(1) FOURTH QUARTER & FULL YEAR 2019 EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL

Matt Roskot:

Thank you, Jamie.

Good morning everyone, and thank you for joining our fourth quarter and full year 2019 combined earnings conference call for NextEra Energy and NextEra Energy Partners.

With me this morning are Jim Robo, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NextEra Energy, Rebecca Kujawa, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NextEra Energy, John Ketchum, President and Chief Executive Officer of NextEra Energy Resources, and Mark Hickson, Executive Vice President of NextEra Energy, all of whom are also officers of NextEra Energy Partners, as well as Eric Silagy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Florida Power & Light Company.

Jim will provide some opening remarks and will then turn the call over to Rebecca for a review of our fourth quarter and full year results. Our executive team will then be available to answer your questions.

(2) SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT AND NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION

We will be making forward-looking statements during this call based on current expectations and assumptions which are subject to risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from our forward-looking statements if any of our key assumptions are incorrect or because of other factors discussed in today's earnings news release, in the comments made during this conference call, in the risk factors section of the accompanying presentation, or in our latest reports and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, each of which can be found on our websites www.NextEraEnergy.com and www.NextEraEnergyPartners.com. We do not undertake any duty to update any forward-looking statements.

Today’s presentation also includes references to non-GAAP financial measures. You should refer to the information contained in the slides accompanying today’s presentation for definitional information and reconciliations of historical non-GAAP measures to the closest GAAP financial measure.

With that, I will turn the call over to Jim.

Jim Robo:

(3) OPENING REMARKS

Thank you, Matt, and good morning everyone.

2019 was a terrific year for both NextEra Energy and NextEra Energy Partners. NextEra Energy’s performance was strong both financially and operationally, and we had outstanding execution on our initiatives to continue to drive future growth across the company. By successfully executing on our plans, NextEra Energy extended its long track record of delivering value for shareholders with adjusted earnings per share of $8.37, up 8.7% from 2018. Over the past 15 years, we have now delivered compound annual growth in adjusted EPS of nearly 8.5%, which is the highest among all top 10 power companies, who have achieved, on average, compound annual growth of less than 4% over the same period. Amidst this significant growth, the company has maintained one of the strongest balance sheets and credit positions in the industry.

In 2019, we delivered a total shareholder return of approximately 43%, significantly outperforming both the S&P 500 and the S&P 500 Utilities Index, and continuing to outperform both indices in terms of total shareholder return on a one-, three-, five-, seven-, and ten-year basis. Over the past 15 years, we have outperformed all of the other companies in the S&P 500 Utilities Index and 85% of the companies in the S&P 500, while more than tripling the total shareholder return of both indices. Although we are proud of our long-term track record of creating shareholder value, we remain utterly focused on the future and committed to continuing that track record going forward.

During 2019, FPL successfully executed on its ongoing capital plan, including placing the highly efficient Okeechobee Clean Energy Center and an additional 300 megawatts of cost effective solar in service on time and on budget. Smart capital investments such as these help FPL improve its already best-in-class customer value proposition. Despite customer bills that were already nearly 30% below the national average and among the lowest of all 54 electric providers in the state of Florida, earlier this month, the typical FPL residential customer bill decreased by nearly $4, or roughly 4%. FPL had continued success with its cost savings initiatives, reducing its already best-in-class dollar per retail-megawatt-hour non-fuel O&M costs by more than 5% year-over-year. These ongoing cost savings, combined with the flexibility afforded by FPL's current settlement agreement, enabled FPL to avoid a customer surcharge for the roughly $260 million of storm restoration costs related to Hurricane Dorian. In addition to low bills, FPL delivered its best-ever service reliability performance in 2019, and was recognized for the fourth time in five years as being the most reliable electric utility in the nation.

Finally, last quarter we were pleased that following an extensive and thorough 18-month review, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission granted Turkey Point units 3 and 4 their second 20-year license extensions. These units are the first nuclear power plants in the United States to achieve this milestone and this decision supports the continued production of clean, zero-emission, reliable and affordable nuclear power in Florida for many years to come.

Beyond executing on its strategic initiatives, during 2019 FPL positioned itself well for continued long-term growth. Early in the year, FPL announced its groundbreaking “30-by-30” plan, which is one of the world's largest solar expansions and will result in roughly 10,000 megawatts of incremental solar capacity on FPL’s system. This solar expansion, combined with low-cost battery storage solutions such as the Manatee Energy Storage Center that was announced during 2019, represent the next phase of FPL’s generation modernization efforts and are expected to further reduce FPL’s CO2 emissions rate, which is already among the lowest in the nation and has declined more than 30% since 2005.

In addition to the terrific progress in generation, during the year Florida passed the Public Utility Storm Protection Plans law that allows for clause recovery of storm hardening investments, including undergrounding. This new law supports continued hardening of FPL’s already storm-resilient energy grid, and allows FPL to pursue these investments in a programmatic manner over the course of decades, while deploying billions of dollars of incremental capital for the benefit of customers. We expect the final rules related to the new law to take effect later this quarter and that FPL will seek to begin clause recovery of its storm hardening investments beginning in 2021. With terrific visibility into significant investment programs such as these, we remain as confident as ever about FPL's ability to sustain its long-term growth trajectory while further improving our customers' value proposition.

The Energy Resources team also continued its long track record of strong execution in 2019. The renewables origination success remained particularly strong, with the team adding more than 5,800 megawatts to our backlog over the past year as we continue operating in what we believe to be the best renewables development environment in our history. Our ongoing renewables origination success results from our ability to leverage Energy Resources' competitive advantages, including our best-in-class development skills, large pipeline of sites and interconnection queue positions, strong customer relationships, purchasing power, best-in-class construction expertise, resource assessment capabilities, strong access to and cost of capital advantages, and world-class operations capability. More than 50% of the solar megawatts that were added to our backlog in 2019 included a battery storage component and the current backlog has more than 2,000 megawatts of trifecta projects that combine wind, solar and battery storage together. We also increasingly see storage as an important stand-alone business in its own right as we are reviewing a number of opportunities to add storage to our existing solar sites to take advantage of the ITC and enhance the value of our existing projects for customers. This highlights the rapid transition to the next phase of renewables development that pairs low-cost wind and solar energy with a low-cost battery storage solution, as well as Energy Resources' unique skills to combine the three technologies into integrated, near-firm, low-cost products.

Energy Resources' significant competitive advantages position it well to capitalize on the enormous disruption that is occurring to the nation's generation fleet. We continue to expect that by the middle of this decade, without incentives new near-firm wind is going to be a $20 to $30 per megawatt-hour product and new near-firm solar is going to be a $30 to $40 per megawatt-hour product. At these prices, new near-firm renewables will be cheaper than the operating costs of most existing coal, nuclear and less fuel efficient oil and gas-fired generation units.

We were pleased by the 60% PTC extension that was passed in 2019, and we expect that it will support incremental wind demand in 2023 and 2024. Our confidence in renewables being the low cost generation alternative in the middle of this decade remains stronger than ever. We expect the disruptive nature of renewables to be terrific for customers, terrific for the environment and terrific for shareholders by helping to drive tremendous growth for this company over the next decade.

(4) GULF POWER 2019 EXECUTION SUMMARY

Let me now turn to Gulf Power and highlight how we executed in 2019 against some of the long-term objectives that we outlined last year.

As we have often discussed, two of the key hallmarks of the NextEra Energy playbook are reducing operating costs and using those savings to fund smart capital investments for customers. After one year of ownership, we are well on our way to executing this strategy at Gulf Power. In 2019, we reduced Gulf Power's O&M costs by approximately 20% year-over-year. In addition to lowering costs, we have also identified smart investment opportunities to benefit customers. In 2019, Gulf Power invested approximately $730 million, or roughly two and a half times Gulf Power's average capital investment amount over the past five years, and was able to grow regulatory capital employed at roughly 11% year-over-year.

(5) GULF POWER 2019 EXECUTION SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

Beyond realizing operating efficiencies and deploying smart capital, in the past year Gulf Power was able to meaningfully improve its customer value proposition. Gulf Power achieved its best-ever service reliability year, which was approximately 20% better than its 2018 results. Customer service was also better, with notable improvements in speed of answer and Florida Public Service Commission complaints.

There is nothing more important in our company than the safety of our employees. We made significant improvements in this area in 2019 as well, with an approximately 40% reduction in our OSHA rate at Gulf Power versus 2018. As the major capital investments that we advanced during 2019 come into service in 2020 and beyond, they will help achieve the other key objectives that we have outlined at Gulf Power, such as meaningful emissions reductions and perhaps most importantly, a significant reduction to customer bills in real terms.

In addition to creating tremendous customer value, we expect that execution of the plans we laid out at Gulf Power will also generate great outcomes for our shareholders as well. In our first year of ownership Gulf Power's adjusted earnings increased by 25% year-over-year. This outcome was even better than our plan at the start of the year and positions us well to deliver on the financial growth objectives that we outlined when we announced the acquisition. This high level of performance across the board would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of all the Gulf Power employees. While we are pleased with the results that we achieved at Gulf Power during 2019, we remain focused on the significant execution ahead of us here to deliver even greater value to our customers and our shareholders.

Finally, we were once again honored to be named, for the 13th time in 14 years, number one in the electric and gas utilities industry on Fortune's list of “Most Admired Companies”, as well as ranked among the top 10 companies worldwide, across all industries, for social responsibility. During 2019 alone, NextEra Energy made approximately $13 billion in capital investments in American energy infrastructure, making us one of the top capital investors in the U.S. in any industry. None of these recognitions, nor our track record of success, would be possible without the hard work and commitment to excellence of our people, who live our core value of “doing the right thing” every day.

In the last year there has been an increasing focus on ESG on the part of many of our stakeholders. The fact is, our company has been focused on all of the elements of ESG for more than 25 years. We are proud of our track record here. But there is still so much more to do in this country to decarbonize the electric, transportation and industrial sectors. NextEra Energy is living proof that you can be clean, and low cost and financially successful all at the same time. We will be at the vanguard of building a sustainable energy era that is both clean and affordable, and we are driving very hard to continue to be at the forefront of the disruption that is occurring within the energy sector. We expect that the execution of our strategy will drive meaningful CO_2 emissions reductions across the country, while simultaneously lowering generation costs for customers, and our continued investments in clean energy will help advance NextEra Energy toward its goal of reducing its CO_2 emissions rate by 67% by 2025, from a 2005 baseline.

In summary, I continue to remain as enthusiastic as ever about NextEra Energy's long-term growth prospects. In 2019, we extended our long track record of executing for the benefit of customers and shareholders and further developed our best-in-class organic growth prospects. Based on the strength and diversity of our underlying businesses, I will be disappointed if we are not able to deliver financial results at or near the top end of our adjusted earnings per share expectations ranges in 2020, 2021 and 2022, while at the same time maintaining our strong credit ratings. We remain intensely focused on execution and continuing to drive shareholder value over the coming years.

(6) NEXTERA ENERGY PARTNERS OPENING REMARKS

Let me now turn to NextEra Energy Partners, which also had a terrific year of execution in 2019. In the more than five years since the IPO NextEra Energy Partners has consistently delivered on its commitments. That history of execution is supported by NextEra Energy Partners' outstanding portfolio of clean energy assets which grew significantly and was further diversified in 2019. During the year, NextEra Energy Partners acquired a portfolio of more than 600 megawatts of wind and solar assets from Energy Resources. Additionally, during the fourth quarter, NextEra Energy Partners closed on the acquisition of Meade Pipeline Co., which owns an approximately 40% aggregate interest in Central Penn Line, an intrastate natural gas pipeline in Pennsylvania that is backed by a minimum 14-year contract with a high credit quality customer and no volumetric risk. Finally, during the year NextEra Energy Partners advanced an additional organic growth opportunity, announcing the repowering of 275 megawatts of wind projects. We are proud that 2019 is the first year that NextEra Energy Partners successfully executed on all of the three ways it can grow – organically, acquiring assets from third parties, and acquiring assets from Energy Resources' portfolio – highlighting the clear flexibility and visibility into growth going forward. To support the ongoing growth investments and optimize the capital structure for the benefit of LP unitholders, NextEra Energy Partners completed a number of financings and refinancings in 2019 as well.

At the start of the year, NextEra Energy Partners faced headwinds related to the PG&E bankruptcy. The team immediately focused on managing and mitigating the negative impacts of this event and we ended 2019 having favorably addressed many of the challenges. The Energy Resources' portfolio acquisition and associated financing that we announced last March allowed NextEra Energy Partners to complete its original 2019 growth objectives, even after excluding PG&E-related projects' cash flows. During the year, NextEra Energy Partners also purchased all of the outstanding holding company and operating company notes at our Genesis project. In addition to resulting in an increase in run rate cash available for distribution through the removal of project-level debt service, as a result of the purchase of the debt, NextEra Energy Partners received approximately $128 million of distributions that had been, or were expected to be, restricted at the project. The release of this cash was used to partially fund the debt repurchase. I remain confident about a long-term favorable resolution for our PG&E-related assets.

In addition to growing LP distributions by 15% year-over-year and achieving a run rate adjusted EBITDA range in excess of what was originally expected, NextEra Energy Partners' year-end 2019 run rate cash available for distribution expectations assuming full contributions from PG&E-related projects represents approximately 60% growth from the comparable year-end 2018 run rate range. With this strong year-over-year growth in cash available for distribution, NextEra Energy Partners expects to be able to achieve its long-term distribution growth expectations without the need for additional asset acquisitions until 2021. As of year-end 2020, we expect to have achieved NextEra Energy Partners' distribution growth objectives while maintaining a trailing twelve-month payout ratio in the mid-70% range, even after excluding cash distributions from our Desert Sunlight projects.

NEP delivered an attractive total unitholder return of approximately 28% in 2019, further advancing its history of value creation since the IPO. I continue to believe that the combination of NEP's clean energy portfolio, growth visibility and flexibility to finance that growth offer LP unitholders an attractive investor value proposition. As with NextEra Energy, we remain focused on continuing to execute and delivering that unitholder value over the coming years.

I will now turn the call over to Rebecca who will review the 2019 results in more detail.

<u>Rebecca Kujawa:</u>

(7) FPL – FOURTH QUARTER & FULL YEAR 2019 RESULTS

Thank you, Jim, and good morning everyone. Let's now turn to the detailed results, beginning with FPL.

For the fourth quarter of 2019, FPL reported net income of $400 million, or 81 cents per share, down 4 cents per share year-over-year. For the full year 2019, FPL reported net income of $2.33 billion, or $4.81 per share, an increase of 26 cents per share versus 2018.

(8) FPL – FOURTH QUARTER & FULL YEAR 2019 DRIVERS

Regulatory capital employed increased by approximately 8.3% for 2019 and was the principal driver of FPL's net income growth of roughly 8% for the full year. During the fourth quarter, growth from new investments was offset by a number of factors, including a contribution to our charitable foundation that should fund its operations for the next several years. FPL's capital expenditures were approximately $2.0 billion in the fourth quarter, bringing its full year capital investments to a total of roughly $5.8 billion.

FPL's reported ROE for regulatory purposes was 11.6% for the twelve months ended December 31 2019, which is at the upper end of the allowed band of 9.60 to 11.60 percent under our current rate agreement. During the fourth quarter, we utilized a total of $18 million of reserve amortization, including the approximately $260 million that was utilized to offset the Hurricane Dorian storm restoration costs, leaving FPL with a year-end 2019 balance of $893 million. We continue to expect that FPL will end 2020 with a sufficient amount of reserve amortization to operate under the current base rate settlement agreement for one additional year and, as a result, expect to file a base rate case in the first quarter of 2021 for new rates that are effective in January of 2022. While we have not made a final decision, based upon our review we expect that merging FPL and Gulf Power and making a single rate case filing will result in customer benefits, and we therefore see this as the likely approach for the filing at this time.

All of our major capital projects at FPL are progressing well. The ten solar sites, totaling nearly 750 megawatts of combined capacity, that are currently being built across FPL's service territory are all on track and on budget to begin providing cost-effective energy to FPL customers in early 2020. To support the significant solar expansion that FPL is leading across Florida, we have secured sites that could support 10 gigawatts of future projects. Earlier this month, the Florida Public Service Commission held hearings on FPL's proposed SolarTogether program. We continue to expect a decision about the proposed program by the end of the first quarter.

Beyond solar, construction on the highly efficient, roughly 1,200 megawatt Dania Beach Clean Energy Center remains on schedule and on budget as it continues to advance towards its projected commercial operation date in 2022.

We continue to expect that FPL's ongoing smart investment opportunities will support a compound annual growth rate in regulatory capital employed of approximately 9%, from 2018 through 2022, while further enhancing our best-in-class customer value proposition.

(9) GULF POWER – FOURTH QUARTER & FULL YEAR 2019 RESULTS

Let me now turn to Gulf Power, which reported fourth quarter 2019 GAAP and adjusted earnings of $23 million and $26 million, respectively, or 5 cents per share. For the full year, Gulf Power reported GAAP earnings of $180 million, or 37 cents per share, and adjusted earnings of $200 million, or 41 cents per share. As a reminder, during the first 12 months following the closing of the acquisition, we excluded one-time acquisition integration costs from adjusted earnings. Additionally, interest expense to finance the acquisition is reflected in Corporate and Other.

Gulf Power's reported ROE for regulatory purposes will be approximately 10.8% for the 12 months ending December 2019, which is in the upper half of the allowed band of 9.25 to 11.25 percent under its current rate agreement. For the full year 2020, we expect to target a regulatory ROE near the upper end of this allowed band assuming normal weather and operating conditions.

As Jim discussed, the overall execution of Gulf Power's capital program is advancing well. Gulf Power's first solar development project, the roughly 75 megawatt Blue Indigo Solar Energy Center, is expected to go in service later this quarter and generate significant customer savings over its lifetime. All of the other major capital investments, including the North Florida Resiliency Connection and the Plant Crist coal-to-natural gas conversion, continue to remain on track.

(10) FLORIDA ECONOMY

The Florida economy remains healthy as Florida's population continues to grow at one of the fastest rates in the nation. According to recent IRS data, Florida attracted a net gain of roughly $16 billion in personal taxable income in 2018, by far the highest of any state in the country and the fastest rate of growth as well, which is a reflection of the attraction of Florida's low-tax, pro-business policies. Florida's most recent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.1%, below the national average and at the lowest level in the decade. Florida has now added nearly 2 million private sector jobs over the past ten years. Leading indicators in the real estate sector have remained at a stable pace, reflecting the continued strength of the Florida housing market. Other positive economic data across the state include continued strength in retail taxable sales as well as the consumer confidence index, which remains near ten-year highs.

(11) CUSTOMER CHARACTERISTICS – FPL & GULF POWER

During the quarter, FPL's average number of customers increased by approximately 100,000 from the comparable prior-year quarter, driven by continued solid underlying growth and the addition of Vero Beach's roughly 35,000 customers late in 2018. For 2019, FPL's retail sales increased 1.7% from the prior year, driven primarily by a favorable weather comparison. On a weather-normalized basis, FPL's retail sales declined by 0.6% as customer growth was more than offset by a reduction in underlying usage per customer. The decline in underlying usage was a reversal from the trend that FPL experienced in 2018, when underlying usage increased by 1.7%. As we have previously noted, usage per customer tends to exhibit significant volatility, which can be more pronounced during periods of particularly strong weather conditions similar to those experienced during 2019 which makes distinguishing between underlying usage changes and weather impacts challenging.

For Gulf Power, the average number of customers increased slightly versus the comparable prior-year quarter, as it moves beyond the impacts of Hurricane Michael in 2018. For 2019, Gulf Power's retail sales declined slightly due to unfavorable weather and a small decline in underlying usage per customer.

(12) ENERGY RESOURCES – FOURTH QUARTER & FULL YEAR 2019 RESULTS

Let me now turn to Energy Resources, beginning with a reporting change in our segments. Given the Trans Bay Cable acquisition during 2019, we have re-evaluated our operating segments and made a change to reflect the overall scale of our competitive transmission business and the management of these projects within our company. Our reporting for Energy Resources now includes the results of our NextEra Energy Transmission projects formerly reported in the Corporate and Other segment. Our 2018 results have been adjusted accordingly for comparison purposes, resulting in an increase in Energy Resources' full year 2018 adjusted EPS of 9 cents per share.

Incorporating the reporting change, Energy Resources reported fourth quarter 2019 GAAP earnings of $433 million, or 88 cents per share. Adjusted earnings for the fourth quarter were $326 million, or 66 cents per share. Energy Resources' contribution to adjusted earnings per share in the fourth quarter decreased 1 cent versus the prior-year comparable period, as strong underlying growth from new and existing investments was more than offset by a number of items including the negative 14 cent adjusted EPS impact of refinancing activities, which were primarily related to financing breakage costs associated with several wind repowerings, as well as Energy Resources' share of the costs associated with the acquisition of the outstanding Genesis debt. As a reminder, while these refinancing activities created a reduction to fourth quarter adjusted earnings, they are expected to translate to favorable net income contributions in future years and an overall improvement in net present value for our shareholders.

For the full year, Energy Resources reported GAAP earnings of $1.81 billion, or $3.72 per share, and adjusted earnings of $1.7 billion, or $3.49 per share.

(13) ENERGY RESOURCES – ADJUSTED EPS CONTRIBUTION DRIVERS

Energy Resources' full year adjusted earnings per share contribution increased 35 cents, or approximately 11%, versus 2018. For the full year, growth was driven by continued new additions to our renewables portfolio, as contributions from new investments increased by 55 cents per share. Contributions from our gas infrastructure business, including existing pipelines, increased by 13 cents versus the prior year. Also contributing favorably were the customer supply and trading business, where contributions increased 5 cents versus 2018, and NextEra Energy Transmission, which increased results by 4 cents year-over-year, primarily as a result of the Trans Bay Cable acquisition that closed in the middle of 2019.

These favorable results were partially offset by higher interest expense, reflecting the negative 14 cent adjusted EPS impact of the fourth quarter refinancing activities as well as growth in the business, and lower contributions from existing generation assets. In 2019, wind resource was 96% of the long-term average, down from 97% a year earlier.

Additional details are shown on the accompanying slide.

(14) ENERGY RESOURCES – DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

In 2019, Energy Resources continued to advance its position as the leading developer and operator of wind, solar and battery storage projects, commissioning approximately 2,700 megawatts of renewables projects in the U.S., including repowering. Since the last call, we have added 1,609 megawatts of renewables projects to our backlog, including approximately 500 megawatts of combined wind and repowering, 770 megawatts of solar and 340 megawatts of battery storage, all of which will be paired with new solar projects.

Energy Resources has now placed a total of approximately 3,700 megawatts of repowering projects in service since 2017, which represents approximately one third of its operating wind portfolio as of year-end 2016. We expect that by the end of 2020, more than 60% of Energy Resources' operating wind projects will have been originally commissioned or repowered within the last five years, highlighting the young age of the overall fleet and the expected long-dated future value creation of the portfolio.

Following the terrific origination year in 2019, and with nearly three years remaining in the period, we are now within the 2019 to 2022 renewables development ranges that we introduced in the middle of last year. For the post-2022 period, our backlog is already more than 2,400 megawatts, placing us far ahead of our historical origination activity at this early stage. The accompanying slide provides additional detail on where our renewables development program now stands.

Beyond renewables, as of year-end 2019 the Mountain Valley Pipeline was approximately 90% complete. We have been working with our project partners to resolve all of the outstanding permit issues for the pipeline and we continue to make good progress on these efforts. We expect that the issues related to MVP's Biological Opinion and Nationwide 12 permit will be resolved in the spring, allowing construction work along much of the route to resume. We also remain hopeful that the Supreme Court will overturn the Fourth Circuit Court's original decision on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline's case related to its Appalachian Trail crossing authorization, resolving similar challenges for MVP. We continue to target a full in-service date for the pipeline during 2020 and an overall project cost estimate of approximately $5.4 billion.

(15) NEXTERA ENERGY – FOURTH QUARTER & FULL YEAR 2019 RESULTS

Turning now to the consolidated results for NextEra Energy, for the fourth quarter of 2019, GAAP net income attributable to NextEra Energy was $975 million, or $1.99 per share. NextEra Energy’s 2019 fourth quarter adjusted earnings and adjusted EPS were $706 million, or $1.44 per share, respectively. For the full year 2019, GAAP net income attributable to NextEra Energy was $3.77 billion, or $7.76 per share. Adjusted earnings were $4.06 billion or $8.37 per share.

For the Corporate & Other segment, adjusted earnings for the full year decreased 35 cents per share compared to the 2018 prior comparable period, primarily as a result of higher interest expense related to the Gulf Power acquisition financing. NextEra Energy also delivered strong operating cash flow growth, which increased at a faster rate than the adjusted EPS growth rate.

As expected, during 2019 we also maintained our strong credit position. Based on the S&P methodology, we estimate that we ended the year at a 22.5% FFO-to-debt level, versus our current downgrade threshold of 21%. For Moody’s, we expect 2019 CFO pre-working capital-to-debt was 19.6%, versus our current downgrade threshold of 18%. NextEra Energy’s cushion versus our credit metrics reflects the continued strength of our balance sheet and supports the record roughly $14 billion of capital investments that we expect to make in 2020.

(16) NEXTERA ENERGY EXPECTATIONS

The financial expectations which we extended last year through 2022 remain unchanged. We continue to expect that NextEra Energy's adjusted EPS compound annual growth rate to be in a range of 6 to 8 percent through 2021 off the 2018 adjusted EPS of $7.70, plus the accretion of 15 and 20 cents in 2020 and 2021, respectively, from the Florida acquisitions. For 2020, we continue to expect our adjusted EPS to be in the range of $8.70 to $9.20 and, as Jim highlighted, we will be disappointed if we are not able to deliver financial results at or near the top end of this range. This year, we expect that our adjusted EPS growth will be more weighted to the second half of the year.

For 2022 we expect to grow adjusted EPS in a range of 6 to 8 percent off 2021 adjusted EPS, translating to a range of $10.00 to $10.75 per share. From 2018 to 2022 we continue to expect that operating cash flow will grow roughly in line with our adjusted EPS compound annual growth rate range. As always, all of our expectations are subject to the usual caveats, including but not limited to normal weather and operating conditions.

(17) NEP - FOURTH QUARTER & FULL YEAR 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Let me now turn to NextEra Energy Partners which also had a strong year of operational and financial performance in 2019.

Fourth quarter adjusted EBITDA was $280 million and cash available for distribution was $101 million, an increase of 70% and 130%, respectively. The strong growth was driven primarily by the significant year-over-year growth in NextEra Energy Partners' portfolio, including the 2019 acquisitions of the Energy Resources' assets and Meade Pipeline Co., as well as a full quarter's contribution from the portfolio of projects that were acquired in late 2018.

For the full year 2019, adjusted EBITDA was $1.1 billion, up 25% year-over-year. Cash available for distribution excluding all contributions from our Desert Sunlight projects was $366 million, an increase of 8% from the prior year. Including full contributions from the Desert Sunlight projects, NextEra Energy Partners achieved CAFD growth of 20% versus 2018.

Similar to the quarterly results, full-year growth in both adjusted EBITDA and CAFD was primarily driven by portfolio growth. The benefit from new projects was partially offset by the divestiture of the Canadian assets during 2018. Cash available for distribution was also reduced by higher corporate level interest expense. As a reminder, these results include the impact of IDR fees, which we treat as an operating expense. Additional details are shown on the accompanying slide.

Yesterday the NEP Board declared a quarterly distribution of 53.50 cents per common unit, or $2.14 per unit on an annualized basis, up 15% from the comparable quarterly distribution a year earlier, and at the top end of the range we discussed going into 2019.

As Jim mentioned, during 2019 NextEra Energy Partners executed several financings for the benefit of LP unitholders. In addition to raising approximately $1.2 billion of unsecured holding company notes, which priced at some of the lowest spreads ever in the sector, NextEra Energy Partners also raised $1.4 billion of low-cost project finance debt and executed a $1.3 billion revolver extension.

NextEra Energy Partners also raised $1.8 billion through three convertible equity portfolio financings. With low initial coupons, the convertible equity portfolio financings provide more cash to LP unitholders, allowing NextEra Energy Partners to acquire fewer assets to achieve the same level of future distribution growth and which will also, as a result, lower future financing needs. In addition to reduced future asset and equity needs, these financings provide NextEra Energy Partners the flexibility to convert into common units at no discount over a long period of time. This should be accretive to LP unitholders who retain all of the unit price upside as NextEra Energy Partners executes on its expected distribution growth objectives. These attributes, combined with the significant flexibility that NextEra Energy Partners retains with the financings, including the timing of conversion, the option to convert at any price, the option to pay the buyout in cash rather units and the option to deploy the buyout amount into other assets, should generate significant value to LP unitholders, while also providing significant downside protection.

Finally, last quarter, following the achievement of certain NextEra Energy Partners units' trading thresholds, we converted the second tranche of the convertible preferred securities that were issued in 2017 into an additional roughly 4.7 million NextEra Energy Partners' common units, further supporting our ongoing goal of using low-cost financing products to layer in equity over time.

(18) NextEra Energy Partners Expectations

The NextEra Energy Partners' portfolio as of year-end 2019 supports the revised adjusted EBITDA and CAFD December 31, 2019 run rate expectations that we announced at the time of the Meade acquisition. Since NextEra Energy Partners' long-term distribution growth expectations are supported without the need for additional asset acquisitions until 2021, the December 31, 2020 run rate expectations for adjusted EBITDA and CAFD remain unchanged at the same levels as the year-end 2019 run rate expectations. Including full contributions from PG&E-related projects, year-end 2020 run rate cash available for distribution is expected to be in a range of $560 million to $640 million, reflecting calendar year 2021 expectations for the forecasted portfolio at the end of 2020 and assuming normal weather and operating conditions. Excluding all contributions from the Desert Sunlight projects, NextEra Energy Partners continues to expect a year-end 2020 run rate for CAFD in the range of $505 million to $585 million.

Year-end 2020 run rate adjusted EBITDA expectations, which assume full contributions from PG&E-related projects as revenue is expected to continue to be recognized, are $1.225 billion to $1.4 billion. As a reminder, all of our expectations are subject to our normal caveats and include the impact of anticipated IDR fees, as we treat these as an operating expense.

From an updated base of our fourth quarter 2019 distribution per common unit at an annualized rate of $2.14, we continue to see 12 to 15 percent growth per year in LP distributions as being a reasonable range of expectations through at least 2024. We expect the annualized rate of the fourth quarter 2020 distribution that is payable in February 2021 to be in a range of $2.40 to $2.46 per common unit.

In summary, we continue to believe that both NextEra Energy and NextEra Energy Partners have excellent prospects for growth. FPL, Gulf Power, Energy Resources and NextEra Energy Partners each have an outstanding set of opportunities across the board. The progress we made in 2019 reinforces our longer-term growth prospects and, while we have a lot to execute in 2020, we believe that we have the building blocks in place for another excellent year.

That concludes our prepared remarks and with that we will open the line for questions.

(19) QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION – LOGO