

State News for NSPE Members

Florida Commission Approves Cost Recovery Plans for Duke Energy, Tampa Electric

The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) recently approved cost recovery plans for two Florida utilities – Duke Energy Florida and Tampa Electric, [the DailyEnergyInsider reports](#).

The Duke Energy Florida plan, called the Solar Base Rate Adjustment (SoBRA) plan, includes four projects that add approximately 300 megawatts (MW) of new solar generation. The approved solar center projects include the 74.9 MW Sundance facility in Madison County, the 74.9 MW Rattler project in Hernando County, the 74.9 MW Half Moon project in Sumter County, and 74.9 MW Bailey Mill facility in Jefferson County.

The projects are expected to be in service between July 2025 and May 2026. The projects are expected to provide a total financial benefit of \$924.4 million. Further, the approved annual revenue requirement for the four projects is \$73.3 million.

For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) a month, this translates to a base rate hike of roughly 47 cents to 56 cents per project. This will be partially offset by fuel savings of about 17 cents per project due to reduced natural gas consumption. The final rate impact will be known after operations start.

Duke Energy Florida serves approximately 2 million customers in multiple counties in central and north Florida. Also, the PSC approved cost recovery for Tampa Electric Company's (TECO) power purchase agreement with Hillsborough County, which supports renewable energy generation. [Read more](#).

Report: Census Undercount Could Hurt Florida Road Funding

A report released by the nonprofit Florida TaxWatch says an undercount of Florida

residents during the 2020 Census could result in less federal highway funds for the state.

For the Florida Department of Transportation, \$92.53 billion in federal funds for fiscal year 2021 were affected by the census count.

According to the report, Florida was one of six states with a statistically significant census undercount. For the Sunshine State, that added up to 750,000 residents or 3.48% of its total population. That data came from the Florida Data Science for Social Good at the University of North Florida.

The US Census count is used for two purposes: to apportion Congressional seats and allocate federal funding for more than 350 programs. According to the report, the undercount cost the state at least one and possibly two seats in the US House of Representatives and could result in the loss of up to \$21 billion in federal funding through the end of the decade.

Florida TaxWatch executive vice president and general counsel Jeff Kottkamp said that transportation projects comprise 13% of the state's budget and are a big-ticket item for Florida taxpayers.

"As the state aims to budget adequate funding for transportation projects, an accurate census count is essential to draw down federal dollars that rightfully belong to the state of Florida," Kottkamp said. [Read more in *The Center Square*.](#)

Stay up to date on legislative issues through the [NSPE Advocacy Center](#).

Get Ready to Celebrate PE Day

The annual [Professional Engineers Day](#) will be celebrated on August 6, 2025. Save the date and get ready to share your photos and selfies as part of the online virtual event using the hashtag #LicensedPEday on X (Twitter), Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn.

Share your reasons for being a PE and give special recognition to your colleagues and teams. Prepare for the celebration and gear up by visiting the [PE Day Logo Store](#).



Showcase the Contributions of PEs During National Safety Month

NSPE is recognizing [National Safety Month](#) on our social media channels during June. This is a great way to promote professional engineers and the ways in which your companies/organizations are keeping the public and employees safe in all the work that you do.

If you have any onsite/project related photos and messaging (details to summarize activities and safety philosophy) that will illustrate the following topics areas --

Employee Engagement (June 8-14), Roadway Safety (June 15-21) and Wellbeing (June 22-30)—share them on your own social media channels using the hashtag #NationalSafetyMonth and tag NSPE so we can help spread the word!

2025 Spring Webinar Series Available On-Demand

Did you miss any of our spring WORKability Wednesdays Webinars? No worries! Members can access recordings of the following webinars free of charge through the [PE Institute](#). *Members are advised to consult their state licensing board to determine requirements for PDH or CPD credits.

- [Board of Ethical Review: Case Review and Discussion](#)
- [My Way or the Highway? The Impact: Designing Flexible and Future-Ready RTO Policies That Work](#)
- [Trust Matters: Empowering Leaders to Foster Team Trust and Performance](#)
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