





Monday, June 1, 2015 Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center

Who are we?

- 14,100 electric customers
- No generation distribution only
- \$48.2 million annual revenue (2014)
- ~95-100 megawatt peak demand 425,000,000 kWh/yr.
- 80% residential 20% commercial

Sales revenues:

- 49% residential
- 51% commercial





2,009 US Muni Electrics

Distribution of Public Power Utilities by Customer Class



Note: Systems with less than 10 customers include joint action agencies and other wholesale utilities.





History

1913: City built the original electric system

1927: City sold to predecessor of Duke Energy

1947: Held vote to repurchase the system; vote failed and renewed franchise

1971: Early renewal of franchise for 30 years

Key Dates

• 2001

Franchise expired; City Commission authorized study

 2001-2003
 Feasibility study, legal battles, arbitration





Why municipalization?

AVERAGE MINUTES OF SERVICE INTERUPTION PER CUSTOMER PER YEAR 1997 - 2002



Several obstacles

- Had not been done in Florida since the 1940s
- Progress Energy legal challenges
- Threatened to quit paying franchise fee
- Progress Energy's community involvement
- Very expensive undertaking
- City commission was split on the issue





Key Dates

- May 29, 2003
 Arbitration set purchase
 price at \$42.3 million
- City Commission set the referendum date for September 9, 2003.





Political Action Committees

- Progress Energy forms PAC called Winter Park Taxpayers Committee Against Government Owned Electric
- Supporters of purchase forms PAC called Winter Park Power Options









The Campaign AGAINST

- Winter Park Taxpayers Committee Against Government Owned Electric PAC spent \$523,750 on its campaign to defeat the referendum; \$750 from Winter Park taxpayers
- Prime-time radio & TV ads against the purchase, direct mail pieces, door-to-door campaign

Progress Energy Claims

- It will be a long, expensive process
- City is too small; doesn't know how to run an electric utility
- Won't be able to handle storms
- Rates will go up
- Tax subsidies will be required
- It is risky
- City's feasibility study is wrong



CITY OF WINTER PARK

anniversary

electric.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST





Don't throw our money away!

CAMPAIGN AGAINST

Vote <u>NO</u> on September 9 <u>AGAINST</u> higher debt/higher rates

Citizens in 27 of the 32 city-owned electric systems in Florida pay higher rates than we do!



CAMPAIGN AGAINST

VINTER PARK TAXPAYERS COMMITTEE AGAINST GOVERNMENT OWNED ELECTRIC PO. BOX 3033 WINTER PARK, FL 32790



Debrah A Knight 929 Golfside Dr Winter Park FL 32792-5125



VOTE NO TO GOVERNMENT OWNED ELECTRIC





The Campaign IN SUPPORT

Winter Park Power Options raised \$50,000 towards campaign



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City Message

- Local control & accountability
- Reinvest profits locally
- Improved reliability
- Customer first mission





SEPTEMBER 9TH VOTE "FOR"! *WRELIABLE SERVICE* **VLOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY WUNDERGROUNDING VENDOR COMPETITION**

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Who should dictate the terms of the electric franchise agreement?

Progress Energy is a \$9 billion corporate giant that has tried to bully Winter Park into granting a 30-year monopoly contract that offers no guarantees for better reliability and local accountability.

Your "FOR" vote will give Winter Park the ability to "walk away" from Progress Energy at the negotiating table and seek competitive bids. That alone will require Progress Energy to improve the offer it has on the table if it wants to continue providing service to Winter Park.

> Winter Park Power Options

Progress Energy?

Or Winter Park?





The Hon. Paula Hawkins, former U.S. Senator

"Having been engaged in the regulation of the electric power industry in Florida and for the entire nation, I am intimately knowledgeable about the electric power industry. In my judgment, there is nothing to fear if Winter Park purchases the electric power system from Progress Energy. There is no doubt in my mind that the best choice for Winter Park residents is to vote for the bonds."

Winter Park

Power Options



The Hon, Lou Frey, former U.S. Congressman

> "I served on Gov. Bush's Energy 2020 Commission and to me, this is a common-sense deal. We're not giving anything up. We're getting the ability to negotiate the best power deal possible."



Former Mayor Dan Hunter

"Throughout the years, "Nothing will change if Winter Park has you vote "FOR" the demonstrated over and bonds. Your taxes won't over again the kind of change. Your electric bills thoughtful and won't change. Your responsible leadership police and fire services required for an won't change. But you undertaking of this will see a difference: nature. I am confident Better electric reliability, that our community's a commitment to undergrounding the leaders have made the right choice, and I wires and reinvesting the profits in Winter Park." support them."



Russell Troutman, Former Winter Park City Attorney

"Please do not allow the navsayers to discourage you from a positive vote. Operating a utility is a historic and traditional function of government... Future generations will thank us - as we thank our founding fathers - for

Doug Metcall

taking this step."

Your elected Winter Park City officials urge you to vote FOR the bonds

Former Mayor

Dave Johnston

Barbara DeVane





Kip Marchman



... Or Progress Energy?



- Progress Energy has deliberately overstated Winter Park's tax burden.
- Progress Energy has falsely asserted that Police and Fire services will be affected.
- · The so-called "Taxpayers Committee" is a shell organization. It received 98.2 percent of its funding from Progress Energy.
- The "Taxpayers Committee" has circulated a sham study which it bought and paid for - falsely claiming this study to be independent.

Give Winter Park the clout it needs to secure a better power deal for its residents. **On Sept. 9, vote** "FOR"

the bonds.

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Tired of resetting your clocks?

12:00

Vote "FOR" on Sept. 9th for a better power option



People you know and trust agree ...



Mayor KIP Marchman "I am convinced that uoting "FOR" the referendum will improve the quality of life for Winter Park residents for decades to come."



Vice Mayor John Eckbert "Based on three years of exhaustive study by the City, voting 'FOR the referendum is a sound business decision for Winter Park."



Commissioner Barbara DeVane

"Other othes have demonstrated that local control increases accountability and reliability...something Winter Park lacks with Progress Energy."



Commissioner Doug Metcalf

"Passing the referendum will allow the city to capture the millions in profits that Progress Energy currently sends out of state, and will reinvest these funds in a reliable system here in Winter Park."



Former Mayor Dan Hunter "With Winter Park's

solid record of fiscal management. I have full confidence that Winter Park residents will see a return on investment with the purchase of the electric distribution system."

...that the referendum is a **good business decision!** Winter Park City Hall 401 Park Avenue South Winter Park, RL 32789 PRESORTED STANDARD U.S. Potrage PNID Fermi #191 Weter Park, FE This location has permanently closed.

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Voters spoke: 69 percent IN FAVOR of purchase

- September 9, 2003
 - 7,803 residents
 (almost 49% of Winter Park's 16,309 voters) voted.
- Largest voter turn out since 1988

What made Winter Park succeed when others backed down

- Strong City Commission
- Educated/involved community
- Good attorneys and consultants
- Help from FMEA, APPA & other municipalities
- PEFs tactics backfired









June 1, 2005







Winter Park's success stories



Employees dedicated EXCLUSIVELY to the City of Winter Park



Face-to-face customer service











Tropical Storm Faye Experience

August 20-21, 2008

Thursday night August 21, city had lost 3,000 customers (~21 percent)

Most customers restored by Friday night; all customers restored by noon on Saturday.

3 p.m. on Saturday PEF still had 12,100 customers out.

Reliability has dramatically improved

Measure	Before purchase	2014 12 months
SAIDI	~200 minutes	~65 minutes
MAIFI	~22/year	Less than .5/yr





Rates [1,000 kWh per month customer]

For the 10 yr. period 6/1/05- 5/31/15

PEF/Duke rates: Winter Park rates:

\$13,778 \$13,426 (-2.55 %)

<u>Current</u> Duke rates: Winter Park rates:

\$122.00 \$107.12 (-12.2%)









- Utility has paid back all monies advanced by city's general fund (~\$14 million)
- Placed 20+ miles of overhead wires underground
 - Now 59 percent underground (~113 miles)
- City has a 10-year plan to bury the rest of its wires (78 miles)
 - \$3.5 \$4 million/year
 - Expected to be completed in the next eight years

- Dramatically improved reliability
- Rates lower than Duke's and lower than state average
- Superior storm response
- Spending \$3.5- \$4 million per year to bury overhead lines
- Undergrounding program should be complete within eight years













CHEERS! Happy 10th anniversary Winter Park Electric!





