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Power Profile: Susan Schumann
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Congratulations on your new role with Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) as Public Relations and External Affairs Manager. What are your responsibilities and goals for this new opportunity?

Thank you. I'm so excited about this opportunity! I've been with FMPA for 22 years, and my responsibilities over time have spread across the entire Agency, including [Read More](#)

FMPA is not an association but it has member companies. Could you provide some understanding of the overall role and mission of FMPA please?

I'm always happy to talk about our organization! FMPA is a project-oriented joint action agency, comprised of 31 municipal electric utilities located throughout the state, and our mission is to provide low-cost, reliable and clean power..... [Read More](#)

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

I have always welcomed challenges personally and professionally. I consider them to be opportunities for growth and learning. It's easy to succeed, grow and learn during the good times..... [Read More](#)

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Colette D. Honorable to Join The Board of Directors of Southern Company as an Independent Director

The Board of Directors of Southern Company announced the election of Colette D. Honorable as an independent director. Honorable will join the Business Security and Resiliency Committee, and the Finance Committee.

“Colette has extensive energy policy and regulation experience at the local, state and national level. Her knowledge will fortify Southern Company’s position as a leader in the advancement of ideas and positions in the private and public arenas that are beneficial to customers,” said Southern Company chairman, President and CEO Thomas A. Fanning. [Read the Press Release Here](#)



Updates From Duke Energy

Duke Energy FL Announces Three New Battery Storage Sites

Recently, Duke Energy Florida announced three new battery storage sites, including special needs shelter and first pairing with utility solar.

- 18 MW of battery storage at Lake Placid Solar Power Plant
- 8.25 MW of storage in Alachua County to enhance power quality
- 3.5 MW microgrid of solar-plus storage at John Hopkins Middle School, a special needs emergency shelter in Pinellas County

The nearly 30 megawatts will enhance power quality, reliability and critical services during outages. “Batteries are an exciting technology that allows us to bring more renewables onto the grid and support resiliency in our communities,” said Catherine Stempien, Duke Energy Florida state President. “These projects help us determine the best uses so that when battery storage technology becomes even more cost-competitive, as it is projected to do, we can deploy them quickly for the benefit of our customers.”

[Read the full press release](#)

Duke Energy Advances Climate Strategy with Aggressive Pledge to Electrify Vehicle Fleet by 2030

Duke Energy is continuing its push to reduce carbon emissions with a new pledge to convert most of its current 10,000-vehicle fleet to electric or another zero-carbon alternative in just 10 years. With approximately 600 electric vehicles (EVs) already in its fleet, the utility says it will continue to pursue electrification as more electric vehicle options become available.

“We’ve set a bold vision to achieve net-zero carbon emissions from electric generation by 2050. But beyond how we generate power, we’re looking at other ways to transform our business to reduce emissions,” said Lynn Good, chair, President and CEO.

The new plans include:

- Converting 100% of its light-duty vehicles to electric and 50% of its combined fleet of medium-duty, heavy-duty and off-road vehicles to EVs, plug-in hybrids or other zero-carbon alternatives
- By 2030, the company will reduce CO2 emissions by 60,000 metric tons and petroleum usage by 10 million gallons annually.

[Read the full press release](#)

Duke Energy Florida Supports Community Social Justice and Racial Equity Efforts with \$180,000 in Foundation Grants



Duke Energy Florida is awarding 23 grants totaling \$180,000 to nonprofit organizations working to address social justice and racial equity in the Sunshine State. According to the press release, the grants are funded by the Duke Energy Foundation as part of a \$1 million commitment to support social justice and racial equity in the communities the company serves across seven states, including Florida.

“At Duke Energy, we are committed to diversity, inclusion, fairness and equality,” said Catherine Stempien, president of Duke Energy Florida. “These grants are one way we are living our values, supporting our employees, and helping our communities emerge from today’s turbulent times as places where everyone is treated as full and equal partners in our society.” In addition to the Foundation grants, Duke Energy is strengthening its internal diversity and inclusion programs to foster greater awareness, respect and inclusion.

[Read the full press release](#)



Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Named Top Workplace for Ninth Consecutive Year

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation recently announced that the Company has been recognized as a Top Workplace in Delaware for the ninth consecutive year. Chesapeake Utilities is one of only two companies to receive this honor nine consecutive years.

“The Top Workplace award recognizes our employees’ dedication and teamwork, which remain essential to our strong culture that encourages employees to be authentic leaders,” said Jeff Householder, President and Chief Executive Officer for Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. “Each employee at Chesapeake Utilities is a valued member of our team, bringing diverse and inclusive perspectives to help achieve our goals. The Company continues to promote the growth and development of its employees, including the Strategic thinking and creative energy that are integral to our success. “

[Read the full press release](#)

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Partners with Atlanta Gas Light to Build CNG Filling Station at Port of Savannah

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation recently announced that the Company has entered into an agreement with Atlanta Gas Light (AGL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Southern Company Gas, for AGL to construct and maintain a compressed natural gas (CNG) filling station at the Port Fuel Center located in Port Wentworth near the Port of Savannah in Georgia. The station will provide a strategic staging area and CNG supply source for the Company’s Marlin Gas Services subsidiary’s (Marlin) CNG virtual pipeline operations. Marlin is a premier North American supplier of mobile CNG utility and pipeline natural gas solutions and the savannah location will provide greater access to Marlin’s customers in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

[Read the full press release](#)

Fortistar, Rumpke Waste & Recycling and Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Announce \$33 Million Project to Address Global Climate Change

Fortistar, a privately-owned investment firm that addresses global challenges, and Rumpke Waste & Recycling, one of the nation’s largest privately-owned residential and commercial waste and recycling firms, announced commencement of construction of the Noble Road Landfill Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Project, a \$33 million transportation decarbonization project in Shiloh, Ohio.

The project will extract and capture waste methane from the Noble Road landfill in Ohio and transform it into Renewable Natural Gas (RNG). The RNG will be distributed through a key partner, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation affiliate Aspire Energy’s pipelines. The fuel will be dispensed in fueling stations for natural gas vehicles via Trustar Energy, a Fortistar portfolio company. Like carbon dioxide, methane is a greenhouse gas (GHG) that contributes to climate change, but is 30 times more potent as a heat-trapping gas. The Noble Road Project will capture 20,323 tons of methane emissions, the equivalent of 49,940 tons of carbon dioxide, per year and produce RNG. Instead of simply flaring or burning the methane, the naturally occurring gas will generate sustainable energy and jobs in the community. It will produce 6.9 million gallons of gasoline gallon equivalents (GGE) per year, which is enough to fuel 725 biofuel trucks—displacing diesel fuel for those vehicles—and creating approximately 35 to 40 construction jobs and three permanent green operations jobs to ensure the ongoing production of this sustainable energy source.

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