## Clint Bullock's Remarks as Prepared for Delivery RE: Litigation Update March 12, 2019 OUC Board Meeting

- Commissioners, we will continue to work with our legal team in an effort to vigorously defend OUC against the allegations that have been made by the plaintiffs.
- As Chris Browder, OUC General Counsel, just discussed\*, the most substantive legal action since the last Commission meeting was taken by us on February 8<sup>th</sup>, when our attorneys filed a Notice of Removal with the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.
- Our public statement regarding this filing, and others like it, have been posted on a new "Stanton Update" page we have created on our OUC website. In addition to the "update" page, we have made outreach to several community leaders who have been eager to learn more about Stanton.
- Thank you.

\*Update Provided by OUC General Counsel:

- February 8 we filed our notice of removal from state court in Orange County to federal district court in Orlando. The case has been assigned to Judge Dalton.
- March 4 the parties held an in-person case management conference consistent with the federal rules and the court's direction. This meeting was for the purpose of discussing agreed dates, discovery parameters and other procedural matters.
- March 11 the parties jointly filed a case management report with the federal court proposing a mutually agreed upon scheduling proposal for the case developed during the case management conference. Under that proposal the plaintiffs and defendants have agreed on a tentative schedule for the case that would provide for a trial in the case, if necessary, in approximately 2.5 years. This time period is typical for complex class action cases of this type and is necessary due to the technical and scientific issues that likely will involve reports and testimony by multiple experts on both sides.