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JEA Board members,

Thank you for your dedication to our community with your service on the JEA Board during a time of challenge. As you and the senior leaders of JEA know, the utility industry is facing marketplace disruption and technological innovation that presents very serious threats to the future success of a government-owned utility. Turning a blind eye to this would leave JEA on a course toward rapidly increasing rates, unconstrained debt, and more uncertainty for employees, customers, and taxpayers. So, again, thank you for continuing to put the best interest of the community foremost.

In the process of strategic planning, you and JEA leadership have opened a dialog related to five scenarios for the future of JEA. While much attention is focused on one scenario related to possible sale, I know and appreciate that JEA continues to simultaneously explore several scenarios and options that can ensure clean, consistent energy and water for our city. Unfortunately, facts about JEA's strategic planning and exploration of all scenarios in this process remain misunderstood or unknown by large segments of the community.

A process of vetting five different pathways and aligning them for simultaneous board consideration has been complicated, and decision-making of this magnitude is not easy. Nevertheless, I am convinced that you have all conducted the process openly and in accordance with the law.

Furthermore, despite the clear delineation of responsibilities between you as a board for an independent authority and our elected City Council (as defined in the Charter of the Consolidated Government of the City of Jacksonville), City Council has expressed the wish for an active role in the strategic planning options and challenges facing the JEA.

