



# The Water - Energy Nexus

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# NEXtera<sup>®</sup> ENERGY



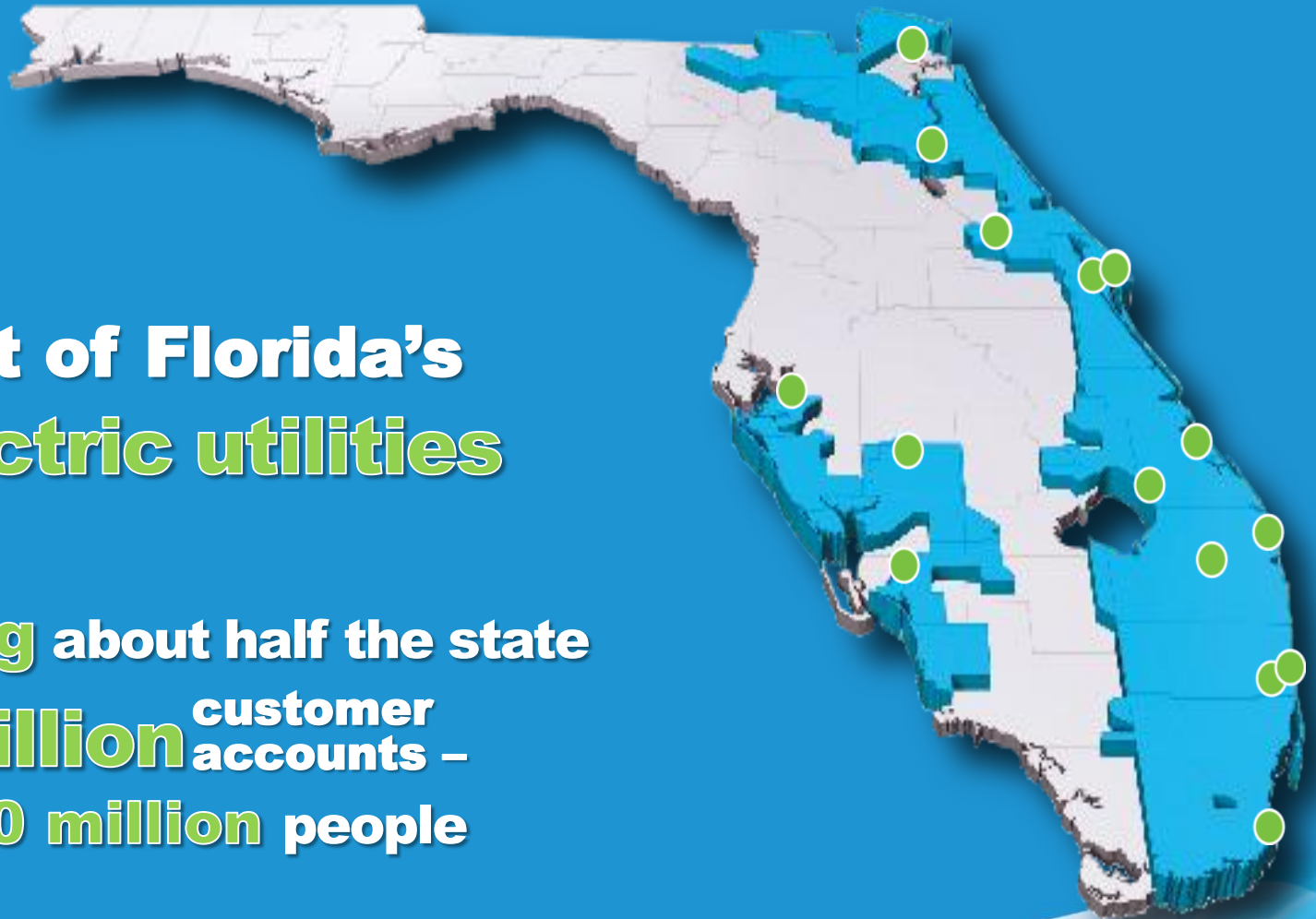
- **World's #1 producer of renewable energy from the wind and sun**
- **Operating in 25+ U.S. states & Canada, but Florida is our home**
- **Consistently ranks among Fortune's World's Most Admired Companies**

# Introduction



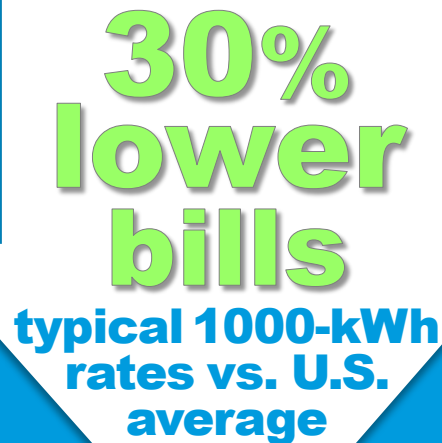
**Largest of Florida's  
55 electric utilities**

**Powering about half the state**  
**4.8 million** customer  
accounts –  
nearly **10 million** people



# Introduction: Our Record

☀️ We're enabling reliable service, reducing emissions and keeping customer bills low for the long term



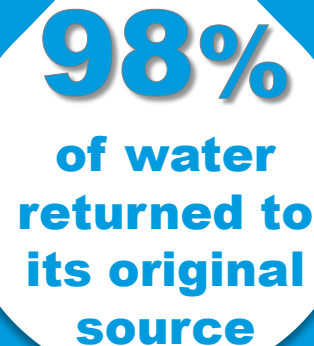
**30%  
lower  
bills**  
typical 1000-kWh  
rates vs. U.S.  
average



**99.98+%**  
reliable  
service



**35%  
cleaner**  
CO<sub>2</sub> emission rate  
vs. U.S. average



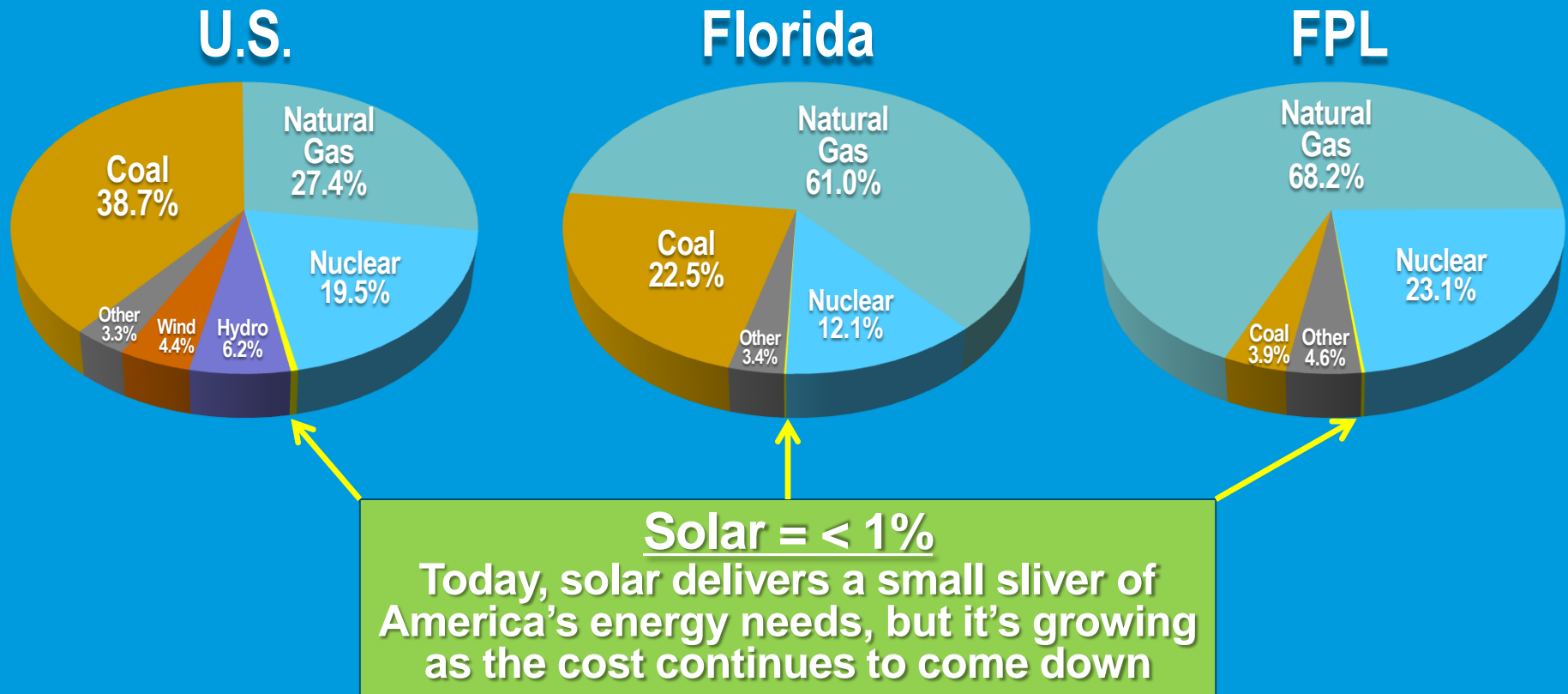
**98%**  
of water  
returned to  
its original  
source



# Florida Energy Fundamentals

- ☀ The energy we all use comes from a mix of sources that is influenced by many factors, including regional challenges and relative economics

## Electricity Generation By Fuel Type

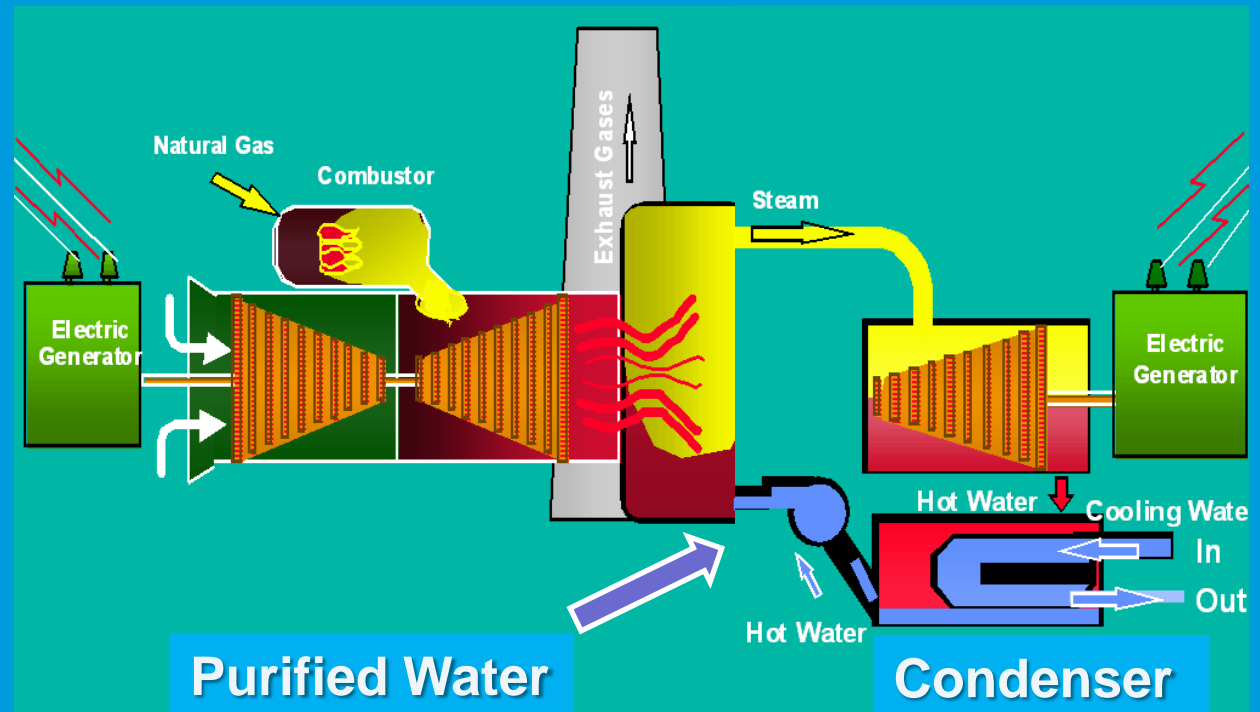


# Power Plant Water Usage

☀ **Water use is a necessary part of electricity generation from steam electric power plants**

- Water is purified and heated to produce steam which turns a turbine and generator to produce electricity
- Cooling water is pumped through a “condenser” to convert the steam back to water to be reused

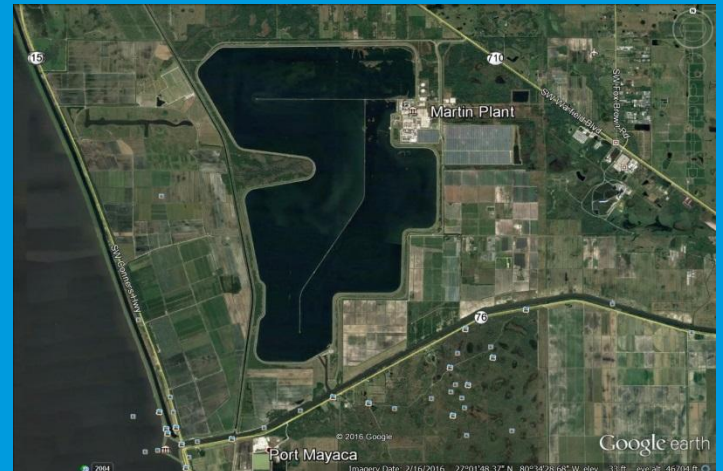
## Combined Cycle Steam Electric Generating Plant



# Power Plant Water Usage (cont.)

☀ **Power generation sites have historically relied on large bodies of water to supply cooling water**

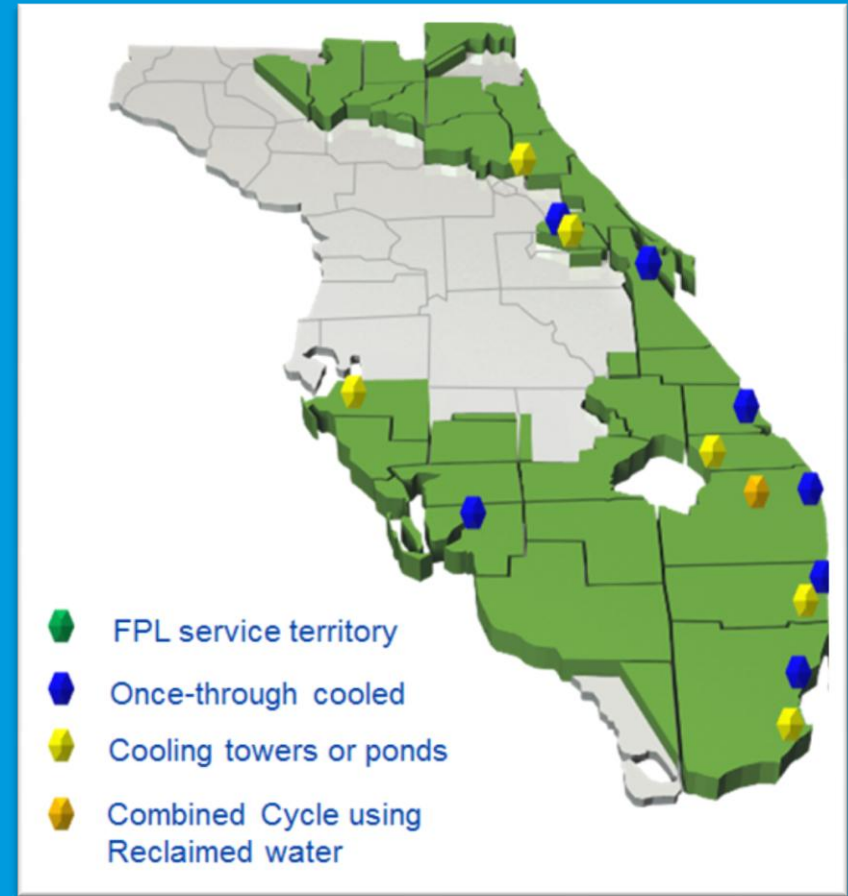
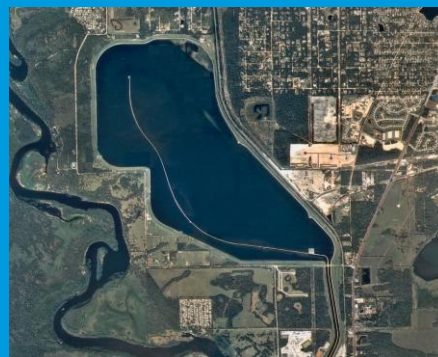
- Before the 1972, Florida power plants were located on natural water bodies (coastal, lakes, rivers) to provide “once-through” cooling water
- After 1972, closed-cycle cooling (i.e. cooling towers or cooling ponds were utilized for condenser cooling)



# Power Plant Water Usage (cont.)

## ☀ Current generation cooling technologies require less water to be withdrawn from sources

- Closed-cycle cooling reduces water withdrawal by about 95 percent
- However, water consumption is significantly increased as these cooling technologies evaporate a large percentage of the water withdrawn





# Power Plant Water Usage (cont.)

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## **Water is the new oil**

- You can't make steam or cool a condenser for a steam electric power plant without it
- Water is allocated in Florida by Water Management Districts and in many areas it (particularly groundwater) is in short supply
- There is serious competition between municipal use, agriculture, industry and Mother Nature for allocations resulting in Minimum Flows and Levels (MFL's) being assigned to water bodies
- Much coordination and planning is required so that all beneficial uses receive adequate supplies



# Power Plant Water Usage (cont.)

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- ☀ **When power plants are sited, or consumptive use permits renewed, they are generally required to utilize the lowest quality water that is feasible**
- **Certain factors must be considered:**
  - **Technical Factors:**
    - Volume
    - Reliability
    - Quality
    - Permittability
    - Navigation
    - Security
  - **Environmental Factors:**
    - Construction impacts
    - Operational impacts
    - CERP consistency
    - Permittability
- **Reclaimed emerges highly ranked but with a reliability concern**
- **Municipal water entity is a non-recourse supplier**

# Reclaimed Water Usage

## ☀ FPL's West County Energy Center

- 3,750 MW – one of the largest power plants in the U.S.
- Originally designed to use upper Floridan well system for cooling
- Plant was converted to use the Palm Beach County's treated wastewater via a large pipeline
- PBC wastewater facility is 17 miles east of WCEC
- Uses 21 MGD reclaimed water
- Retains original Floridan well system as restricted backup



# Reclaimed Water Usage (cont.)

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☀ **Combining two serial processes without decoupling (by storage tanks or backup water sources) can impact electric grid reliability**

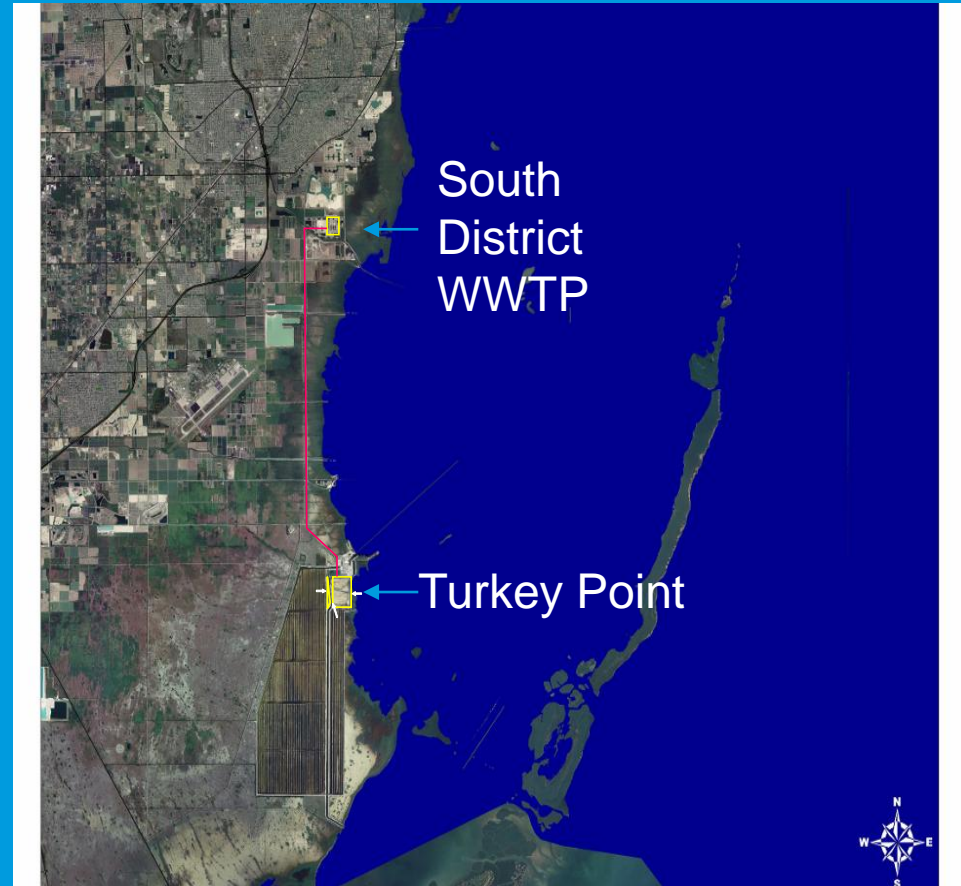
- Recent Upsets:
  - PBC process upset resulted in high solid content in effluent
  - PBC curtailed deliveries until cleared; backup wells could not be brought online
  - WCEC had to shut down
- Based on FPL's experience, extensive coordination and commitment is required between supplier and user for reclaimed water use to be feasible.
- An excellent example of this model is Orange County supplying reclaimed water to the Orlando Utilities Commission Stanton Plant





# Turkey Point 6 & 7 design uses 60 MGD of reclaimed water as primary cooling source

- Joint Participation Agreement with Miami-Dade envisions tight coordination of operations
- 10-mile pipeline will deliver water to FPL site for further treatment
- Does not rely on existing cooling canal system
- A reservoir sufficient to provide five days of storage will decouple operations



**Reclaimed water used by Turkey Point 6 & 7 will not compete with reclaimed water reserved for Everglades restoration**

# Affordable Clean Energy Investments

☀ **Investing \$3+ billion a year to modernize and improve our infrastructure**



- Phasing out older power plants and investing in modern, high-efficiency energy centers that use clean, U.S.-produced natural gas:
  - 33% more fuel-efficient
  - 90% cleaner air emissions
  - 50% cleaner CO<sub>2</sub> emissions rate
  - 57% reduction in cooling water use per MW generated
  - Saving FPL customers more than \$1 billion in fuel costs

# Advancing Solar Energy

## ☀ FPL has been investing to advance solar power in Florida for many years

- FPL currently has three solar plants in operation
- By the end of 2016, we will triple our solar generating capacity with the addition of three new universal-scale solar energy centers
- FL's Public Service Commission approved plan is to add 1,200 megawatts of new solar over the next four years
- The additional 1,200 MW saves approximately 10 million gallons per day of water usage



FPL Babcock Ranch Solar Energy Center construction



FPL Alachua / Putnam Solar Energy Center  
Alachua / Putnam, Florida

Artistic impression only  
Subject to final engineering

Truescape



# Advancing Wind Energy

☀️ **FPL's sister company, NextEra Energy Resources, is also taking measures to reduce our water consumption by investing in "water free" power generation from wind and solar**

- Our wind energy capacity has nearly quadrupled over the past decade
- We own and operate approximately 12,600 MW of emissions-free wind energy and will add more than 1,400 MW by the end of the year, which in total is more than enough to power a city the size of Chicago
- With the additional 2016 development, our wind capacity will avoid the withdrawal of more than 112 million gallons of water per day





# Demand-Side Management

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## Energy customers can help reduce water usage through utilizing demand-side management initiatives

- FPL's DSM efforts through 2015 have resulted in an estimated energy saving of 74,717,000 MWh
  - Eliminating:
    - The need to construct the equivalent of approximately 15 new 400 MW power plants
    - Withdrawals of an additional 17 billion gallons of water for cooling purposes annually
    - Withdrawals of an additional 20-25 million gallons of water annually for steam generation
    - Emissions of about 30 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>