



# The Power Source

## Igniting the Future of Florida

### *A Message From FWELF Founder Lila Jaber*

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

As we begin 2021 I would like to wish each of you a very happy new year and happy new beginnings. This year we will continue to issue monthly publications of The Power Source, a source of information and communication across the energy industry. If there is anything you would like to see included in our monthly publication, please let us know. The Power Source will also include updates on FWELF 2021: Resilience, October 27-29 at the JW Marriott Grande Lakes in Orlando, exciting information on keynote speakers, sponsors, and programming coming soon.

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



### *Congratulations Corner: Mike LaRosa Sworn in as Florida PSC Commissioner*

Mike La Rosa was recently sworn in as a Commissioner on the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) by Pastor Josh Fletcher with the Pipeline Church. Governor Ron DeSantis appointed La Rosa to the PSC for a four-year term beginning January 2, 2021. "I am pleased to join the Florida Public Service Commission," said Commissioner La Rosa, who most recently served in the Florida House of Representatives. "Being able to continue serving the people of Florida is an honor, and as a Commissioner, I'm ready to tackle utility-related issues to ensure customers receive safe and reliable service." [Read more](#)



## *News From The Florida Public Service Commission*

### *PSC Approves Renewable Natural Gas Service for Florida City Gas*

According to a recent press release from The Florida Public Service Commission, the PSC recently approved a new Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Service tariff for Florida City Gas (FCG). FCG can now offer services to convert biogas into usable renewable natural gas, and receive and transport RNG through its distribution system on behalf of the biogas producer.

Under the tariff, FCG would contract to construct and operate RNG facilities on behalf of the customer. The RNG produced would be used onsite by the customer or injected into FCG's distribution system on behalf of the customer. [Read more](#)



### *Hillsborough County Recognized with Florida PSC's Triple E Award*



**Hillsborough County Florida**

Recently Hillsborough County received the Florida PSC's Triple E Award for Energy Efficiency Efforts. Together partnered with its local utility, Tampa Electric Company (TECO), the county has worked to implement energy conservation measures into its facilities. "The County received rebates for our efforts in upgrading our lighting systems to lower our utility bill, reduce our carbon footprint, and provide employee comfort," said Sheila McNamara, Sustainability Manager, Hillsborough County. "We value the importance of using our county resources wisely and were pleased with the savings we achieved to remain fiscally responsible to the citizens we serve."

Because of their efforts, Hillsborough County received more than \$43,700 in rebates in 2020 alone and is saving more than 1,213,031 kilowatt hours annually. [Read more](#)



### *Florida PSC Approves Duke's Clean Energy Connection Program*



The Florida Public Service Commission recently reached a stipulated agreement on Duke Energy Florida's (DEF) Clean Energy Connection (CEC) program. Signatories to the Stipulation are DEF, Vote Solar, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, and Walmart, Inc.

According to the press release from the PSC, "The CEC program will provide DEF customers with about 750 megawatts (MW) of new, cost-effective solar power and offer more options for qualified residents, businesses, and local governments to voluntarily participate in the program."

"The CEC program allows Duke's customers to voluntarily choose whether they want to purchase some or—subject to availability—all of the energy they use from solar," said PSC Chairman Gary Clark. "We found the program to be in the public interest because it encourages the development of renewable energy, lessens Florida's reliance on fossil fuels, and decreases carbon emissions." [Read more](#)

## *Commissioner Nikki Fried & Office of Energy Release Florida Electric Vehicle Roadmap*



*Nikki Fried  
Commissioner  
Florida Department  
of Agriculture*

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried and the Office of Energy in the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services released the [Florida Electric Vehicle \(EV\) Roadmap](#). The Florida EV Roadmap is the first comprehensive investigation into the current status and future needs of EV charging infrastructure in Florida.

The news release states that, “Florida is home to the third-most electric vehicles in the nation with 60,000 registered light-duty electric vehicles, and also ranks third for EV charging capacity with 3,907 Level 2 charging plugs and 844 direct current fast charges (DCFC) plugs in the state.” “The Roadmap includes recommended sites for charging infrastructure to meet the growing needs of the state, as well as planning recommendations on topics including permitting, emergency evacuation needs, and EV education.”

“Electric vehicles are critical to reducing energy consumption, curbing greenhouse gas emissions, and creating a sustainable transportation system in Florida,” said Commissioner Nikki Fried. “As home to the state’s Office of Energy, we are committed to establishing this roadmap that will guide the development of the nation’s best, most efficient, most equitable EV network.” [Read the full press release](#)

## *Gas South’s Infinite Energy Acquisition Expands Southeastern Footprint*



According to an article by Natural Gas Intel, “Atlanta-based natural gas marketer Gas South said it has completed its takeover of Infinite Energy, creating the largest retail natural gas provider in the Southeast. With the acquisition, Gas South expects to double its annual revenue to \$1 billion, providing natural gas to around 425,000 customers in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.”

Gas South CEO Kevin Greiner said the acquisition “would be an outstanding fit for Gas South, thanks to the quality of services they provide and the enviable culture they’ve created.” [Read more](#)

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