# JEA Privatization Discussion Materials for Board of Directors Workshop

March 20, 2018



# **Objective**

The objective of this discussion document is to *facilitate discussion and dialogue* between JEA Board members



# **Process to Date**

#### **December 5**

Letter from Chair
Howard directing staff
to "evaluate our
prospective position in
the marketplace, and
report back on what the
private market value of
JEA" within 60-90 days

#### February 7

Draft Report from PFM provided in response to public records request

#### February 20

Council formed
Special Committee
to study possible
JEA privatization<sup>1</sup>

#### **November 28**

Mr. Petway introduced question "Would the customers of JEA and the people of Jacksonville be better served in the private marketplace?".

#### **December 12**

JEA Board Chair discussion on the need for an expedited evaluation of the privatization of JEA

#### February 14

Final Report from PFM presented to Council and JEA Board

#### March 20

JEA Board workshop to discuss possible privatization

<sup>1</sup>Scheduled to meet weekly through June 21<sup>st</sup>

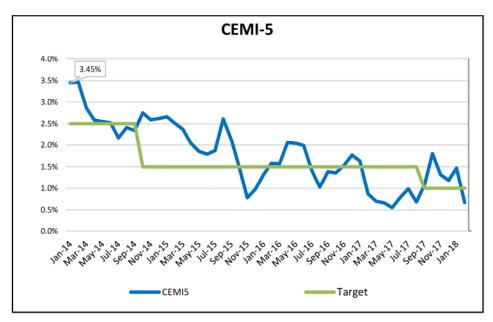


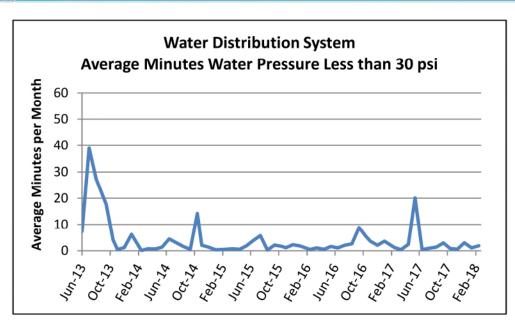
# Framework Outline

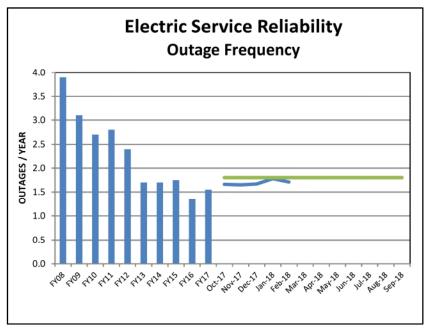
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#### JEA is Operating At or Near Peak Performance

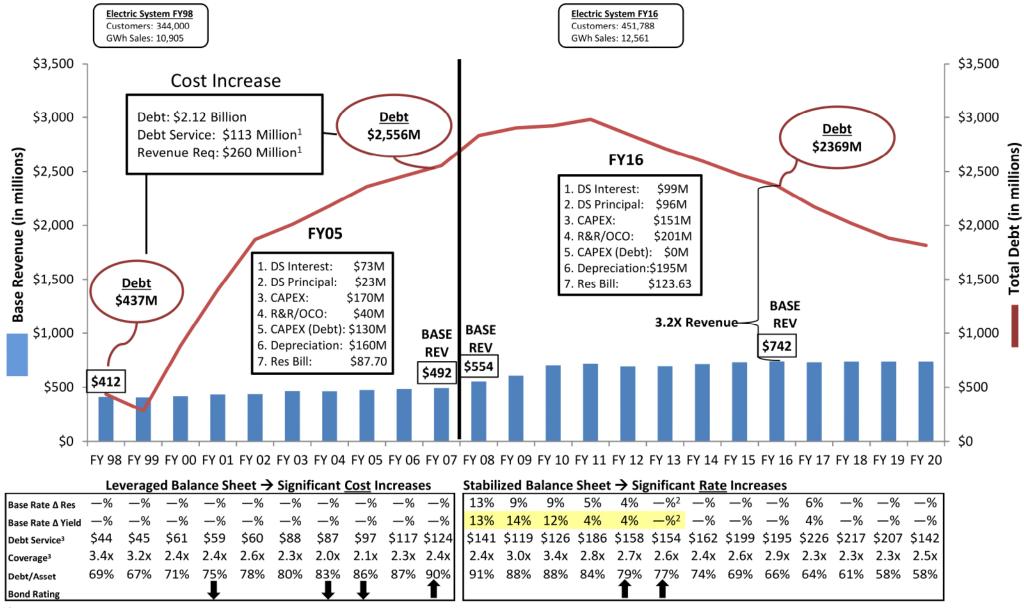








# Balance Sheet Flexibility: Continue to Pay-Down Debt Electric System Base Revenue, Debt, and CAPEX

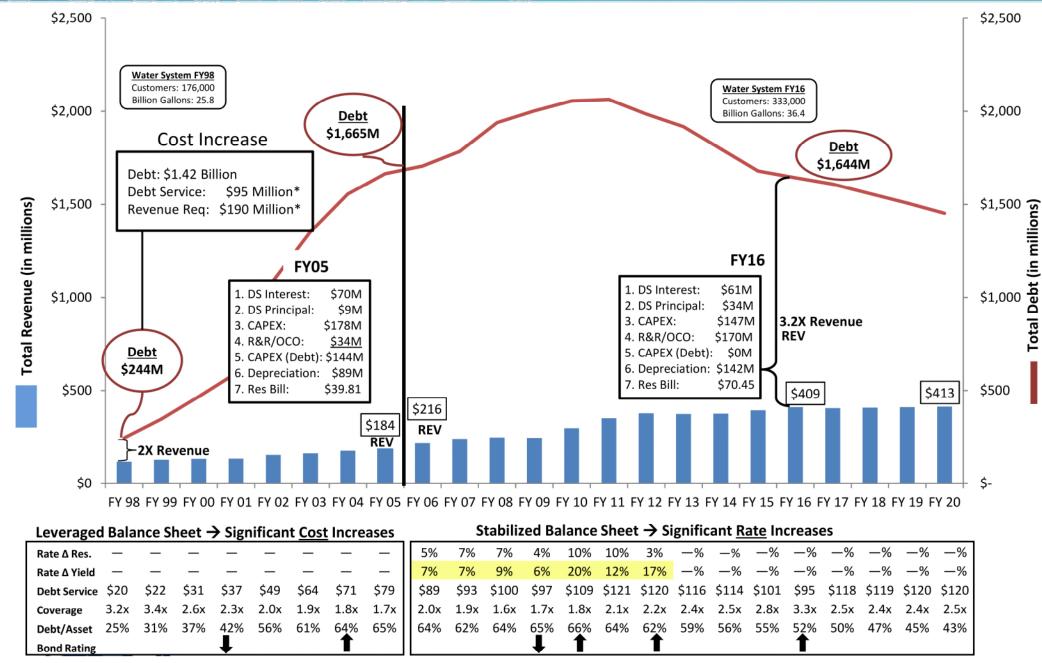


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Minimum annual requirements @ 4.5% interest rate for 30 years and 2.3x coverage

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Presented for simplicity that the \$2.90 Fuel Recovery Charge conversion occurred at the beginning of FY2012 fiscal year vs. the actual Jan 1, 2012 effective date

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Debt Service Coverage Basis

# Balance Sheet Flexibility: Continue to Pay-Down Debt Water and Sewer System Base Revenue, Debt, and CAPEX



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# **Electric Industry Trends**

#### **Risks**

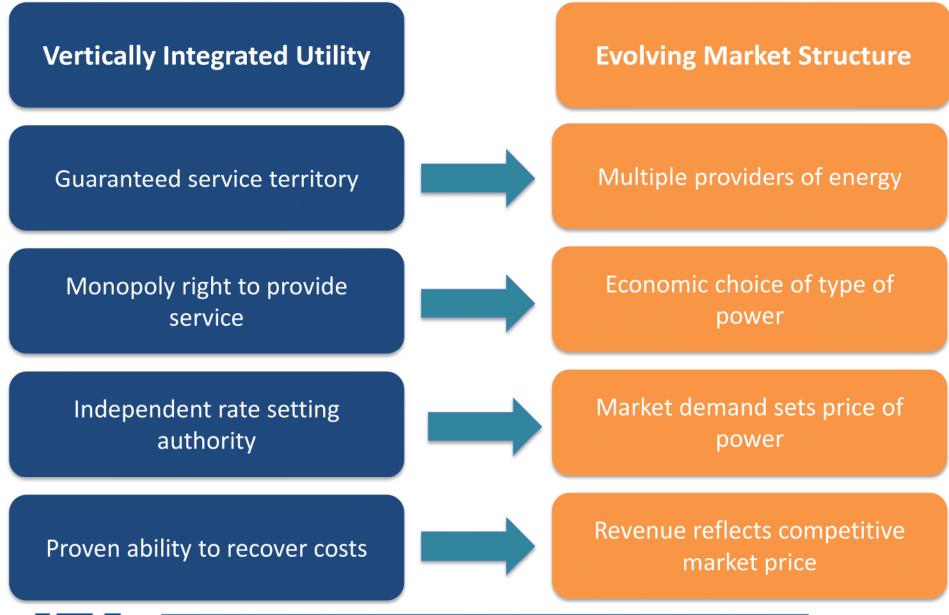
- Market structure changes present uncertainty (page 9)
- Sales are flat or declining (page 10)

#### **Opportunities**

- Renewable prices continue to fall, providing economic opportunity but disrupting model of large, centralized fossil power plants (pages 11-13)
- Electric vehicles could help buoy declining sales trend if adoption becomes widespread (page 14)
- The future of technology development could bring more industry change (page 15)



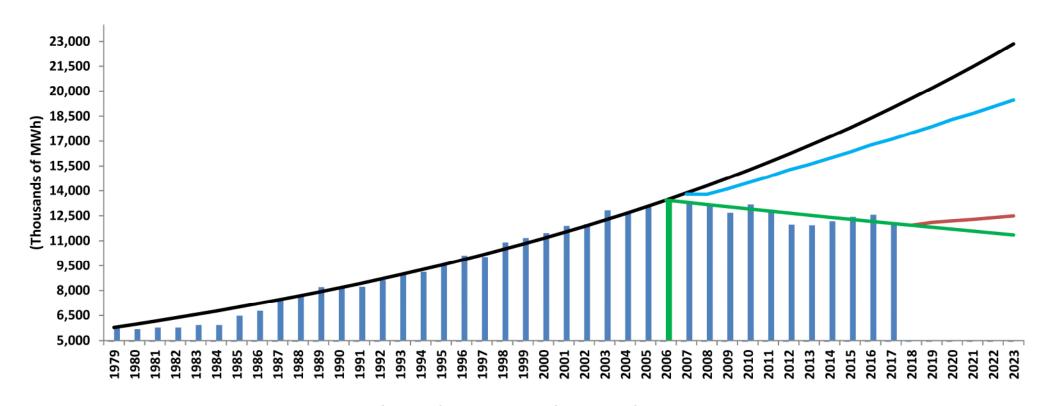
#### New Market Structures Challenging Traditional Utility Model





**Lower Margin and Threat of Stranded Costs** 

# JEA Electric Sales Growth is a Challenge

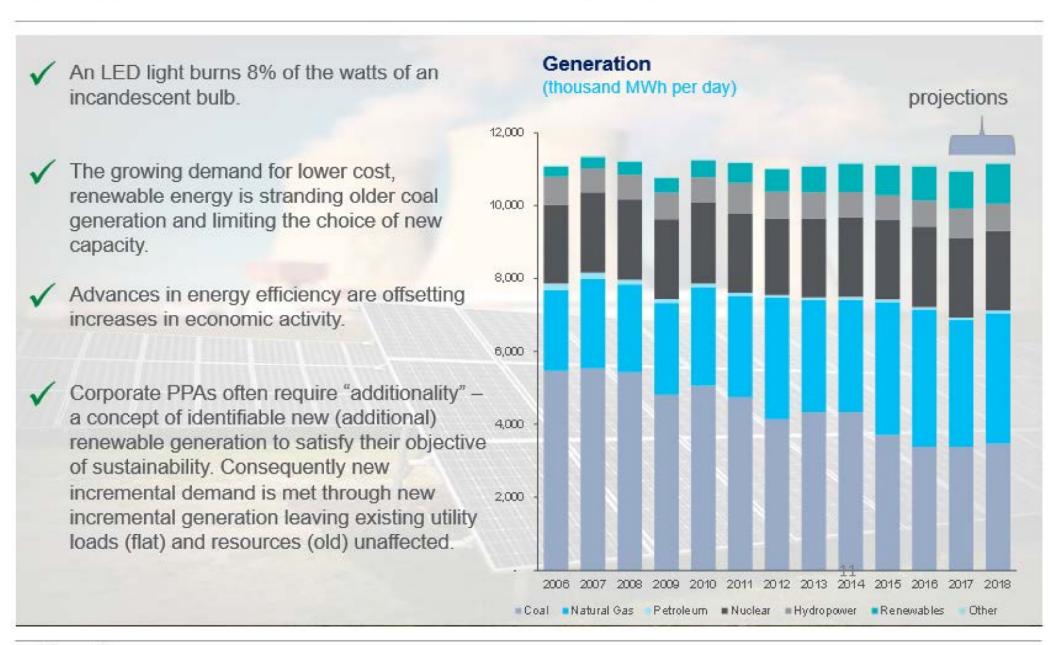


- —Projection based on Annual Growth Rate 1979-2006
- —2006 Sales Projection (IRP-Based)
- —2017 Sales Projection (TSP-Based)
- —Projection Based on Annual Growth Rate 2006-2017



#### Electric Growth Has Been Sluggish (modest – flat – down)

Demand growth cannot mask the trend to lower costs, cleaner generation.



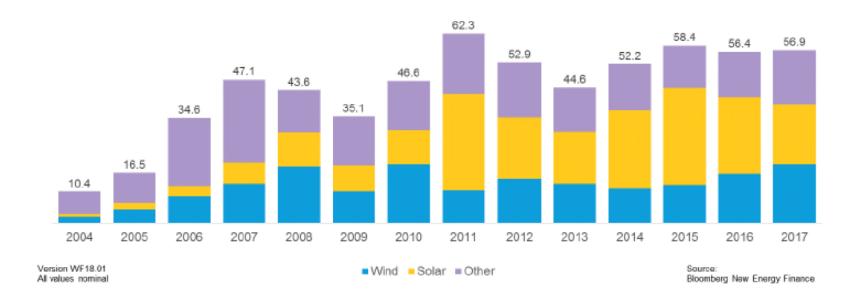


# New Investment in Clean Energy United States, by sector

2004 - 2017

\$bn

Renewable investments in the United States continue to challenge the centralized power plants model



#### Battery production is forecast to increase substantially

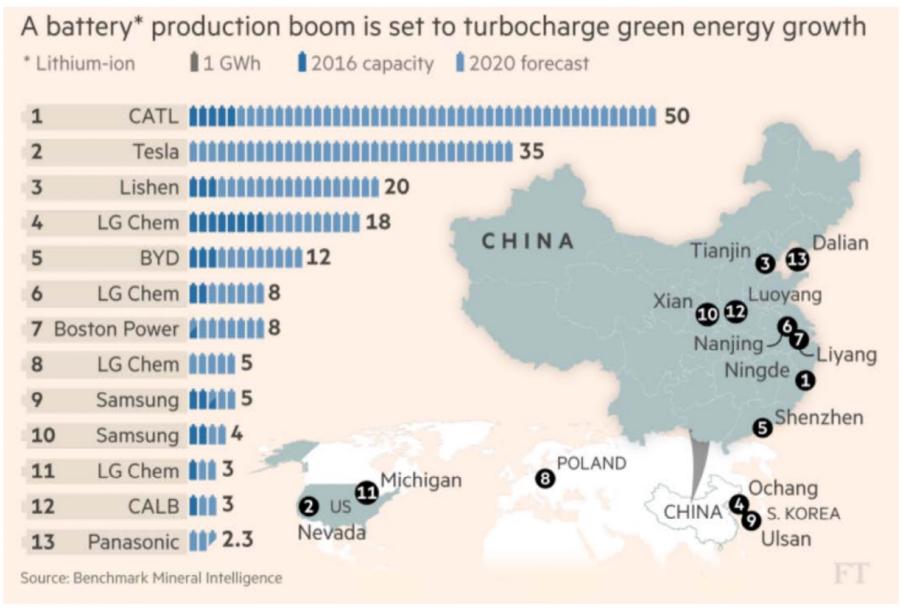
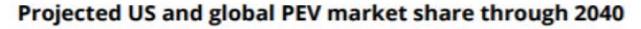
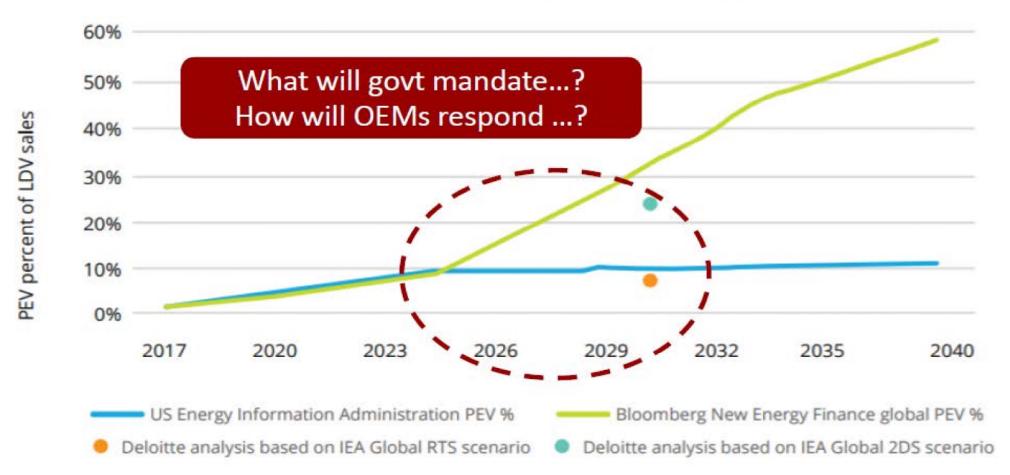




Figure 2. Projected PEV share of total light-duty vehicle sales

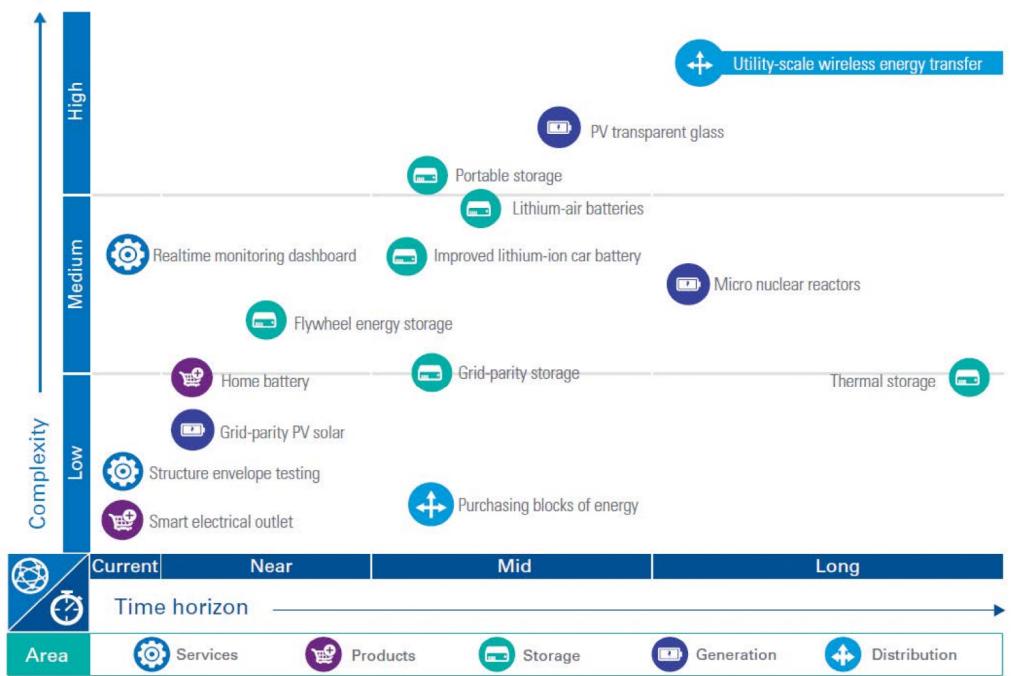




The IEA's Reference Technology Scenario (RTS), projecting 56 million electric cars in circulation by 2030, reflects projections that respond to policies on energy efficiency, energy diversification, air quality, and de-carbonization that have been announced or are under consideration. The IEA's 2DS scenario, projecting 160 million EVs in circulation by 2030, occurs in a context consistent with a 50% probability to limit the expected global average temperature increase to 2°C. We estimated annual sales required to meet IEA's EV stock projections for 2030 and then calculated the EV share of sales as a percent of total light-duty vehicle sales projected by Bloomberg New Energy Finance for 2030.



#### Products & services horizon chart

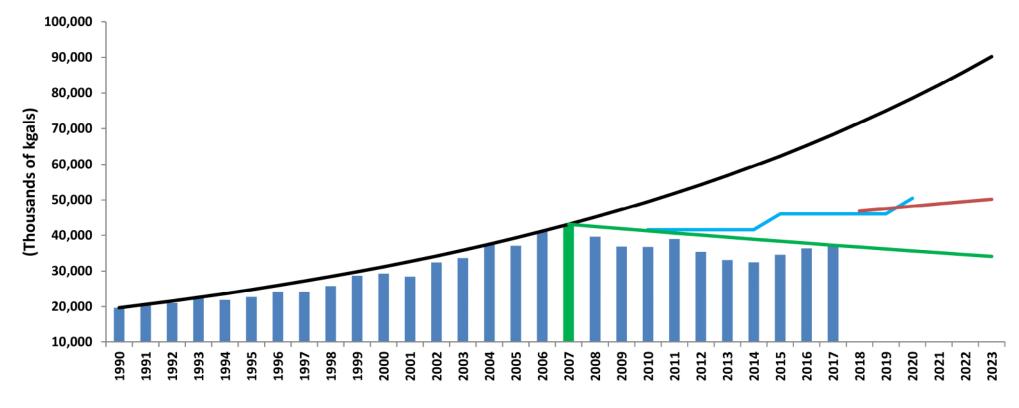


# Water & Sewer Industry Trends

- After a substantial decline, sales are slowly beginning to increase as customer accounts grow (page 17)
- Expenses in many areas are rising faster than sales (page 18), squeezing margins across the industry
- Water supply is constrained and alternative sources of water are exponentially more expensive (page 19)
- Wastewater regulations and rising customer expectations particularly locally – are leading to costly investments (pages 20-21)
- In the longer term, sea level rise is a risk to low-lying wastewater assets (page 22)



# **JEA Water Sales**



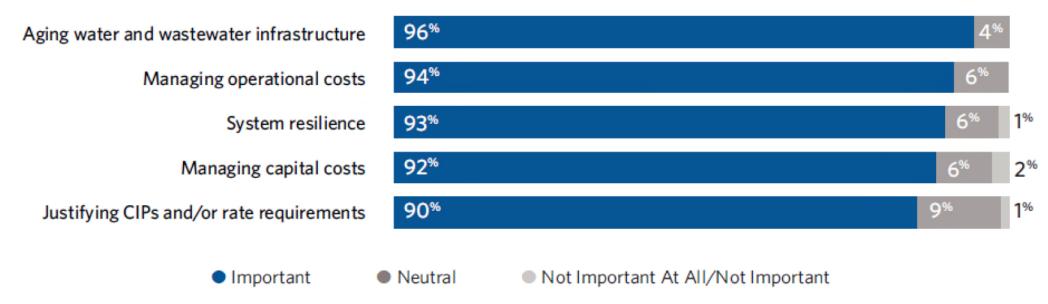
- —Projection based on Annual Growth Rate 1990-2007
- -2008 Sales Projection based on Water Resource Master Plan
- —2017 Sales Projection based on Water Resource Master Plan
- —Projection based on Annual Growth Rate 2007-2017



#### Managing Operational Cost is a Challenge for the Entire Industry

#### FIGURE 6

Please rate the importance of each of the following challenges to the water/wastewater/stormwater industry.



Source: Black & Veatch 2017 Water Industry Report

In surveys, water utility senior executives rank rising operational costs as their #2 highest priority



## **CUP: Water Supply Sustainability Plan**

#### <u>iWater</u>

JEA Water Supply Testing and Rehabilitation Program

FY15 to FY20



#### **IWRP Study**

Integrated Water Resource Plan FY18 to FY20



#### **Comprehensive Plan**

JEA Water Supply and Demand Program FY18 ...

#### **Production and Transmission**

- Well rehab and performance for 84 of JEA's 137 raw water wells
- Hydraulic and water quality modeling
- Identify transmission piping projects

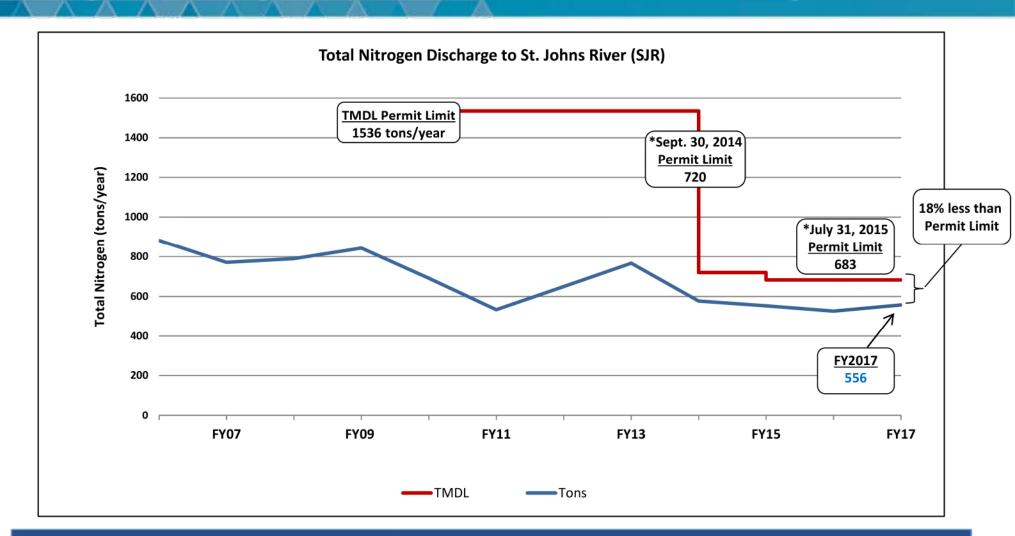
#### **Supply and Transmission**

- Maximize reclaimed water
- TWMP\* (FY 2000 to Present)
- Water purification pilot
- 3<sup>rd</sup> river crossing evaluation
- Intermediate aguifer study

#### **Supply and Demand**

- Conservation messaging
- Demand-side management program
- Comprehensive communication plan
- Effective May 2011, JEA obtained a 20-year consolidated Consumptive Use Permit (CUP) from the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) to secure aquifer withdrawal
- JEA continues to implement the TWMP and iWater Programs and expand the Reclaimed system to successfully supply growing service area within all CUP conditions
- Sustainable water supply will integrate demand side programs; outcomes of the IWRP study will select the most beneficial incremental water supply within an overall comprehensive plan

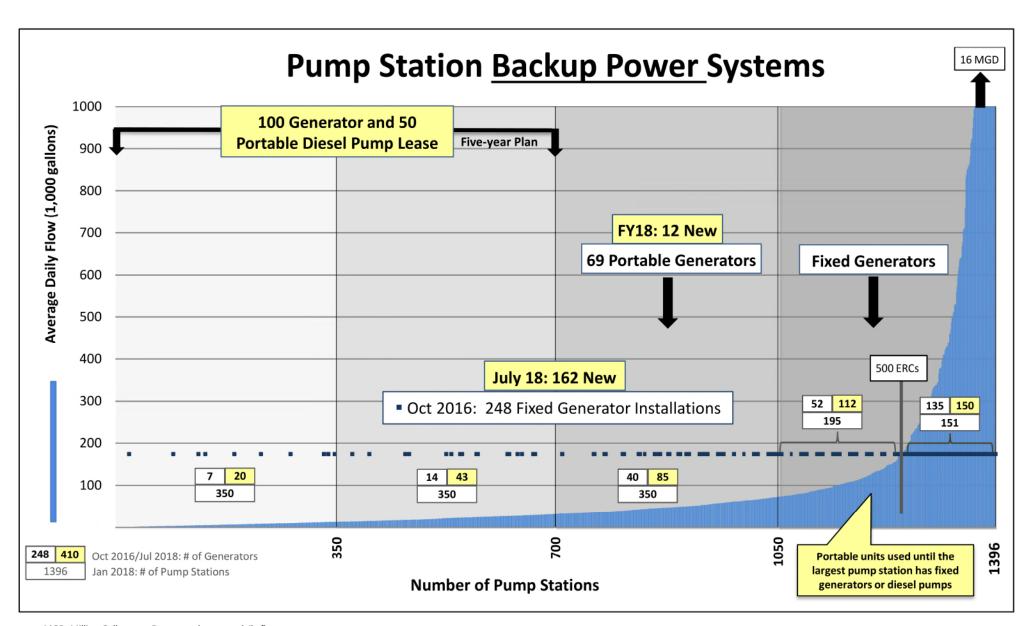
#### Nitrogen Discharge Requirements Became More Stringent Over Time



#### Nitrogen Discharge to St. Johns River

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has reduced the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to 683 tons with Water Quality Trading Credits allocated to the COJ

#### Sewer Resiliency Investments Driven by Local Priorities



MGD: Million Gallons per Day, annual average daily flow ERC: Equivalent Residential Connections

#### Sea Level Rise Will Challenge Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

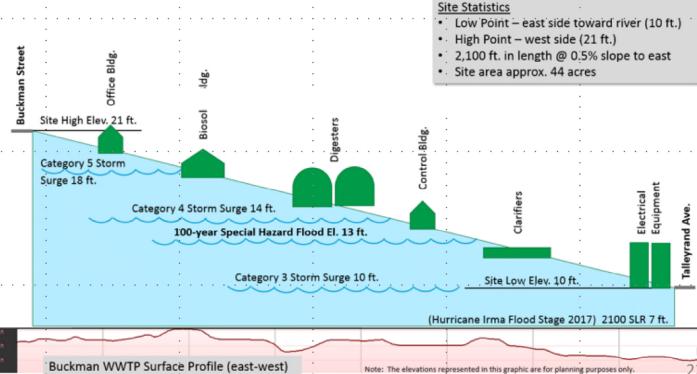
#### **Extreme Weather Scenarios**

- Rainfall / Flooding (32" of rainfall in the fourth quarter of FY17)
- Hurricane / Storm Surge
  - 100 year flood + 1 to 5 feet
  - 500 year flood + 1 to 5 feet
- Sea Level Rise

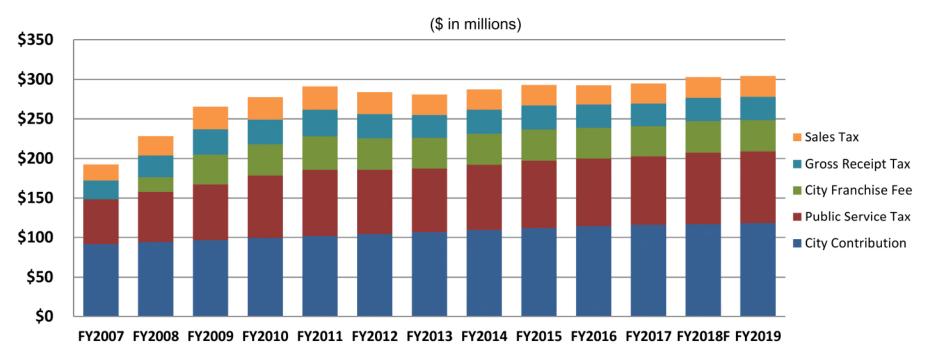
#### **Buckman WWTP**

Additional analysis an survey is required to confirm all elevations.





#### Rising Contributions + Falling Sales = Rate Pressure



Description	Paid To	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18F	FY19	\$248
City Contribution	COJ	\$91.4	\$94.2	\$96.7	\$111.7	\$114.2	\$115.8	\$116.6	\$117.9	COI
Public Service Tax	COJ	56.9	63.6	70.5	85.6	85.8	85.8	90.8	90.9	<i>-</i>
City Franchise Fee	COJ	-	18.3	37.5	39.4	38.9	38.2	39.6	39.6	
Gross Receipt Tax	State	23.7	27.6	32.1	30.2	29.8	29.2	29.4	29.4	
Sales Tax	State and COJ	20.6	24.1	28.5	26.4	26.0	25.5	26.5	26.5	
Total		\$192.6	\$227.8	\$265.3	\$293.3	\$294.7	\$294.5	\$302.9	\$304.3	
Percent increase from FY2007			18%	38%	52%	53%	53%	56%	58%	

JEA transfers to the City of Jacksonville have increased to \$248 million

#### Relationship Between JEA and the City Extends Far Beyond the Contribution

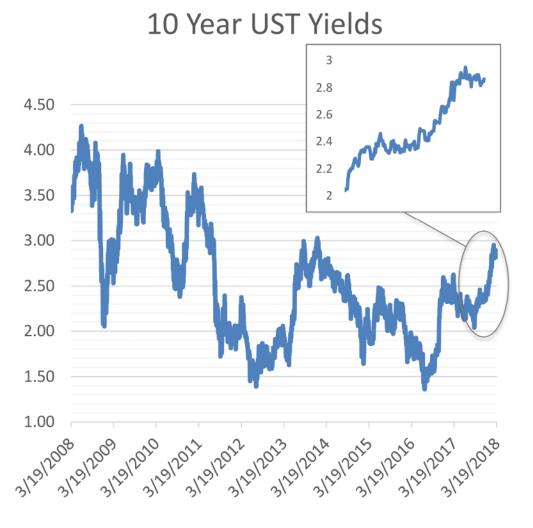
#### The City and JEA have a history of partnership on important initiatives and projects

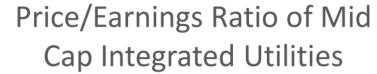
- Transfer of the water and sewer utility to JEA in 1997
- Septic tank phase out program
  - Current program
  - JEA acted as the City's program manager on the Better Jacksonville Plan (BJP) septic tank phase out program in the 2000s
  - The City and JEA partnered on the Water and Sewer Expansion Authority creation and dissolution from 2003 to 2011
- JEA acquired approximately 5,000 acres of land as buffers or adjacent to JEA facilities in parallel with the City's Preservation Project as part of BJP
- Transition of Cecil Commerce Center (formerly Cecil Field): rebuilt the electric system and upgraded and expanded the water and sewer systems
- First Coast Radio
- LED streetlight conversion
- JEA provides Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) credits to the City

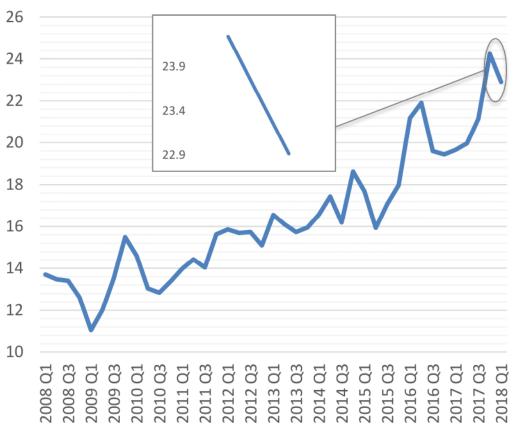
- Formation of voluntary overhead to underground conversion program
  - Overhead electric and communications undergrounded, funded upfront or over a 10 or 20 year term where JEA provides the capital and an annual fee is assessed on the property tax bill.
     Multiple projects completed, in progress or exploratory stages
- Coordination on multi-agency projects for upgrades, widenings, expansions, maintenance and repairs
- JEA coordinates with City Council or City departments on customer service issues, including maintenance, projects and initiatives and works with the City on policy related matters
- JEA provides treatment of the City's leachate, processing and review of the City's wireless facility attachment applications and chilled water to several City facilities



#### **Equity and Debt Trends Over the Past Decade**







Utility valuations and interest rates are inversely correlated



# **Cost of Capital Drives Value**

Utility Weighted Average Cost of Capital (60% Debt/40% Equity Capital Structure)







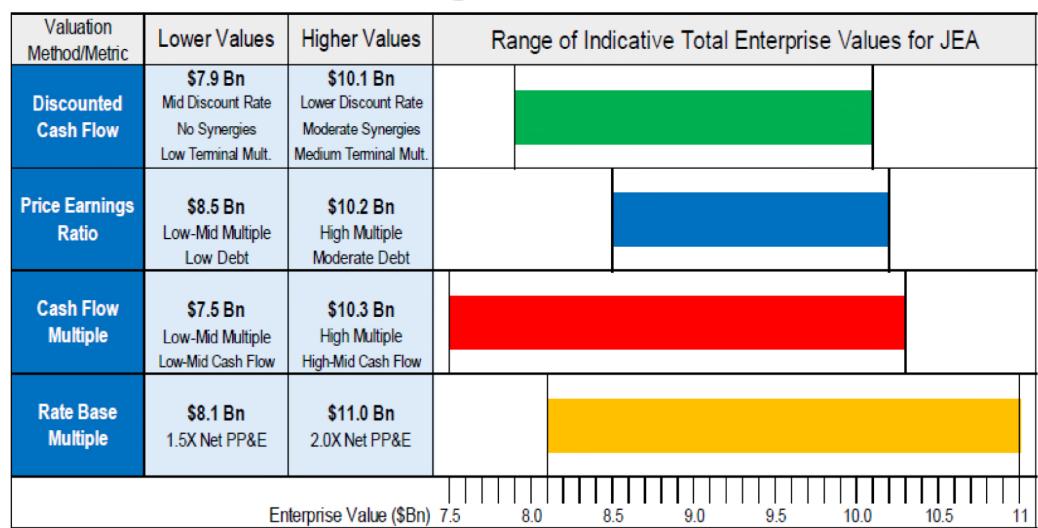
#### **Utility Industry Valuation Trends:**

- Recent Very High Values for Utility Assets
  - Merger & Acquisition activity provide price and metric comparables

Buyer	Sempra	Hydro One	Great Plains	Fortis	Dominion	Duke	Emera	
Sold	Oncor	Avista	Westar	ITC	Questar	Piedmont	TECO	Wider Industry
Date	Aug-2017	Jul-2017	Jul-2017	Feb-2016	Feb-2016	Oct-2015	Sep-2015	Averages
Total Value	\$18.7 Bn	\$5.3 Bn	\$11.6 Bn	\$11.3 Bn	\$6.0 Bn	\$6.7 Bn	\$10.4 Bn	
Cash Flow Multiple	10.5 X	11.8 X	11.0 X	13.8 X	9.6 X	14.9 X	9.8 X	~12 X
P/E Ratio	27.9 X	24.2 X	21.5 X	22.0 X	19.4 X	30.5 X	28.4 X	~25 X
Rate Base Multiple	1.7 X	1.7 X	1.8 X	2.0 X	2.2 X	2.5 X	1.7 X	~2 X



### Valuation Methodologies and Metrics: Results



# PFM Electric and Water/Wastewater Valuation

ELECTRIC	Less \$3.2 Bn Net Liabilities			
Valuation Method/Metric	Lower Values	Higher Values	Lower Values	Higher Values
Discounted Cash Flow	\$4.1 Bn Mid Discount Rate No Synergies Low Terminal Mult.	\$5.1 Bn Lower Discount Rate Moderate Synergies Medium Terminal Mult.	\$0.9 Bn	\$1.9 Bn
Price Earnings Ratio	\$4.5 Bn Low-Mid Multiple Low Debt	\$5.4 Bn High Multiple Moderate Debt	\$1.3 Bn	\$2.2 Bn
Cash Flow Multiple	\$4.5 Bn Low-Mid Multiple Low-Mid Cash Flow	\$6.1 Bn High Multiple High-Mid Cash Flow	\$1.3 Bn	\$2.9 Bn
Rate Base Multiple	<b>\$4.1</b> Bn 1.5X Net PP&E	\$5.5 Bn 2.0X Net PP&E	\$0.9 Bn	\$2.3 Bn

WATER AND SEWER	Less \$1.4 Bn Net Liabilities			
Valuation Method/Metric	Lower Values	Higher Values	Lower Values	Higher Values
Discounted Cash Flow	\$3.8 Bn Mid Discount Rate No Synergies Low Terminal Mult.	\$5.0 Bn Lower Discount Rate Moderate Synergies Medium Terminal Mult.	\$2.4 Bn	\$3.6 Bn
Price Earnings Ratio	\$4.0 Bn Low-Mid Multiple Low Debt	\$4.8 Bn High Multiple Moderate Debt	\$2.6 Bn	\$3.7 Bn
Cash Flow Multiple	\$3.0 Bn Low-Mid Multiple Low-Mid Cash Flow	\$4.2 Bn High Multiple High-Mid Cash Flow	\$1.6 Bn	\$2.8 Bn
Rate Base Multiple	<b>\$4.1 Bn</b> 1.5X Net PP&E	\$5.5 Bn 2.0X Net PP&E	\$2.7 Bn	\$4.1 Bn



#### Valuation Methodologies and Metrics: Net Value

Adjustments to Gross Value/Price Paid

Estimated Adjustments to Value	Lower Values	Higher Values
Gross Transaction Value	\$7.5 Bn	\$11.0 Bn
2019 Debt Retirement Cost	(\$3.9) Bn	(\$3.9) Bn
Interest Rate Hedge Termination	(\$0.1) Bn	(\$0.1) Bn
Vogtle Contract NPV of Debt Portion	(\$1.2) Bn	(\$1.2) Bn
Available Cash and Invesments	\$0.6 Bn	\$0.6 Bn
Net Proceeds after Assets & Liabilities	\$2.9 Bn	\$6.4 Bn

# Possible Privatization Structures

No change	Recapitalization	Financial	Independent Subsidiary	Integrated Strategic
	Large up-front \$ to COJ	Large up-front \$ to COJ	Large up-front \$ to COJ	Large up-front \$ to COJ
No sale: Management and operations continue under current structure, with regulation of JEA by the JEA Board (administrationappointed, councilapproved)	Existing JEA team does a private placement capital raise to completely recapitalize the utility's balance sheet. All utility employees and operations remain unchanged. Community served by well-known brand with local HQ and operations. Regulation transfers to PSC and governance to newlyformed Board. Shortest timeline to contract.	JEA enterprise sold to a financial sponsor, such as a large private equity or pension fund. Ownership transfers to new entity who may or may not retain the JEA brand. Most of operations team and some or most of management team likely retained following employment guaranty period. Regulated by Florida PSC.	JEA enterprise sold to one or more out-of-state strategic acquirers. Ownership transfers to the new entity (or entities) who transitions the utility to its own brand. Most of operations team and likely some of management team retained following employment guaranty period, though "synergies" likely lead to some modest head count reduction. Regulated by Florida PSC.	JEA enterprise sold to one or more in-state strategic acquirers. Ownership transfers to the new entity who transitions the utility to its own brand. Some of operations team and likely little of management team retained following employment guaranty period. Synergies likely to lead to substantially lower head count over time. Regulated by Florida PSC.
	Example: Citizens	Example: CLECO	Example: TECO	Example: Liberty Utilities



# **Challenges to Privatization**

- Employees
  - Security
  - Pension
  - Health Insurance
- Customers
  - Rates
  - Reliability
- Regulatory Approvals
- Real Estate
- Vogtle see page 33
- Pension see page 34



# Challenges to Privatization: Vogtle

- In April 2008 JEA entered into a take-or-pay contract for nuclear capacity and energy from Plant Vogtle's units 3 & 4
- The project has experienced schedule delays, cost overruns, project mismanagement, and bankruptcies of key players
- The contract remains an obligation of JEA and its customers and contains restrictions around qualified tax use and assignment
- 20 year purchase power obligation, currently above market



# **Challenges to Privatization: Pension**

- Pension benefits that are accrued and vested are fully protected under Florida law
- JEA employees participate in the General Employee Pension Plan and do not participate in social security
- This construct cannot exist under any privatization outcome, so impact on employees will have to be carefully considered
- In addition, JEA employees represent more than half of the City's unfunded liability in the GEPP
- While sales tax revenue is dedicated to funding unfunded pension obligations, any funding requirements, liquidity issues, normal cost adjustments, or other resulting actuarial or funding impacts will need to be carefully considered

