



The Power Source

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Power Profile: Danielle Mulligan
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Congratulations on your recent promotion to Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Corporate Communications for Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. What lessons have you held on to since starting your career at CPK's subsidiary Florida Public Utilities that are preparing you to face the challenges of today?

Stepping into this new role during a global pandemic, economic turmoil, and social unrest has certainly come with its challenges..... Read More

As you think about your association work (SGA, FNGA) and now your increased responsibility with the Chesapeake Utilities family of companies, what do you see as the natural gas industry's greatest challenges going forward?

Today, we see our country struggling with a current economic crisis, a global health pandemic and the consequences of social injustices and inequality. Read More

The importance of communication during times of crisis cannot be overstated. What are some of the best practices you would share in the balance of relaying information while fostering calm and professionalism?

When relaying information in a professional manner, crisis communications have to be strongly rooted in integrity, accountability..... Read More

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Florida's Women in energy Leadership Forum Presents a
Webinar Featuring Dr. Mary Ritz

WEBINAR

Maintaining Relevance in a
Distance Working World



Thursday, June 25
10:00 AM-11:00 AM





Utility Companies Speak Up Against Civil Injustices

Duke Energy Pledges \$1 Million in Grants to Support Social Justice and Racial Equality

Duke Energy, through its foundation, is pledging \$1 million to nonprofit organizations committed to social justice and racial equity.

“The \$1 million in grants and expanded internal programs builds upon the company’s past efforts to support and encourage diversity, inclusion and equity in our company and communities.”

However, much more work is needed, and the company will continue to engage local organizations and leaders to understand how to be a part of the long-term solution to the social justice issues our communities face

[Read Duke Energy’s Full Press Release](#)



Delmarva Deploying ‘Virtual Power Plant’ to Serve Remote Peninsula

Exelon utility Delmarva Power has selected California-based distributed resource aggregator SunVerge to install an innovative “virtual power plant” using aggregated behind-the-meter batteries to address reliability issues on a remote peninsula in Maryland.

The Elk Neck virtual power plant (VPP) will serve homes in an isolated region along Chesapeake Bay that is currently served by a single four-mile power line through the heavily forested region, making the community vulnerable to power outages. The remotely operated project will consist of .55 megawatts/2.2 MW-hours of aggregated residential batteries to provide backup power and also serve as peak shaving and reactive power support.

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A Message from Kim Greene, President and CEO, Southern Company Gas

“Southern Company Gas is unwavering in its commitment to deliver clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy for our customers, our neighbors and our communities while being a citizen where we live and serve. Our service starts with listening to – and learning from – our customers so we fully understand how to best meet their needs, and we take pride in our ability to provide them with clear, open and honest communication.”

“Right now, we’re in a moment in history that is counting on us to be more intentional in our efforts to listen, learn and act. To do that, we must first take care of each other. Reach out to coworkers who are hurting, particularly our black brothers and sisters. Rally around them and lend support”

[Read The Full Message](#)



Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Issues a Message on Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion, and Acceptance

Chesapeake’s Jeff Householder issued the following statement:

“I want to reaffirm to you, in writing, Chesapeake Utilities’ commitment to a workplace that embraces a culture of diversity, inclusion and acceptance. We must be open and receptive to people of different backgrounds and views. We must reject bigotry and intolerance in every form.”

“We don’t have all the answers and we have a long way to go. But, thoughtful dialogue and purposeful, immediate action moves us in the right direction. The Diversity and Inclusion Task Force that we formed this week to consolidate our efforts and accelerate our actions throughout the Company is a good step.”

[Read the Full Message Here](#)





Congratulations Corner

Christopher Hanson Sworn in as NRC Commissioner



Christopher T. Hanson was sworn in by NRC Chairman Kristine L. Svinicki as the fifth NRC Commissioner. Hanson was nominated by President Donald J. Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve the remainder of a five-year term expiring June 30, 2024. Hanson will begin serving his term immediately.

Hanson has more than two decades of government and private sector experience in the fields of nuclear energy. Prior to joining the NRC, he served as a staff member on the Senate Appropriations Committee [Read More](#)

Commissioner Melissa McKinlay Takes Over as President of Florida Association of Counties



Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay has been elected by county officials statewide to lead the Florida Association of Counties, a group that lobbies in Tallahassee on behalf of Florida's 67 counties. Her district includes agricultural communities in western part of the county. McKinlay's theme for her term as president is "Farm to Metro."

Duke Energy Florida Adds 3 New Solar Plants

Duke Energy Florida filed the locations for three new solar plants, which will provide cleaner, smarter energy solutions to benefit Florida customers. Collectively, the company's Florida solar plants will eliminate nearly 3 billion pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually. The addition of these plants will complete Duke Energy Florida's 700 megawatt commitment. Read more about the three new locations below.

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Tampa Electric Company Appoints New Board Member

The Tampa Electric Co. board of directors today appointed Jacqueline L. Bradley to the board, effective immediately. This board oversees both the company's electric utility, Tampa Electric, and its natural gas utility, TECO Peoples Gas. "Jacqui brings a wealth of financial experience and will be a great addition to the Tampa Electric Co. board," said Scott Balfour, chairman of the board. "We are delighted she is joining us." [Read More](#)

Tejeda Lynne, Keys Energy Services, Elected to APPA Board of Directors



Tejeda Lynne, Keys Energy Services General Manager and CEO, today was elected to a three-year term on the American Public Power Association Board of Directors. This is the second time Lynne has been elected to serve on APPA's Board. Lynne's dedication

to public power is reflected in her numerous leadership roles at the state and national levels over her 30-year career. Lynne is a true champion for Keys Energy Services, Key West, and public power.

Bioenergy DevCo and Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Partner

Bioenergy DevCo (BDC), a leading global developer of anaerobic digestion facilities that create renewable energy and healthy soil products from organic material, has entered into an agreement with Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (CPK), a NYSE-listed diversified energy company, on a project to remove excess organics from the poultry industry and convert it into renewable natural gas. Organic waste can be converted into a carbon-negative energy source. Beyond the environmental and energy benefits, this project will also support the economy in the Delmarva region.

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