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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPA Docket Center
Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0124
Mail Code 28221T
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: Comments Submitted by City of Ocala, Florida
Response to Regulatory Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0124

Submitted Electronically at: <https://regulations.gov>

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Ocala, Florida submits the following comments in support to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed repeal of greenhouse gases (GHGs) emission standards for fossil fuel-fired electric generating units (EGUs), published under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0124.

The City of Ocala, Florida is a municipal electric utility serving approximately 58,000 customers in the State of Florida. As a member of the Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA), we rely on FMPA's wholesale power supply to provide reliable and affordable electricity to our community. Natural gas generation is a critical component of our energy mix, enabling us to meet customer demand efficiently while maintaining affordability. We strongly support the proposed rule changes, which balance environmental protection with the need for energy security and cost-effective electric rates. The proposed repeal acknowledges the operational challenges of prematurely retiring dependable baseload generation which is vital for meeting Florida's growing energy demands and mitigating price volatility. In Florida, unique weather and demand patterns, combined with the current lack of cost-effective large-scale storage solutions, limit our ability to rely on alternative energy sources. Additionally, our state's limited capacity to import power from other regions heightens the importance of maintaining reliable local generation.

We appreciate EPA's recognition of these practical challenges and its commitment to providing regulatory certainty, which enables utilities like the City of Ocala, Florida to plan and invest in infrastructure responsibly while continuing to serve our community effectively.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact our Chief Financial Officer Janice Mitchell at 352-629-8561 or by electronic mail at jmitchell@ocalafl.gov.

Sincerely,

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Chief Financial Officer
Ocala Electric Utility Director
Florida Municipal Power Agency