



March 24, 2026

To: Sean Lanier, City Engineer
From: Doug Peebles, Director of Ocala Electric Utility
Subject: Request to Rename Baseline Substation

Dear Mr. Lanier,

Pursuant to the City of Ocala's Honorary Designation Policy governing the naming and renaming of public property, I respectfully submit this request to rename the Baseline Substation, located at 950 NE 58th Avenue, as the **Marshall T. Penuel Substation**.

The Baseline Substation is a critical component of Ocala Electric Utility's infrastructure, supporting the reliable delivery of electric service to a significant portion of our community. The proposed renaming is intended to honor an individual whose career and contributions exemplify the City's criteria for honorary designation through exceptional service and lasting impact.

Mr. Marshall T. Penuel dedicated his career to Ocala Electric Utility and played a vital role in the development, expansion, and long-term reliability of the City's electric system. Over the course of his 42-year career, he contributed directly to the construction of substantial portions of the system, including the installation of hundreds of miles of conductor, hundreds of transformers, and thousands of poles. His work helped establish the foundation of the electric infrastructure that continues to serve Ocala today.

Beyond his technical contributions, Mr. Penuel was widely respected for his leadership, mentorship, and character. He was known for his patience, professionalism, and commitment to teaching others, ensuring that work was performed safely and to the highest standards. His influence shaped generations of employees and reinforced a culture of safety, accountability, and craftsmanship within the organization.

Mr. Penuel also maintained a strong personal connection to the area surrounding the Baseline Substation, having lived and worked in close proximity to the site. This connection further underscores the significance and appropriateness of this proposed recognition.

This request is honorary in nature and administrative in application. The renaming will not impact utility operations, service delivery, or public access. Upon approval, staff will coordinate all necessary updates to signage, records, and documentation in accordance with City procedures.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if any additional information is needed to support this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Peebles".

3-24-26

Doug Peebles
Director, Ocala Electric Utility