

# South Carolina Public Service Authority Revenue Obligations

consisting of

\$342,000,000\* 2025 Tax-Exempt Improvement Series A

\$250,000,000\* 2025 Tax-Exempt Refunding Series B

\$58,000,000\* 2025 Taxable Improvement Series C

# **Investor Presentation**

February 14, 2025

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	South Carolina Public Service Authority Revenue Obligations							
	2025 Tax-Exempt Improvement Series A	2025 Tax-Exempt Refunding Series B	2025 Taxable Improvement Series C					
Estimated Par*	\$342,000,000	\$250,000,000	\$58,000,000					
Tax Status	Tax-Exempt	Tax-Exempt	Federally Taxable					
Ratings	Moody's: A3 (St	table) / S&P: A- (Stable) / Fitch: A	A- (Positive)					
Use of Proceeds	<ul> <li>Finance a portion of the costs of the Authority's capital improvement program for the System which includes repaying certain notes outstanding under the Authority's bank and/or commercial paper facilities</li> <li>Pay certain costs of issuance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Refund a portion of the Authority's outstanding 2014 Series C and 2015 Series A Bonds</li> <li>Pay certain costs of issuance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Finance a portion of the costs of the Authority's capital improvement program for the System which includes repaying certain notes outstanding under the Authority's bank and/or commercial paper facilities</li> <li>Pay certain costs of issuance</li> </ul>					
Security	Secured solely by a senior lien on the Revenues of the Authority derived from the ownership and operation of its water and electric power system (as more particularly defined in the Authority's Revenue Obligation Resolution, the "System")							
Senior Manager		BofA Securities						
Co-Senior Managers	JP Morgan and Barclays							
Co-Managers	American Veterans Group, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, TD Securities, Wells Fargo							
Pricing*	February 25, 2025							
Closing*	March 11, 2025							

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# **The Authority** Overview



### **Our Business**

- An electric and water utility headquartered in Moncks Corner, South Carolina
- · Owned by the State of South Carolina
- One of the nation's largest public power utilities:
  - \$12.1 billion of total assets and deferred outflows of resources (2023)
  - \$1.85 billion of operating revenues (2023)

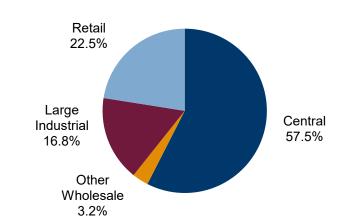
#### **Our Customers**

- Retail and wholesale provider serving over 2 million South Carolinians
- Provided 26,185 GWh in 2023 to its customers
- Largest customer is Central Electric Power Cooperative; providing approximately 58% of Authority's revenues

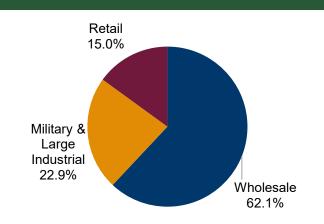
### Rates

- Autonomous rate making ability
- · Competitive wholesale and retail rates in state
- Approximately 75% of the Authority's revenues are derived from automatic rate adjustments which mean no action is required by management or the Board of Directors
  - Rate freeze has ended and automatic rate adjustments were reinstated in January 2025

### **Revenue by Customer Category (2023)**



### 2023 Sales Composition (GWh)

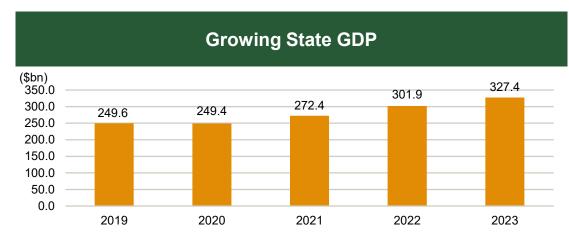


# The Authority | South Carolina's Economy

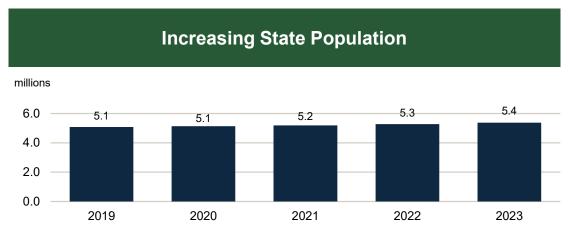


# Strong State Credit Ratings FitchRatings MOODY'S STANDARD & POORS Rating AAA Aaa AA+ Outlook Stable Stable Stable

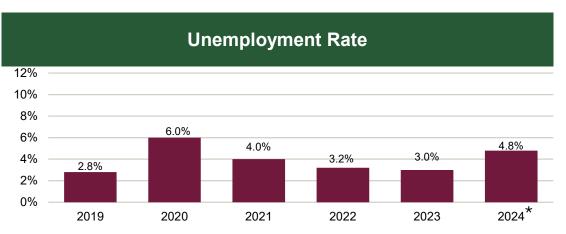
Source: Rating Agency Websites



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

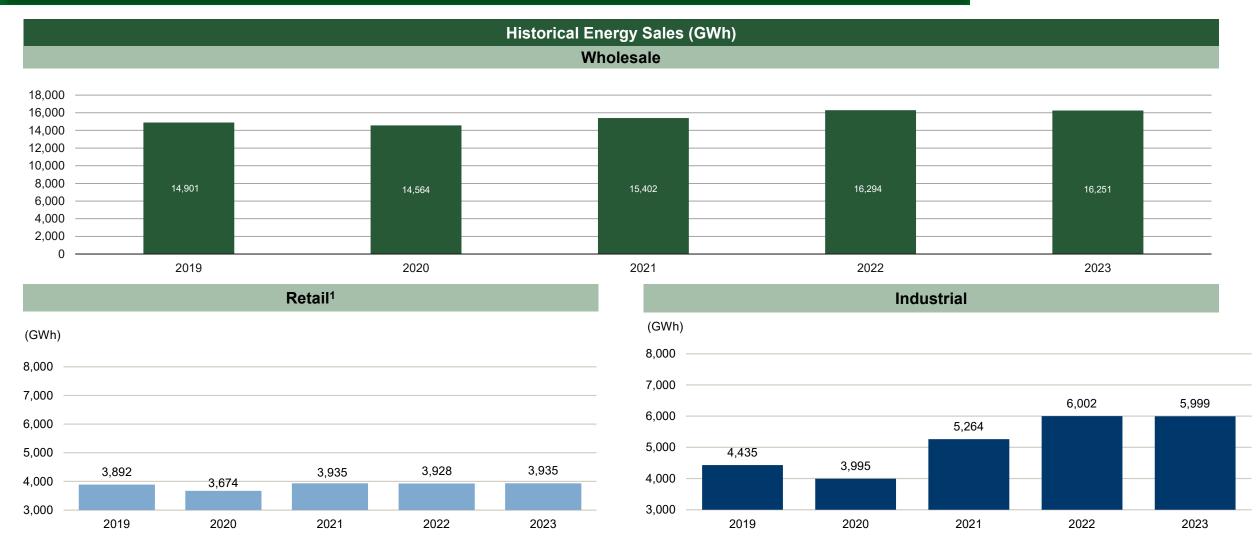


Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (seasonally adjusted)

\*as of November 2024

# The Authority | Stable Customer Base and Sales





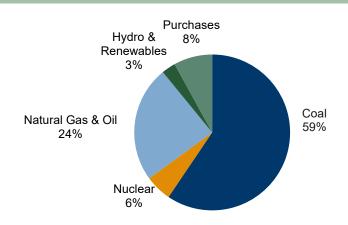
### The Authority Diversified and Reliable Resource Mix

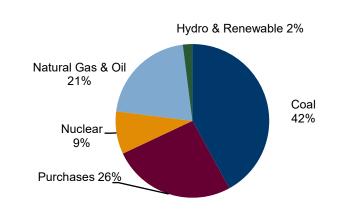


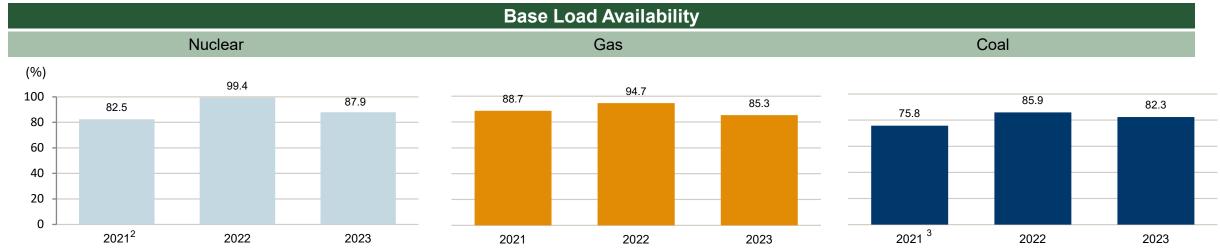
### **Current Generation Sources**

2023 Capacity (MW)<sup>1</sup>

2023 Fuel Mix (MWh)







- Based on winter capacity and does not include SEPA, Buzzard's Roost and St Stephen
- Fall 2021 36 days for scheduled refueling outage and 26 days of unscheduled outage due to fire
- 2021- Reflects an outage at Cross 2





# End of the Rate Freeze

- Rate Freeze ended December 31, 2024 and all automatic rate adjustments were reinstated in January 2025 which will recover over 75% of costs
- Board approved retail rate adjustment and it will be implemented in April 2025
- The Authority, Central, and Class Counsel have approved an agreement to resolve certain disputes among the parties, including disputes related to the Cook Rate Freeze Exceptions (subject to Court approval)



# Positioned For The Future

- Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) was unanimously approved in February 2024
- Submitted an update to our IRP in September 2024 which addressed an updated load forecast which shows significant increase since initial IRP



### Leadership

- New Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel – Carmen H. Thomas represented the Authority in a variety of legal matters over the past 17 years, most of that as a partner with external counsel
- New Chief Strategy and Communications Officer position; Shawan Gillians has 13 years of experience at the Authority



### **Financial**

- 2023 Debt Service Coverage of 1.22x (excludes Cook Deferred Expenses and Bank Facilities)
- \$1.2 billion in Bank Facility capacity which provides liquidity of which approximately \$589 million is unused capacity as of January 2, 2025
- Fuel Risk Managment<sup>1</sup>:
   89% of the system's MWh needs and 67% of the costs are hedged for 2025

The Authority had 95 days of coal on hand based on average daily burns



# Industry Excellence

- American Public Power
   Association 1st place
   Safety Award of Excellence
   for large utilities
- Earned the Reliable Public Power Diamond designation from the American Public Power Association
- Ranked in the top 10 out of nearly 500 utilities for average residential customer's least time without power (2023 data)

1. As of December 31, 2024

# The Authority Updates & New Developments



### Since our last investor communication in July, we have made significant progress on several key initiatives and there have been a few new developments

(\$)	Retail Rates	Board approved new retail base rates in December which will be implemented in April 2025
	Cook Settlement Disputes Resolution Agreement	The Authority, Central, and Class Counsel have approved an agreement (subject to Court approval) to resolve certain disputes among the parties, including disputes related to the <i>Cook</i> Rate Freeze Exceptions
	Resource Planning	Filed update to our 2023 IRP Preferred Portfolio plan in September 2024 and engaged a consultant to conduct an RFP process to evaluate uses for Summer Nuclear Units 2 and 3 and related assets
	Financial Overview	The Authority has a sound financial plan that supports the growing needs of our State



### **Retail Rates**

### **Customer Revenues**



### **Rate Setting**

### The Authority's Board has autonomous rate setting authority

# Cost Recovery Mechanisms

Certain contracts and retail rate riders that are designed to adjust automatically were reinstated January 2025. No action was required by Board or management. These adjustments include:

- Central contract is cost of service where rates adjust to actual (fuel on a monthly basis and non-fuel on an annual basis).
- Retail rates have fuel adjustment clauses that are based on a 3-month rolling average.
- Demand sales adjustment clauses are based on a monthly true-up.

75% of the Authority's costs are recovered with these automatic rate adjustments

### The approved rate increase will only impact Retail <u>base</u> rates

- The Authority hasn't increased base Retail rates since April 1, 2017.
- The base rate adjustment will be implemented in April 2025.

# Retail Rate Adjustment

### Cook Rate Freeze Exceptions are not included in the proposed rate adjustment

- The Authority, Central and Class Counsel approved, subject to Court approval, an agreement to resolve the Cook Rate Freeze Exceptions, including the amount to recover and the term of collection
- The Authority will begin collecting the Cook Charge from its retail customers through its deferred cost recovery rider and from Central on its invoices beginning in July 2025

### **Retail Rates**

# 2024 Rate Study & 2025 Rate Adjustment



### **Rate Process Milestones**

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Held public comment meetings and received comments from other interested parties

June 10 - October 8, 2024



Board received management's recommended modifications to the proposed rate adjustments

November 7, 2024



Board approved rate adjustments

December 9, 2024

Implementation of the approved rate adjustments

April 1, 2025

- ➤ The Authority conducted a year-long rate study for the purpose of revising residential, commercial, industrial and lighting class rates
- ➤ A single adjustment to rates will go into effect in April of 2025 (average of 4.9% across classes). This does not include any additional adjustment related to the Cook exceptions.
- ➤ The Authority is moving to a three-part rate for most residential customers, as well as small commercial customers



# Santee Cooper is currently the lowest-cost provider among large utilities in South Carolina

Modified Average Annual Increase in Revenues <sup>1</sup>					
Customer Class	Modified Rates in 2025 <sup>2</sup> (vs Present Rates)				
Residential <sup>3</sup>	8.8%				
Commercial	4.1%				
Lighting	5.0%				
Industrial <sup>4</sup>	2.6%				
TOTAL AVERAGE	4.9%				

 Comparisons\* of the average cost per kWh for firm service at selected monthly usage levels for the period of October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, are below:

			Industrial
	Residential	Commercial	9,000 kW-
	1,000 kWh	5,000 kWh	5,000,000 kWh
Authority	11.05¢	8.89¢	6.03¢
Duke Energy Carolinas	13.53¢	11.81¢	7.69¢
Duke Energy Progress	15.47¢	12.70¢	8.52¢
Dominion	14.35¢	13.64¢	8.25¢

<sup>\*</sup>This rate comparison does not include the new 2025 rates or any adjustments related to the Cook exceptions

<sup>1.</sup> Average increase in total revenues for all customers in class. Not all customers in a class will experience the same level of adjustment

<sup>2.</sup> Does not include recovery of Cook exceptions which are anticipated to be collected through a proposed rider added to customers' bills and would not be included in the base rate

Does not reflect any changes in customer behavior based on new rate design

<sup>4.</sup> Includes Industrial Firm & Non-Firm



### **Cook Settlement Overview**



- Settlement Amount. \$200 million cash settlement to customers was completed in 2022
- Rate Freeze. Rate freeze ended December 31, 2024 and all customers' rates were unlocked as of January 15, 2025.
- **Regulatory Asset**. As of December 31, 2024, the Authority has recorded a total of approximately \$703.8 million as a regulatory asset of Cook Deferred Expenses. Most of this cost is attributable to the Foresight Sugar Camp Mine fire.
- Cook Rate Freeze Exceptions Resolution Status Update: The Authority, Central, and Class Counsel have approved the Cook Settlement Disputes Resolution Agreement (the "Exceptions Agreement") to resolve certain disputes among the parties, including disputes related to the Cook Rate Freeze Exceptions. The Exceptions Agreement is subject to the Court's final approval.

### Timeline





2017

Cook filed



2020

Cook settled



2021

First Compliance
Report Filed,
Central's Motion to
Appoint Auditor



2024

Mediation between Central, Class Counsel, and The Authority



2025

Cook Exceptions resolved & approved by Boards

### Material Terms of Agreement



### The Authority will recover the "Recovery Amount"

- \$550 million in Exceptions costs ("Resolution Amount")
  - Exceptions were related to the Foresight Sugar Camp Mine fire, Russian invasion of Ukraine, and interest accumulated during rate freeze to finance the Exceptions
- Interest from Jan. 1, 2025-June 30, 2025
- Cost of issuance of debt to finance

### Recovered via "Cook Charge" amount

- Recovery Amount financed and recovered from customers through debt service over a 14.5year period beginning July 2025
- Plus amounts to reflect the Minimum Capital Improvement Requirement ("CIF") at 8%, payment to the State, and sums in lieu of taxes on such debt service
- Allocated 34.6% to non-Central customers and 65.4% to Central

# Material Terms of Agreement



- The Authority will not collect (and specifically waives) other Exceptions
- Central and Class Counsel release all objections as described in agreement including
  - Rate Freeze Period Exceptions-related disputes
  - Cook Settlement compliance-related objections
  - Certain V.C. Summer 2 & 3 audit-related disputes

### Financial Impacts



- Santee Cooper recovers 78% of the Cook Exceptions regulatory asset
  - Santee Cooper's deferred expenses through 2024 are approximately \$704 million<sup>1</sup>
- Santee Cooper also recovers interim interest and CIF at 8% on debt service to fund Recovery Amount
- The Cook regulatory asset will be written down to \$550 million in 2024 to align with the defined Resolution Amount
- The Resolution Amount exceeds Santee Cooper's \$480 million of Cook-related short-term debt outstanding
- The settlement provides for
  - Financing the Recovery Amount with long-term debt
  - Using proceeds to pay off existing short-term debt, and
  - Replenishing liquidity for ongoing operations
- The estimated impact on customers' bills is an increase of approximately 3%, an average increase of less than \$5 on the monthly bill of a typical residential customer

<sup>1.</sup> Deferred expenses are net of reimbursements from third parties and exclude capital amounts and potential unreported new 2024 exception events



# **Resource Planning**

### Integrated Resource Plan



- The Authority develops integrated resource plans ("IRP") as part of its overall planning process
- The Authority is required to prepare and submit an IRP to the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("SCPSC") every three years with annual updates
- The Authority filed its IRP for 2023 with the SCPSC in May 2023, and it was unanimously approved in March 2024 (the "2023 IRP")
- The Authority filed an update to the 2023 IRP in September 2024 which included an updated load forecast with substantial load growth

Key Conclusions					
Addition of substantial new solar capacity annually from 2026 through the 2030s to approximately 1,500 M 2030 and over 3,000 MW by 2040					
2. Coal Retirement	<ul> <li>Retirement of 1,150 MW Winyah Coal Generating Station by year-end 2030 or upon the availability of replacement capacity and the ability to reliably serve growing system demand</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Development of a natural gas combined cycle (NGCC) resource of approximately 1,000 MW to coincide with the Winyah retirement</li> <li>Potential joint build with Dominion</li> </ul>					
4. New Peaking Resources	Addition of several hundred MWs of combustion turbine generation units and battery energy storage systems				
5. Rainey Upgrades	Additional capacity opportunities at the existing Rainey Generating Station				
6. Power Purchase Agreements	Capacity purchase agreements to meet growing demand and mitigate resource implementation risk				

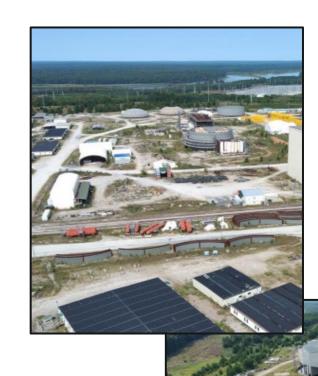
### Renewable Resources

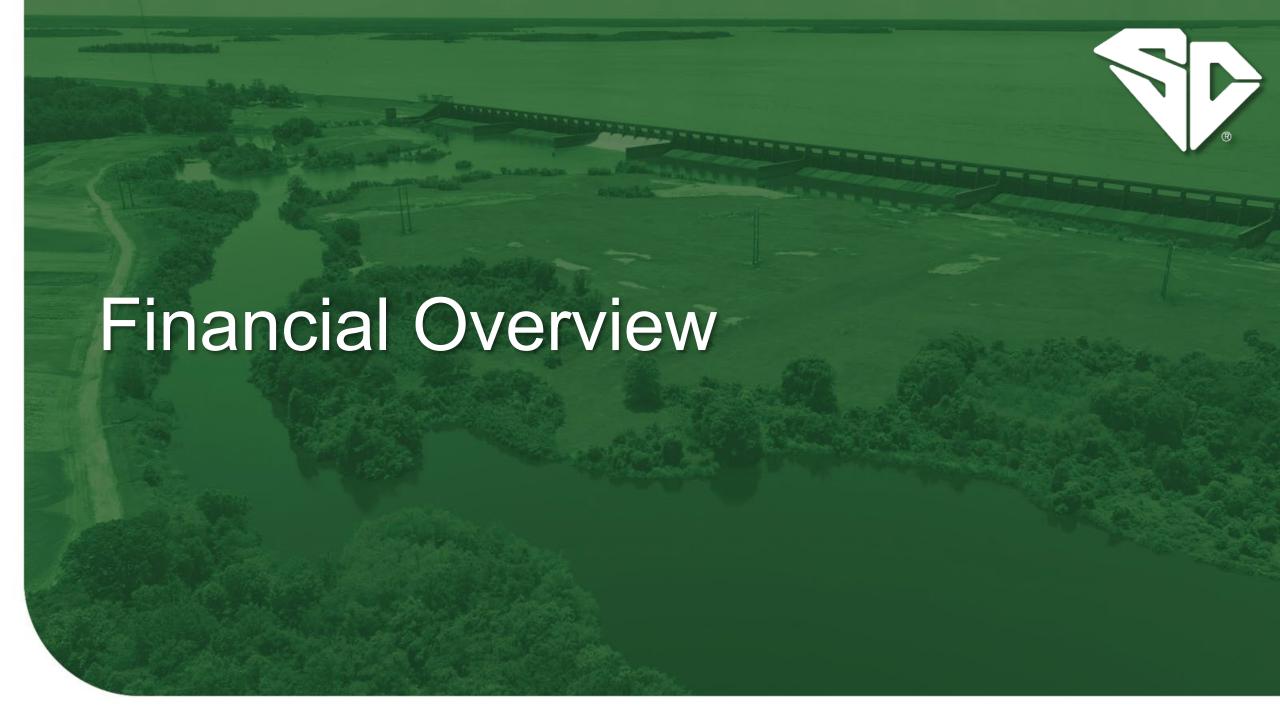


- While the Authority is not subject to any mandated use of renewable energy, the Authority's resource plans include significant renewable resources
- The Authority and Central entered into purchased power agreements for their respective load ratio share of 200 MWs of solar which is expected to be online in December 2025
- Since the passage of Act 90 of 2021, the Authority is required to file its Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy ("CPRE") program with the South Carolina Public Service Commission for its approval
  - The Authority's CPRE program was approved by the Commission in January 2024
  - In June 2024, the Authority issued a solar RFP, jointly with Central, in accordance with the approved CPRE program
  - The 2024 Solar RFP is the first step toward procurement of the anticipated additional solar to be added across the Authority's service territory through 2028
- In addition, the Authority is evaluating appropriate Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") implementation approach for the System



- The Authority has engaged a consultant to conduct an RFP process to evaluate uses for Summer Nuclear Units 2 and 3 and related assets.
- The Authority has issued an RFP (the "2025 Nuclear RFP") soliciting proposals from parties interested in acquiring one or both of Summer Nuclear Units 2 and 3 and the related assets, completing one or both units or pursuing alternative uses of the equipment and/or the site.
- Responses to the 2025 Nuclear RFP are currently expected to be due on May 5, 2025, after which the Authority may select one or more qualified respondents to participate in the next phase of the RFP process.
- The acceptance of any proposal submitted to the 2025 Nuclear RFP is subject to approval of the Board and may be subject to regulatory oversight and other required approvals.
- The Authority is unable to predict the outcome of this RFP process, including whether any proposal will be accepted or any transaction ultimately consummated.





# Financial Overview | Existing Debt & Liquidity Facilities

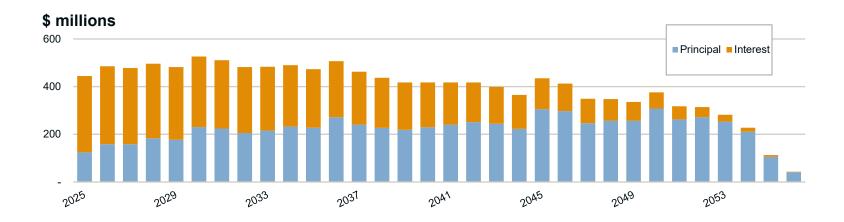
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- The Authority's debt management plan consists of the following:
  - Strategic utilization of internal funds to manage debt service
  - Smoothing debt service over time
  - Executing a multi-faceted refunding program that is staged in tranches and targeted at mitigating risk and taking advantage of interest rate savings
- Recent changes to our bank facility program:
  - In September, amended and extended Barclays CP Reimbursement Agreements and increased capacity by \$100 million
  - In November, amended and extended Wells Fargo Revolving Credit agreement

(\$000's)	Capacity	Expiration
Bank of America RCA	250,000	3/20/26
JP Morgan RCA	250,000	3/31/26
TD Bank RCA	200,000	6/30/26
Wells Fargo RCA	100,000	3/25/27
Barclays LOC	200,000	9/17/27
Barclays LOC	200,000	9/15/28
Total	1,200,000	

### Debt Outstanding as of 01/02/25<sup>1</sup> & Debt Service Schedule<sup>2</sup>

#### **Debt Outstanding** (\$000's) **Revenue Obligation Bonds:** Fixed \$ 6,995,165 Variable 112.040 **Total Revenue Obligation Bonds** \$ 7,107,205 **Bank Facilities:** Commercial Paper \$ 172,461 **Revolving Credit Agreements** 438,466 **Total Bank Facilities** \$ 610.927 **Total Debt Outstanding** \$ 7,718,132



<sup>1.</sup> As of January 2, 2025.

<sup>2.</sup> Debt service schedules on revenue obligation bonds as of January 2, 2025, shown on cash basis and includes benefit of BABs subsidy

# **Financial Overview**

# 2025 Financial Plan Highlights



### > Rate freeze ended in December 2024

- Approximately 75% of our costs returned to recovery through automatic pass-through adjustments in January 2025
- The remaining portion will be adjusted through the retail rate process that is implemented in April 2025

### > Strong projected load growth

- The Authority's updated load forecast reflects substantial load growth from new and existing large customers
- Made an adjustment to the load forecast of approximately 1,100 MW (winter peak) by 2033

### > Robust capital plan that invests in the electric system

• Investment in improvements to existing power supply facilities, extensions of and improvements to the transmission and distribution systems, other general improvements and compliance with environmental requirements

### > Capacity expansion

- Investments based on the latest IRP includes approximately 1,000 MW ownership share in a combined cycle with a COD
  of 2031 to coincide with the retirement of Winyah
- Secured capacity using purchased power agreements for 250 MW in 2024-2028 and 150 MW in 2025-2028
- The IRP Update that was filed in September 2024 reflects the latest load growth projections

### > Reduced fuel cost

 System risk mitigation by hedging volume and cost related to natural gas, coal, coal transportation surcharge, and purchased power agreements



### The Authority has hedged a significant portion of its upcoming fuel exposure

	2025			2026		
	Volume Cost			Volume	Cost	
	Coverage	Coverage		Coverage	Coverage	
Coal	93%	70%		80%	46%	
Natural Gas	75%	73%		37%	39%	
Purchased Power - Energy	84%	54%		66%	37%	
System Overall	89%	67%		71%	43%	

<sup>1.</sup> Coverage is based on the 2025 Budget system exposure which considers the economic dispatch to service our load forecast. The system is set up to fuel switch between resources based on daily pricing which incentivizes leaving some volume open to the market. Coal coverage is targeting a coal pile of 800,000 to 1,200,000 tons. Natural gas is targeting coverage for the Rainey Combined Cycle Unit, the most efficient in the fleet, 100% through 2025 and 50% 2026-2031 as well as other natural gas related exposures for other resources. Purchased Power Energy includes PURPA arrangements for renewables and SEPA as well as agreements for long term purchases through 2028.

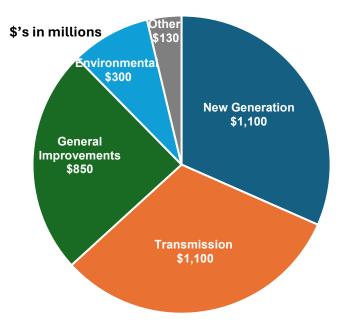
<sup>2.</sup> As of December 31, 2024

### Financial Overview | Debt Plan



# The Authority has a significant amount of new money needs and refunding opportunities over the next few years

 Current projections estimate the total cost of the capital improvement program for 2025 through 2027 at approximately \$3.5 billion which will be funded through a combination of internally generated funds as well as debt

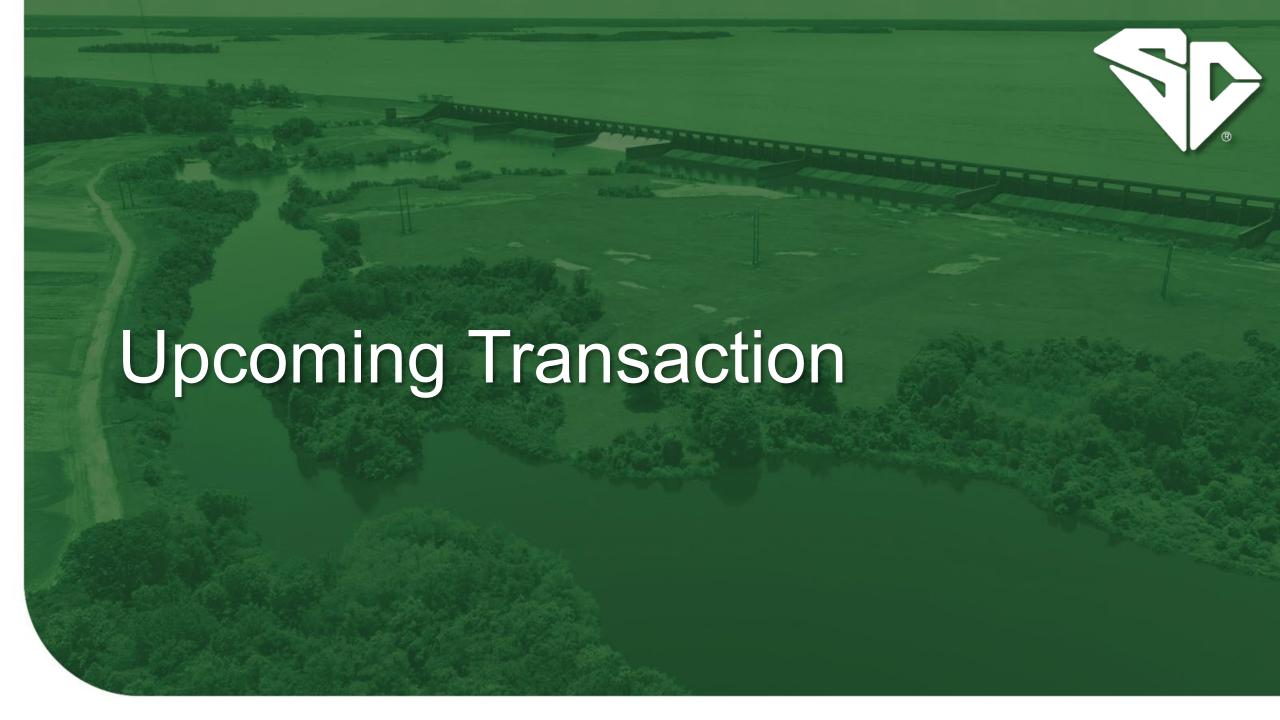


 \$2.6 billion is expected to be funded through longterm debt • The Authority has approximately \$1.7 billion of tax-exempt bonds that are or will become callable over the next two years:

Refunding		2025	2026		
Bonds	Call Date	Callable Par	Callable Par		Total
2014C *	12/1/2024	\$325,405,000		\$	325,405,000
2015A *	6/1/2025	344,840,000			344,840,000
2015E	12/1/2025	108,125,000			108,125,000
2016A	6/1/2026		457,735,000		457,735,000
2016B	12/1/2026		408,705,000		408,705,000
2016C	12/1/2026		41,140,000		41,140,000
Total		\$778,370,000	\$ 907,580,000	\$1	1,685,950,000

<sup>\*</sup> A portion of which to be refunded by the 2025B bonds

- Exceptions Agreement Funding:
  - The Authority will initially fund the Recovery Amount from bank facilities.
  - The Authority expects to borrow approximately \$69 million, in addition to the \$481 million previously borrowed, to fund the remaining portion of the \$550 million Resolution Amount.
  - The Authority will also borrow amounts to fund the remaining components of the Recovery Amount which includes interest from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 and costs of issuance.
  - The Authority will attempt to refinance the Recovery Amount through the issuance of long-term debt as soon as reasonably practicable.
  - Long-term issuance to be approved by the South Carolina Joint Bond Review Committee, and the parties to the Exceptions Agreement agree to cooperate to seek such approval.



# Upcoming Transaction | Structure & Schedule\* and Key Contacts

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### Structure\*

#### 2025A Bonds and 2025C Bonds

Financing a portion of the costs of the capital improvement program of the System which includes repaying certain notes outstanding under the Authority's bank and/or commercial paper facilities

#### 2025B Bonds

Refund a portion of the Authority's outstanding 2014 Series C and 2015 Series A Bonds

### An insurance policy may be obtained for a portion of the Bonds

Financing Schedule				
Post POS	February 14			
Bond Pricing	February 25			
Board Approval of Bonds	February 26			
Closing	March 11			

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