



The Power Source

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A Message From FWELF Founder Lila Jaber

Dear Power Source readers and friends to Florida's Women in Energy Leadership Forum,

As we close out the year, I wanted to send personal greetings and a wish for your continued good health, prosperity, and happiness. It is time to look and move forward to better days and opportunities. For some, this year brought great sadness and grief. We all know friends and family that have suffered loss from COVID. For all of you, our FWELF family lifts you in prayer and good thoughts for healing. To all of us, we should be frequently reminded that we, as Americans, are resilient. We know resilience well. It's what YOU do and provide as an industry every day; it's what we have to remember in life. 2021 will focus on RESILIENCE. It is a year of healing, moving forward, teamwork, and empathy. It will be a year where we help to demonstrate your RESILIENCE. Thank you for all that you do. Thank you for your leadership.

In loving memory of Edward F. Tancer, Shareholder, Gunster law firm and former General Counsel, Nextera Energy. The state lost a great leader and humanitarian. Friends and business leaders across the state describe Ed as an altruistic, selfless giver who understood the immense impact of a good deed. To honor his generous spirit and legacy as a leader in our community, [The Ed Tancer Scholarship Fund](#) has been established as an endowed scholarship at the University of Florida. The Ed Tancer Scholarship Fund will award annual scholarships to support undergraduate Political Science students that reflect some of Ed's best personal characteristics, including volunteerism and community service. To donate to the Ed Tancer Scholarship Fund, please visit UFGive.to/EdTancerFund.

Warmest Regards,
Lila Jaber
Founder, Florida's Women in Energy Leadership Forum

FWELF 2021: RESILIENCE



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Florida PSC Approves FPL's Electric Vehicle Charging Tariffs



*Chairman Gary Clark
Florida PSC*

Acknowledging electric vehicle (EV) owners' fear of being stranded with a drained battery far from a charging station, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) recently provided a jumpstart to Florida's sustainable transportation future. The Commission approved Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL) three optional EV charging pilot tariffs, facilitating more charging opportunities.

"Continued growth of the electric-vehicle industry will require widespread charging infrastructure and appropriate electricity plans to enable deployment along state highways," said PSC Chairman Gary Clark. "We determined that FPL offering a utility-based rate as an option to EV customers during the industry's developmental stage promotes the public interest and is expected to provide value to customers." [Read More](#)

Duke Energy named one of North America's top sustainable companies for 15th straight year

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – With its expansion of renewable energy and significant reduction in carbon emissions, combined with its continued focus on social responsibility, Duke Energy was recently named to the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) for North America for the 15th consecutive year.

"Trust begins with transparency and our stakeholders want to see our progress on the environmental, social and governance topics that matter most," said Katherine Neebe, Duke Energy's chief sustainability officer and president, Duke Energy Foundation. "As we focus on delivering affordable, reliable and increasingly clean energy for our customers and communities, it's an honor to be named to the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for 15 straight years." [Read More](#)

NAES Corporation Acquires Bay4 Energy

ISSAQUAH, Wash., Dec. 7, 2020 / PRNewswire/ -- NAES Corporation ("NAES") announced that it acquired Bay4 Energy Services, LLC ("Bay4"), a leading independent renewable energy service provider, effective 12/02/20.

"We are excited that Bay4 will be joining the NAES family, bringing with it more than 30 years of asset performance and portfolio management experience," said Norm Escover, Interim CEO of NAES. "The acquisition of Bay4 further strengthens the breadth and depth of our capabilities by adding 1.6GW of solar power to the NAES Power Services portfolio, progressing our footprint within the renewable energy sector." [Read More](#)

Florida Public Utilities Company Recognized as a Top Workplace in Central Florida

YULEE, FL – Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (NYSE: CPK), announced recently that the Company has once again been recognized as a Top Workplace in Central Florida. In August, Chesapeake Utilities' Delaware operating companies were recognized as a Top Workplace in Delaware for a ninth consecutive year.

"This Top Workplace award recognizes our FPUC employees' drive and dedication and is a result of the personal connections they make with our customers and communities, and their commitment to delivering safe and reliable energy service every day," said Jeff Householder, President and Chief Executive Officer for Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. [Read More](#)



*Jeff Householder,
President and CEO
Chesapeake Utilities Corporation*

Congratulations Corner

Florida PSC Commissioner Julie Brown Appointed to DOE Natural Gas Partnership



*Julie Brown
Commissioner
Florida PSC*

Florida Public Service Commissioner Julie Brown has been appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Natural Gas Partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Partnership will facilitate the exchange of information on emerging regulatory and technological solutions to advance the safety, reliability, resilience, affordability and environmental performance of the nation's natural gas infrastructure.

"I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to working with fellow NARUC members and the DOE to examine the critical issues related to natural gas regulation," said PSC Commissioner Julie Brown. [Read More](#)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Adds Allison Clements and Mark Christie

The United States Senate recently voted to confirm the nominations of Republican Mark Christie and Democrat Allison Clements to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In July the bipartisan pair was announced by the White House

"I have known and worked with both Mark Christie and Allison Clements for many years, and given their knowledge and experience, I know they will serve the nation well as our energy grid undergoes a major transition," said investor-owned utility trade group Edison Electric Institute's Executive Vice President Phil Moeller. [Read More](#)

Carolyn Bermudez Selected to Lead Liberty Utilities Georgia Operations



*Carolyn Bermudez
President, Georgia
Operations
Liberty Utilities*

Liberty Utilities recently announced that Carolyn Bermudez has been appointed President of Georgia operations. Carolyn brings more than 30 years of natural gas utility experience in operations, financial analysis, regulatory affairs, customer relations and system integrations. She was most recently the Vice President and General Manager of Florida City Gas where she oversaw the day-to-day operations of the utility. In this role she provided strategic direction for the utility's core operations including field operations, customer relations, engineering and construction, measurement, pressure control and market development and growth. Florida City Gas, a subsidiary of Florida Power and Light, is the second largest natural gas utility in Florida serving over 112,000 customers.

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TECO Peoples Gas and Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Announce Completion of Callahan Pipeline in Northeast Florida

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation announced today that its Florida subsidiary, Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc., in collaboration with SeaCoast Gas Transmission, an affiliate of Tampa-based TECO Peoples Gas, have completed the Callahan Intrastate Pipeline, bringing additional natural gas capacity to Nassau and Duval Counties. The new supply source will enable both Chesapeake Utilities subsidiary Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) and Peoples Gas to expand natural gas distribution service in this growing area of Florida. [Read More](#)



PSC Approves FPL's COVID 19 Relief Tariff for Small Business Customers

TALLAHASSEE — With many small businesses facing economic disruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) offered some relief for the challenges they face. The Commission approved Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL) tariff providing financial assistance to small business customers impacted by the pandemic.

Under the approved FPL tariff, qualifying small businesses will receive a monthly 10 percent credit on the energy charge portion of their FPL bill through December 31, 2021.

To qualify, a customer must receive service under the General Service, General Service Time of Use, or General Service Constant Usage rate schedule and not exceed a monthly demand of 21 kilowatts. The customer will also need to meet one of the following criteria:

- A new small business account;
- A small business operation inactive for at least six months; or
- An existing small business customer operating in a community under the "Opportunity Zone Program," as defined by the U.S. Department of Treasury. The Opportunity Zone Program encourages businesses, developers, and financial institutions to invest long-term capital in low-income census tract areas.

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Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Subsidiary Acquires Western Natural Gas Company

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (NYSE: CPK) recently announced that its propane subsidiary, Sharp Energy, has acquired Western Natural Gas Company in Jacksonville, Florida. "This is an important acquisition for our Company as it enables Sharp Energy to immediately expand the availability of its propane operations into Florida and build upon our existing propane footprint," said Jeff Householder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. "Sharp Energy continues to expand and generate strong performance for our Company. They are an industry leader, providing community gas systems, wholesale capabilities and propane AutoGas to customers throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Acquiring Western Natural Gas will assist us in meeting customer demand and expanding our propane distribution foundation in Florida." [Read More](#)

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