 question for you. Is battery storage the most
2 economical storage -- energy storage? I'm sure you
3 guys have done some sort of comparison like looking
4 at water towers, looking at pressurized this or
5 that. I mean, is it the most economical or is it
6 just the most efficient?

7 DR. SIM: I think it's the most economical,
8 certainly for utility-scale applications, yes, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Any questions, my
10 colleagues? No.

11 Dr. Sim, thank you very much. Thank you for
12 your time.

13 DR. SIM: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you for coming down.

15 Okay. It is time for public comment. If
16 there is anybody out in the public that would like
17 to come and address us, we'll give you three
18 minutes. If you'll just give us your name and
19 address, and we'll go from there. Going once,
20 going twice -- okay. No public comment.

21 All right. Then I believe this concludes our
22 ten-year workshop. I do thank all of our
23 participants very much for their time and their
24 effort in putting together this presentation.

25 The clock we have in the back -- looks like

1 it's 20 minutes to three. We will reconvene for
2 our next meeting at ten 'til three.

3 We're adjourned. Thank you.

4 Travel safe.

5 (Whereupon, proceedings concluded at 2:38
6 p.m..)

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