



March 1, 2018

**Re: Tampa Electric bringing solar power to southern Hillsborough County**

Dear Hillsborough County resident:

Tampa Electric is significantly expanding our use of solar power. During the next three years, we plan to add 6 million solar panels in 10 new photovoltaic solar projects, for a total of 600 megawatts (MW), which is enough electricity to power more than 100,000 homes.

One of those projects, Grange Hall Solar, is planned for your community in southern Hillsborough County. The 61-MW solar facility is planned for a 450-acre site and is expected to be complete by December.

Although you are not a customer of Tampa Electric, this project will affect your neighborhood. Tampa Electric plans to build a 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line nearly 5 miles long to directly connect the solar plant to Tampa Electric's grid. The line will start at the Mines Substation, 18483 S. Highway 39 in Fort Lonesome, head west on State Road 674 through Peace River Electric Cooperative's territory for about 2.5 miles, and then turn south on Grange Hall Loop, ending at the solar plant. Poles will be made of steel and most will be 74 feet tall, with several taller poles spanning the two bridges on State Road 674. These are typical heights for roadside and bridge-crossing transmission poles throughout Tampa Electric's territory.

If you would like more information about this project, please attend our open house **5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15** at Balm Baptist Church, 15021 Balm Wimauma Road, in Wimauma. Tampa Electric experts will be available to answer questions.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like additional information about this new transmission line, please contact me by email at [dwjohnson@tecoenergy.com](mailto:dwjohnson@tecoenergy.com) or call 813-309-9117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave Johnson  
Transmission Project Manager  
Tampa Electric