

September 4, 2024

# ELECTRIC UTILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA







#### AGENDA

- Introductions/Project Team Organizations
  - NewGen Project Team Leads
  - Project Structure
- Project Plan
  - Technical, Financial, Legal
     Approach
  - Project Schedule
- Reference Projects
- Questions



#### NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC



- Prime Consultant; Financial and Economic Analysis
- Scott Burnham, Project Manager
- 25 years of experience in project management, COSA/rate design, financial feasibility analysis, and asset evaluation

# PROJECT LEADS

#### **Barr Engineering Company**



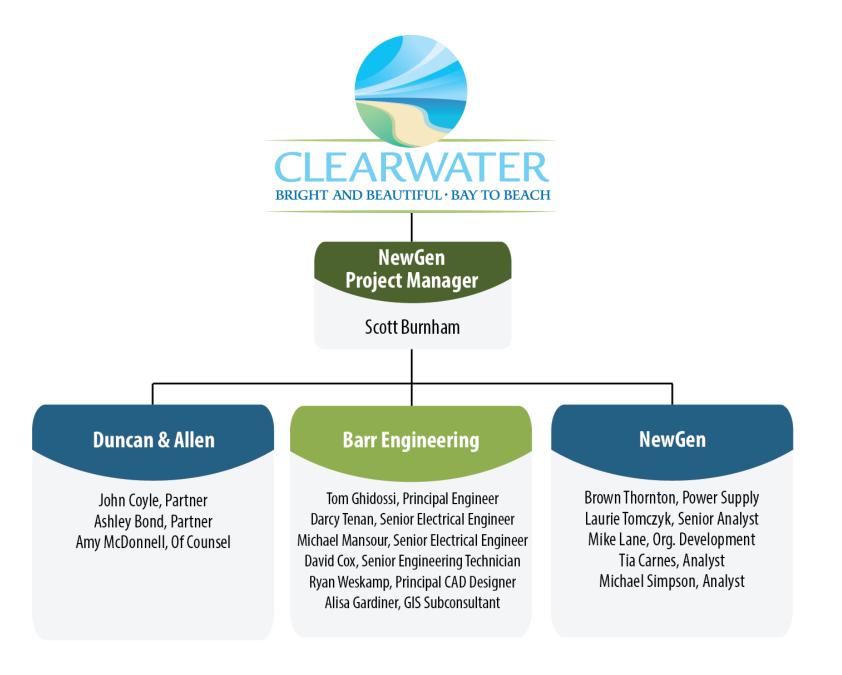
- Subconsultant; Engineering
- Tom Ghidossi
- Extensive background in the design and analysis of power generation, transmission, and distribution systems

#### **Duncan & Allen, LLP**



- Subconsultant; Legal
- John Coyle, Esq.
- 35 years representing municipalities, consumer-owned utilities, and other consumer interests in legal proceedings

# TEAM ORGANIZATION



#### CLEARWATER FEASIBILITY STUDY

**Task 1**Project Kickoff, Develop Strategic Assessment

Task 2
Technical, Financial, and Legal
Feasibility Assessment

**Task 3**Prepare Report, Presentation

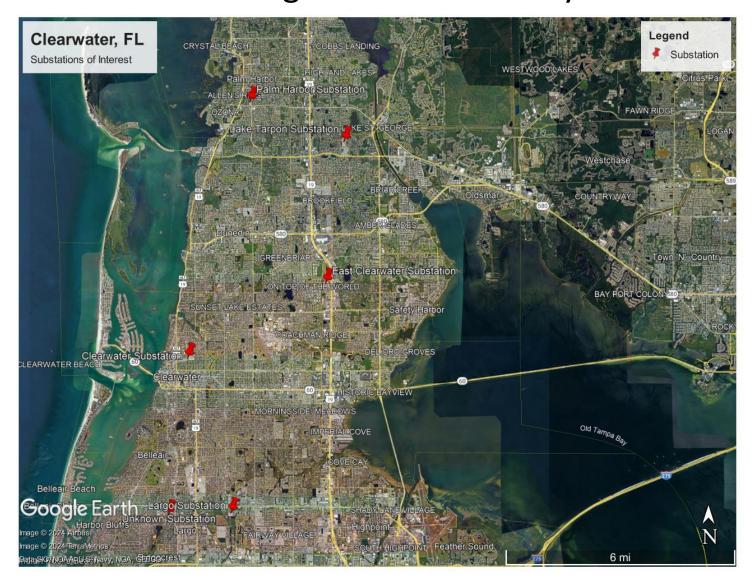
# TASK 1: PROJECT KICKOFF, STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

- Kickoff Meeting:
  - Scheduled for tomorrow (September 5, 2024)
  - Discuss/Develop Strategic Assessment
- Review documents/data:
  - Franchise Agreement
  - Duke Florida available data
  - City maps/GIS systems
- Review City utility data:
  - Customer mix (residential, commercial and industrial)
  - Estimate customer load (electricity usage)
- Data request for Duke Florida

- Financial Model Municipal utility costs over 30-year period:
  - Purchase price for delivery assets only
  - Severance/reintegration
  - Potential stranded cost
  - Load forecast
  - Power supply costs
    - Do not need to build power plant
  - Start-up/ongoing operations and maintenance
  - Long-range capital plan
  - Financing costs
  - Replacement of Municipal Revenues

- Financial Model Purchase Price:
  - Field investigation by Barr Engineering
  - Range of values
  - Create maps/GIS database
  - Categorize by FERC account
  - Condition assessment/estimated age
  - Develop Reproduction Cost for assets
  - Assign estimated depreciation to assets
  - Reproduction Cost Less Depreciation (RCLD)

• Field Investigation of Electric System



Legal Analysis – FERC legal considerations –
 "Stranded Cost" claims, interconnection and severance, and related issues

#### Stranded costs:

Under FERC's 1996 Open Access Transmission rule (Order No. 888) new utilities using former incumbent's transmission to access alternative power supply may be required to pay for the cost of "stranded" generation costs of the former incumbent utility, typically as part of their transmission bill

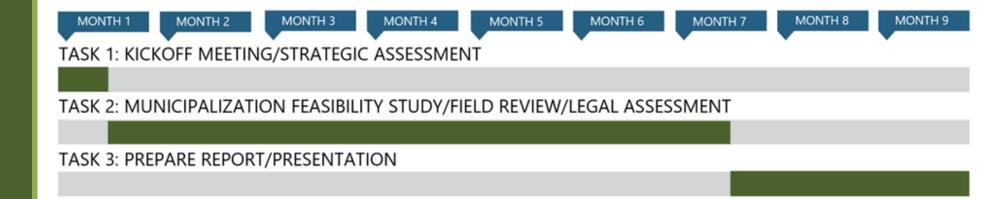
#### Mitigation Strategies:

- Keep power supply with incumbent
- Behind-the-wholesale-meter generation competition does
   NOT create stranded costs
- Obtain transmission from utility other than incumbent

# TASK 3: REPORTS/ PRESENTATION

- Study draft/Final reports
- Process Roadmap
- Presentation of Study findings
  - Financial analysis
  - Engineering assessment
  - Legal strategy
- Recommendations

# PROJECT SCHEDULE



# PREVIOUS STUDIES/ EXPERIENCE

NewGen, Barr Engineering, Duncan & Allen

#### City of Chicago, IL

- Preliminary investigation
- Financial pro forma cash flow model
- Project not financially feasible due to costs/severance issues
- Completed in September 2020
- Report is available at the City's website

#### Created Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency (KyMEA)

- 12 Municipal clients
- Strategic Power Supply Planning/FERC review
- Online May 2019

#### City of San Diego, CA

- Phase I report July 2023
- Ongoing analysis for Phase II report (July 2025)

#### City of Ann Arbor, MI

- Phase I report February 2024
- Phase II RFP issued August 2024

# PREVIOUS STUDIES/ EXPERIENCE

NewGen & Barr Engineering

## CORE Electric Cooperative, CO

- Feasibility of acquiring municipal distribution system
- Engineering evaluation
- GIS map of the existing utility overhead facilities
- Sample existing facilities age/condition
- Reproduction Cost New/RCLND/OCLD (Original Cost)
- Severance/Separation requirements
- Preliminary designs/costs for new facilities.
- Long-range capital plan

# PREVIOUS STUDIES/ EXPERIENCE

Duncan & Allen

#### **Municipal Utility Formation**

- Electric District No. 3 Pinal County, AZ
- City of Clyde, OH
- Kanab, UT
- Village of Elbow Lake, MN

## Feasibility Studies/Pre-Formation Advisories

- Wichita, KS
- City of Boulder, CO
- East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton, Southold, NY
- Brook Park, OH

# **PUBLIC** POWER **ENTITIES IN FLORIDA**

# Previous/Existing Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) clients

- Jacksonville Energy Authority (JEA)
- Keys Energy Services (Key West)









# QUESTIONS/REVIEW

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