The Sustainability Workshop of the Orlando Utilities Commission was held Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at 12:00 P.M., in the Orlando Utilities Commission’s Seventh Floor Open Area.

President Ferrone provided opening remarks thanking the Executive Leadership team for providing Commissioners with a sustainability update.

Ken Ksionek provided opening remarks explaining the purpose of the workshop and emphasizing OUC’s commitment to sustainability over the previous year.

Luz Aviles provided the agenda for the workshop and updated the Commission on the status of OUC’s sustainability programs.

Jan Aspuru and Clint Bullock discussed OUC’s renewable and conservation efforts.

Luz Aviles discussed sustainability programs among the local community.
President Ferrone stressed the importance of constructing solar arrays in the community, because it can help contribute to changing the way people think about sustainability.

Commissioner Kirby expressed concern regarding OUC branded electric vehicle (EV) charging stations that are maintained by other businesses, because they may be poorly maintained and reflect badly on OUC. Ms. Aviles thanked Commissioner Kirby for his concerns and assured him they would be addressed when developing the program further.

Commissioner Kirby also expressed concern about losing market share from customers purchasing at-home EV charging stations before OUC rolls out that technology. Mr. Ksionek assured Commissioner Kirby staff will look into that issue.

President Ferrone stated the importance of OUC and the City of Orlando informing the community about replacement foliage for the I-4 Ultimate Project.

President Ferrone also asked if there was any way to bring more customers to OUC sites such as the Stanton Energy Center. Ms. Harrington replied that her staff will look into bringing people to facilities in a more controlled atmosphere for set tours.

Chris Browder provided an update on corporate sustainability efforts.

Byron Knibbs explained recent research and development innovations in the field of sustainability.

Byron Knibbs, Clint Bullock and Chris Browder discussed OUC’s revised sustainability goals. A new total Clean Energy Strategy goal of 20 percent of retail sales from renewables, conservation/energy efficiency and nuclear was set. Excluding nuclear, this goal is more aggressive than any other utility in the state.

President Ferrone and Commissioner Kirby expressed concerns about the decreased conservation/energy efficiency percentage. Mr. Hearn clarified how the goal percentages were calculated, and that sustainability increases resulting from technological advances were not included in those goals. Mr. Knibbs stressed that OUC will strive for higher sustainability levels than what is in the targeted goals. President Ferrone stated that conservation and energy efficiency will continue to increase at an exponential level and that OUC should take this into consideration going forward versus past performance.

Jan Aspuru provided an update on future opportunities for sustainability efforts.
President Ferrone again thanked the Executive Leadership team for a great update. She was glad to see the number of people in attendance and the extent to which sustainability is ingrained in OUC’s culture. She encouraged staff to continue pushing the envelope in regards to sustainability.

The workshop adjourned at 1:55 P.M.