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Power Profile: Tiffany Reese
B2B Marketing Specialist
SouthStar Energy (Florida Natural Gas)

Elaborate on your role with SouthStar Energy. What are your responsibilities?

I am the B2B Marketing Specialist for SouthStar Energy (Florida Natural Gas). In that capacity I am responsible for the marketing strategy and subsequent communications – my role is really a marrying of creative strategic conceiving[Read More](#)

You did not begin your career in energy. What educational background, professional positions led you to your current position?

My position at SouthStar was an unexpected opportunity. Prior to this, I developed my skillset through several positions that provide work streams that I've now been able to coalesce..... [Read More](#)

Based upon your own personal experiences in your profession, what has been the biggest challenge you have faced or lesson you have learned?

One of the most important lessons that I've learned is life is not a straight line. There is learning, opportunity and growth in the detours and obstacles that you encounter.....[Read More](#)

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Congratulations Corner: Former FWELF Student Gloria Li Continues Career With LEED Green Associate Exam

Gloria Li, a former FWELF student, continues to pursue her career in the energy industry by taking the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Associate exam. This certification provides third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance in energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts. [Read More](#)



The White House Announces the Nomination of Allison Clements and Mark C. Christie to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission



President Donald J. Trump recently announced the nomination of Allison Clements, and Commissioner Mark Christie to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Mark Christie is the Chairman of the Virginia State Corporation Commission. He is one of the Nation's longest-serving state utility regulators, having served for 16 years. Mr. Christie has served in several leadership roles in multi-state organizations of state utility regulators. Mr. Christie received his law degree from Georgetown and has extensive experience in constitutional law and public policy.

**Commissioner
Mark Christie**

Allison Clements has over two decades of public and private sector experience in Federal energy regulation. Ms. Clements is the founder and president of Goodgrid, LLC, an energy policy and strategy consulting firm based in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ms. Clements has also worked as corporate counsel in the energy regulatory sector and has a JD from The George Washington University School of Law.



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, is an independent agency that regulates the interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas, and oil. FERC also reviews proposals to build liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals and interstate natural gas pipelines as well as licensing hydropower projects.

Allison Clements [Read The White House press release here](#)

Florida PSC Approves Agreements on Utility Storm Protection Plans



The Florida Public Service Commission recently approved agreements involving Florida Power & Light, Gulf Power, Duke Energy Florida and Tampa Electric Co. that deal with long-term plans to strengthen electric systems to better withstand storms. "The storm protection plans outlined in the Agreements follow the policy set out by the Legislature to further 'mitigate restoration costs and limit outage times for customers,'" said PSC Chairman Gary Clark. "The PSC determined the Agreements are in the public interest because the programs continue to strengthen Florida's grid and improve recovery times from severe weather events."

**Chairman Gary Clark
Florida PSC**

Following legislation passed in 2019, new PSC rules require Florida's investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to file 10-year SPPs outlining initiatives to strengthen infrastructure to withstand extreme weather for PSC approval. The PSC is also required to provide an annual report on the status of the IOU's storm protection activities to the Governor and the Legislature. [Read More](#)

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Reminds Customers and Contractors to Call 811 Before You Dig

August 11th marked "National Call Before you Dig Day", a reminder to call 811 and have utility-owned underground lines marked prior to digging. Chesapeake Utilities reminded the public that "digging underground without locating underground natural gas and/or propane pipe, electric lines or other service lines can cause serious injury, damages and service interruptions. Every digging project warrants a call to 811."

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Florida Public Power Organizations Launch Social Media Campaign in Advance of August 26th Appreciation Day



August 26th is Florida Lineworker Appreciation Day, recognizing the dedicated service line workers provide Florida citizens year-round. In advance of the appreciation day, the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) and the Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPPA) launched a social media campaign to honor Florida's public power lineworkers. The campaign will feature lineworkers from Florida's 33 public power communities and focus on different aspects of "line life".

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the campaign by liking, sharing and retweeting the posts, as well as sending their own messages of thanks through social media using the hashtags #ThankALineman and #LineLife.

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Shannon O. Pierce Named Vice President, Growth and Chief External Affairs Officer for SouthStar Energy Services



Shannon O. Pierce (pictured left) has been named Vice President, Growth and Chief External Affairs Officer for SouthStar Energy Services and will be responsible for creating new value-driven relationships that drive new lines of revenue by focusing on customer needs and new markets for sustained growth.

She also will lead SouthStar's efforts in maintaining and building strategic relationships with regulatory and government agencies, and industry associations, and will direct the strategy for expanding the organization's overall profile in the communities in which it operates.

Dr. Mary Ritz Offering Professional Development Live Online Courses

Dr. Mary Ritz, Founder & Owner, Almenta International is offering five courses beginning in September on professional development. Each course is offered as a series and will accommodate a maximum of 16 participants. Dr. Ritz is a certified John Maxwell Speaker & Trainer and a Leadership, Teams and Customer Management Expert Find out more information below:

1. Essential Skills for Successful Leaders
2. Leading Virtual Teams
3. Developing Resilience
4. Art of Influential Communication
5. Conflict Management



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