# Factors Leading to a New Strategic Plan

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# INTRODUCTION

# **Review of History**

Ryan Wannemacher – CFO at JEA

Understanding past decisions and the market trends facing JEA is critical to enabling good decision making on future strategy.



#### Melissa Dykes – President & COO at JEA

In April 2018, JEA's new leadership took a highly transparent approach to inform its stakeholders and gain alignment on how to measure what matters – Customer Value, Community Value, Environmental Value and Financial Value.

## **Overview of factors historically impacting JEA**

#### **MAJOR FACTORS**

A number of factors impact JEA over the short and long term. However, there are three major factors of the past two decades that have forever changed JEA and the markets in which it operates.

#### **Debt & Financial Management**

From 2000 – 2009, JEA borrowed money betting on continued growth of energy and water sales.

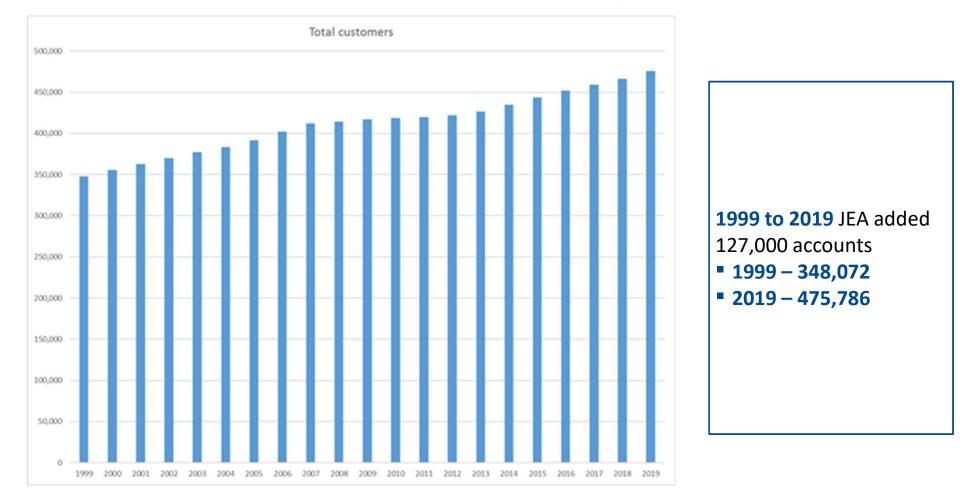
#### **Market Policies and Technology Disruption**

A combination of federal policies and emerging high-tech industries enabled customers to alter their energy and water consumption behaviors (e.g. Energy Efficiency, Distributed Generation - Solar, Storage - Batteries, Water Efficiency - Low flow & Electrification).

#### **Plant Vogtle**

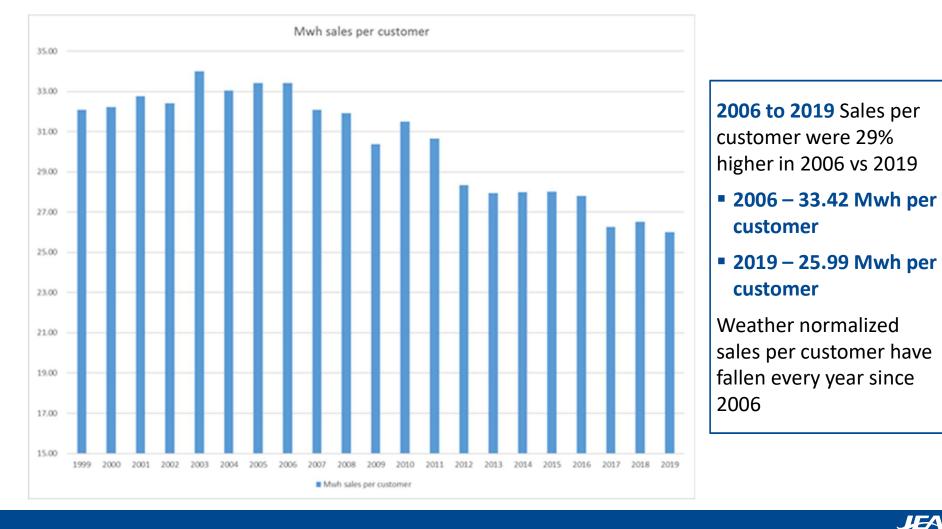
A business decision driven by the threat of carbon legislation was poorly executed in the form of an 'uncapped' hell-or-high water contract in a nuclear plant in GA. 12 years later the project is 200+% over budget (\$30+B vs. \$14B) and 6-8 years behind schedule.

### JEA's electric system has seen consistent customer growth

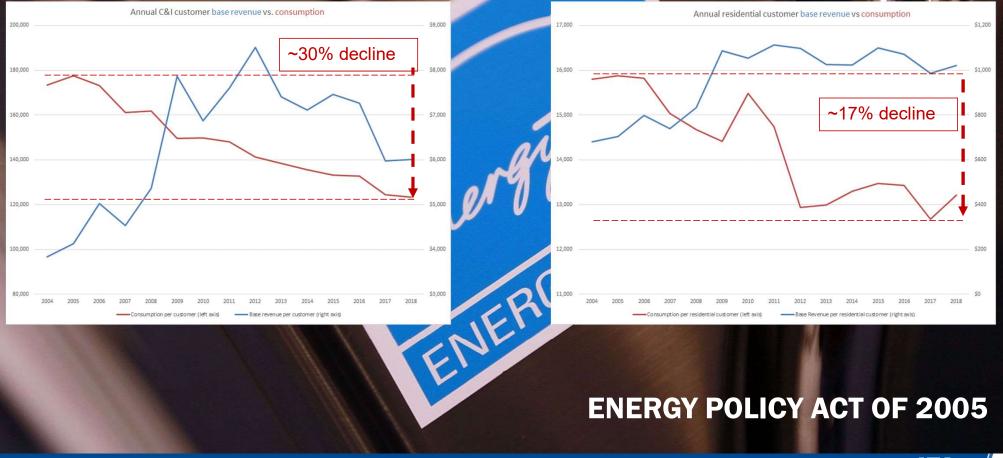


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## JEA's sales per customer began falling in 2006

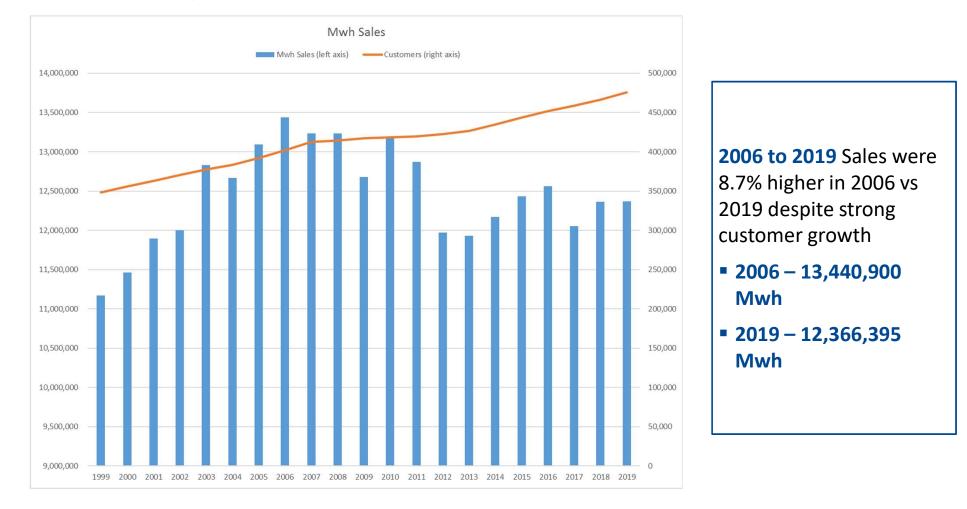


# **Energy Efficiency 2000's Technology Trend**



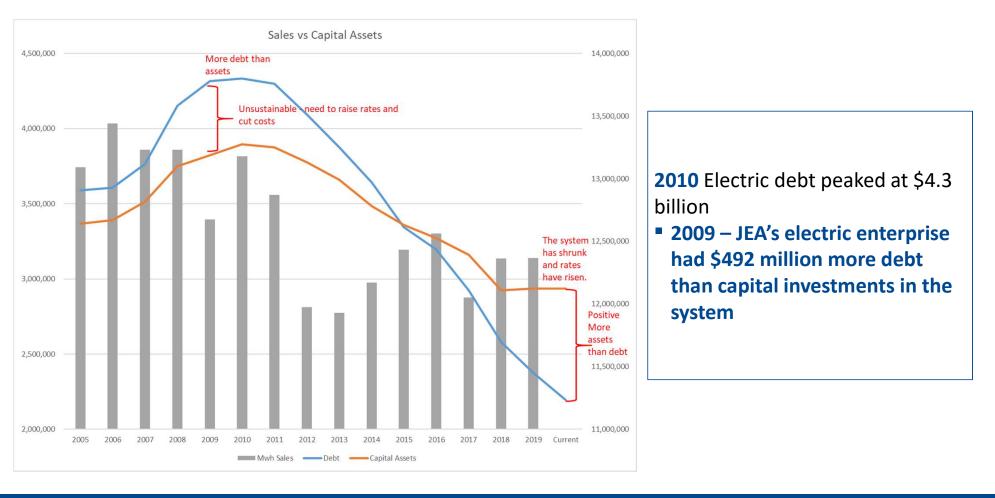
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#### JEA's customer growth was unable to overcome lower sales per customer

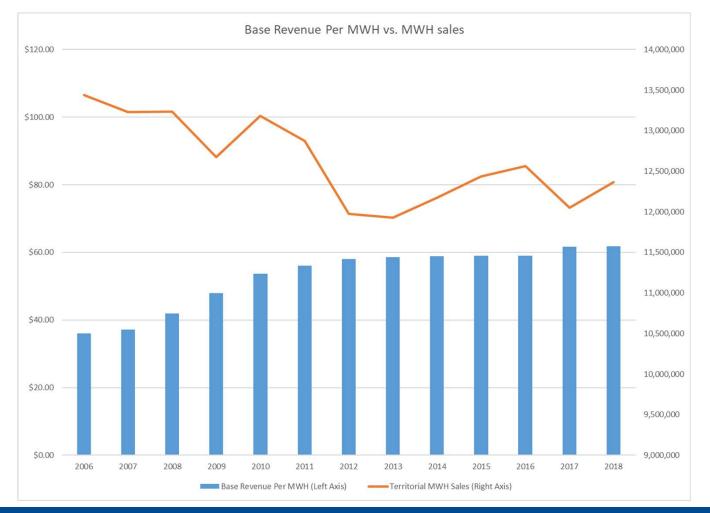


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### JEA's debt peaked at the same time sales growth stopped



#### JEA raised base rates 71% since 2006

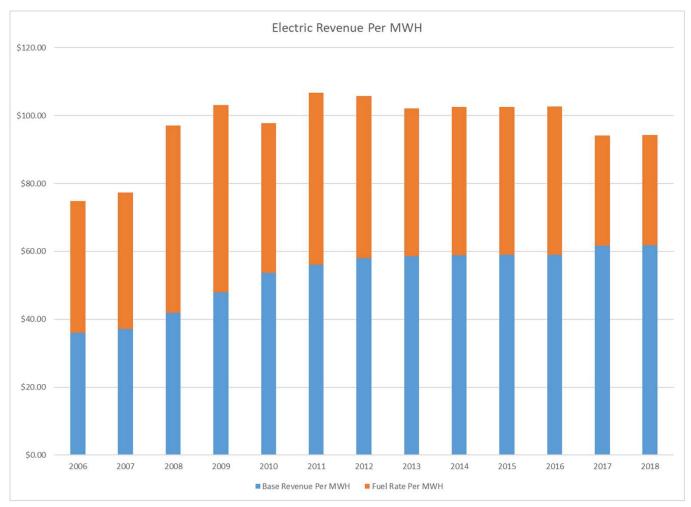


**2006 to 2018** JEA lost over 1 million MWH in sales and charged an extra \$279 million per year

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- 2006 \$485 million
- 2018 \$764 million

#### But falling fuel costs have mitigated bill pressure since 2009

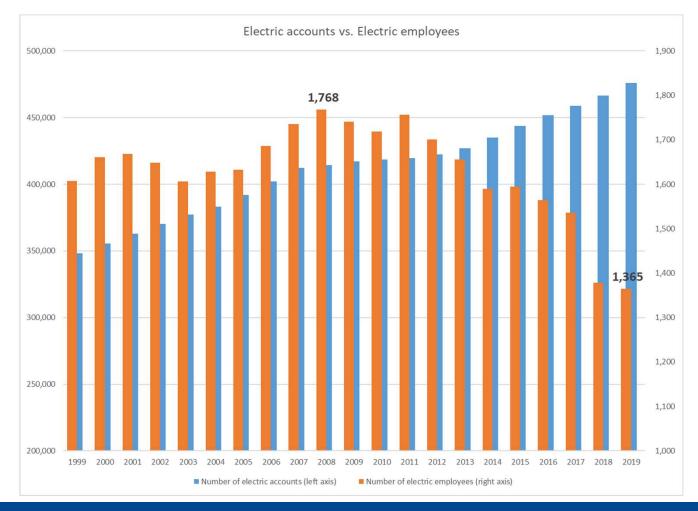


**2008 to 2018** Fuel charges peaked in 2008 and 2009. Fuel costs have fallen over \$300 million per year since 2008.

- 2008 \$55.14 per MWH
- 2018 \$32.50 per MWH

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#### JEA reduced electric employee count 23% as electric customers grew 15%

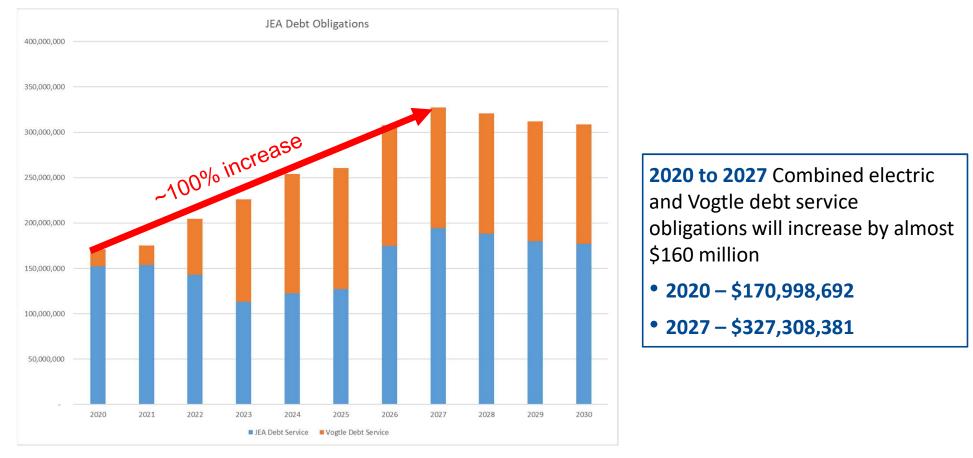


2008 to 2019 JEA added
over 61,000 electric
accounts and reduced
electric employees by 23%
2008 – 1,768 Electric

- employees
- 2019 1,365 Electric employees

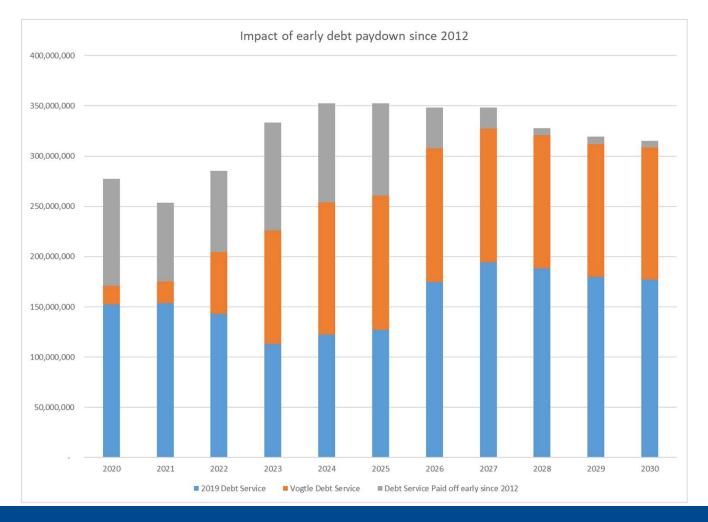
SOURCE: JEA budget and personnel data

#### JEA's electric debt service obligations are still increasing over the next 10 years



Note: Vogtle debt service reflects current borrowings only MEAG has disclosed an expected additional funding need of approximately \$120 million which would add approximately \$7 to 8 million per year to our obligations under the PPA

### JEA has prevented additional rate increases through aggressive paydown of debt



**2012 to 2019** Debt reduction efforts have targeted years as Vogtle comes online

- Reduced debt service by over \$600 million between 2020 and 2026
- 2020 would have required an additional \$106 million annual base rate increase to pay for debt service

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#### Water faced similar challenges over the past decade and must address future water supply





Significant capex needs will be a challenge and require planning today

- Alternative water supplies will cost ~\$1 billion and will be required by the 2030s
- Septic tank phase out is a multi billion dollar unfunded problem that has been around since consolidation

# Key question for the 10 year strategic plan is will the money come from growth or rates?

JEA's base electric revenue is around \$800 million. The additional debt burden alone, with no growth from sales, is a 20% increase in our base rates. In order to deal with environmental and resiliency issues of water system JEA needs access to \$2+ billion of additional capital.

**Continued debt paydown** We have been able to delay additional rate increases to date due to this effort. The more we pay off now, the less we need to increase rates in the future.

**Other operating costs are also increasing** These numbers don't account for increasing operating expenses due to inflation, the cost of operating Vogtle (which we are responsible for but is unknown at this time), the City Contribution and capex needs.

# Review of BOD Studies April 2018 – Jan 2019



# August of 2018, JEA's Board in collaboration with COJ City Council adopted four measures of JEA value

#### 1 Customer Value

What a customer expects to get in exchange for the price they pay

#### • 2 Financial Value

The monetary value and risk profile, both today and tomorrow, of JEA as it relates to the city

#### **3** Environmental Value

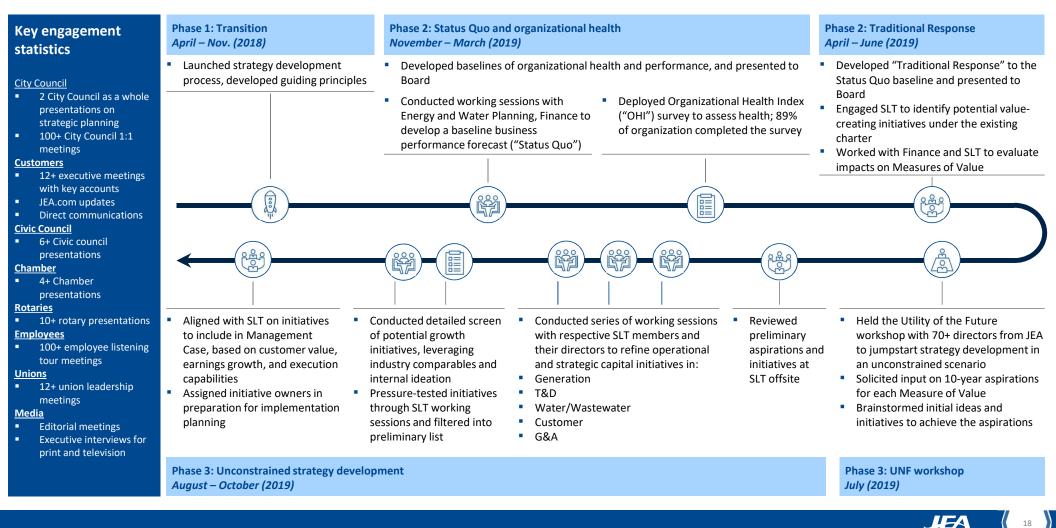
Ensuring a sustainable environment for future generations

#### 4 Community Impact Value

Improving the quality of life through innovative and cost-effective service offerings, employee volunteerism and ambassadorship, relevant and timely communications, and support of economic development and job growth throughout JEA's service territory; foster a collaborative and respectful corporate culture that provides exceptional employee value to equip the JEA team to deliver outstanding service and value to its community

We are continuing to focus on maximizing each of our corporate measures of value both now & in the future

## JEA's Board and Management have engaged all community stakeholders

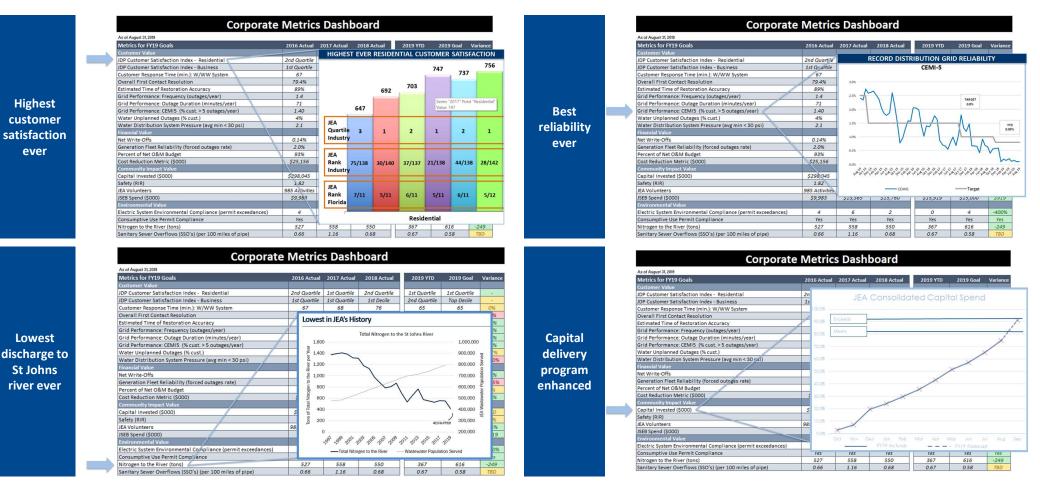


# Five options will be presented for debate and discussion as the potential path forward for JEA



If the JEA Board chooses option 3, 4 or 5, City Council will have the opportunity to decide whether to send the proposal to Duval County voters to decide the path forward for JEA

### **Management focused on delivering results**



# Conclusion

- JEA's management is planning for the future while maintaining focus on delivering current results
- JEA is in the midst of unprecedented challenges associated with:
  - —high debt
  - —declining sales and
  - -an expensive uncapped nuclear contract

 JEA's strategic planning process is critical for long-term growth of all four of JEA's four corporate measures of value (Customer, Community, Environmental and Financial)



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