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Power Profile: Bentina Terry
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You are a natural leader and you're a servant leader at that. What are the qualities that one must have to really be considered an effective leader?

There are so many qualities that make an effective leader. Two of the main ones are empathy and courage. Good leaders make sure they understand what you mentioned about being a servant leader.....[Read more](#)

Your parent company really stepped up post the George Floyd murder by releasing statements, PSA's, and the like. How has that been received by the team?

It has been well received by most. It has launched conversations within the company that we need to have. It has also stirred up.....[Read more](#)

You left us in Florida but thankfully, not too far and still part of the Southern Company family. Describe your new Role.

My team is responsible for our 1.4 million customers in Metro Atlanta and the many ways the company touches these customers and communities. We have some great partners in power delivery.....[Read more](#)

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Congratulations Corner: Duke Energy Florida names Melissa Seixas as Florida state president



Congratulations to Melissa Seixas, named Florida state president of Duke Energy Florida. She is a veteran executive and brings a strong focus on customers, communities, and collaboration. Seixas, will lead the company's work with customers, employees, policymakers and others to advance the clean energy vision for the state, expand electrification efforts, and focus on strategic philanthropic initiatives and community relations

[Read more at: Duke Energy Florida](#)

President Biden Takes Executive Actions to Tackle Climate Crisis

President Biden recently signed a series of executive orders to “tackle the climate crisis at home and abroad while creating good-paying union jobs and equitable clean energy future, building modern and sustainable infrastructure, restoring scientific integrity and evidence-based policymaking across the federal government.”

Summarized Policy Points

- **Establishes climate matters as an essential element of U.S foreign policy and national security**
 - Reaffirms the goal of short term global emission reductions and net zero global emissions by mid-century
 - Directs the Director of National Intelligence to prepare a national Intelligence Estimate on the security implications of climate change
- **Takes a Whole-of-Government Approach to the Climate Crisis**
 - Establishes the White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy led by the first-ever national Climate Advisor and the National Climate Task Force
- **Leverages the Federal Government’s Footprint and Buying Power to Lead by Example**
 - The order directs the federal agencies to procure carbon pollution-free electricity and clean, zero-emission vehicles to create good-paying, union jobs and stimulate clean energy industries.
 - The order directs each federal agency to develop a plan to increase the resilience of its facilities
 - The order directs the Secretary of the Interior to pause on entering into new oil and natural gas leases on public lands or offshore waters to the extent possible, launch a rigorous review of all existing leasing and permitting practices related to fossil fuel development on public lands and waters,
- **Secure Environmental Justice and Spur Economic Opportunity**
 - The order formalizes President Biden’s commitment to make environmental justice a part of the mission of every agency by directing federal agencies to develop programs, policies, and activities to address the disproportionate health, environmental, economic, and climate impacts on disadvantaged communities.

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Congratulations Corner: AVANGRID Appoints Catherine S. Stempien President & CEO of Avangrid Networks



AVANGRID, Inc. (NYSE: AGR), a leading sustainable energy company, announced the appointment of Catherine S. Stempien to the role of President & CEO of its subsidiary, Avangrid Networks. According to the press release, Stempien will lead AVANGRID’s largest business unit, serving 3.3 million customers with electric and gas service through eight companies in Maine, Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts. “I’m thrilled to join AVANGRID as we write the next chapter of serving our customers and our communities with clean energy solutions that meet increasing demand and fuel our local and regional economies,” said Stempien. [Read more](#)



Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Named Winner of 2021 Top Workplaces USA

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation recently earned the inaugural 2021 Top Workplaces USA award. In the program's 14-year history, more than 20 million employees across 54 markets have been surveyed for the regional Top Workplaces awards. In November 2020 Florida Public Utilities Company was recognized as a Top Workplace in Central Florida.

"This has been an incredibly challenging period for our employees, yet they continue to demonstrate every day extraordinary dedication and teamwork, which remain essential to our strong culture that encourages a commitment to community engagement, sustainability, environmental justice, and equity, diversity and inclusion", said Jeff Householder, President and CEO for Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. [Read more](#)

Maryland Approves Gas Pipeline, Saying Switch To Total Renewable Energy Will Be Incremental

The Maryland Board of Public Works unanimously approved a permit allowing Chesapeake Utilities Corporation to bore under three waterways to extend an 8 inch diameter pipeline 11 miles from existing lines. This pipeline will supply natural gas to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and the Eastern Correctional Institution. This change in fuel source will reduce carbon emissions by nearly 40%. [Read more](#)

Port Canaveral Adds State-of-the-Art Natural Gas Firefighting Vessel to Fleet

Marking its first step in becoming the first Liquefied Natural Gas cruise port, Port Canaveral added a 75 foot marine rescue vessel. The vessel cost a total of \$4.8 million with \$1.5 million coming from the state of Florida and \$1 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Liquefied Natural Gas is the cleanest burning hydrocarbon that meets global regulations, effective January 2020, to reduce environmentally harmful emissions from ships in ports.

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Florida PSC Supports Duke Energy's Five New Solar Projects

The Florida PSC recently approved cost recovery for Duke Energy Florida, LLC's development of five solar projects, totaling 374.1 Megawatts. Over the life of the projects, customer savings are estimated at \$37 million, an when carbon dioxide emission costs are included, customer savings increase to \$234 million.

"With these five projects, Duke Energy will reach more than 700 MW of solar additions since 2019. Florida customers will continue to benefit from emissions-free, cost-effective energy for decades," said PSC Chairman Gary Clark. "Customers will also benefit from increased fuel diversity and system reliability, as well as the deferral of new plant construction." [Read more](#)

Congratulations Corner: Tampa Electric Company (TECO) Appoints Archie Collins as President and Chief Executive Officer



Tampa Electric's parent company, Emera Inc., recently announced the appointment of Archie Collins as President and chief executive officer of Tampa Electric. Collins, who currently services as the company's chief operating officer, will take on the role of president and COO immediately and will transition to president and CEO in May.

"I am proud to become the next president and CEO of Tampa Electric," said Archie Collins, president and COO of Tampa Electric. "It is a privilege to be chosen to lead this team, and to help shape a future for Tampa Electric that is cleaner, greener and focused on serving our customers." [Read more](#)



Duke Energy Florida, key consumer groups reach sweeping agreement for building a smarter energy grid



Duke Energy Florida (DEF), consumer representatives and business groups have reached a sweeping agreement that will advance the clean energy vision for the state, introduce innovative programs for customers, retire coal plants faster and bring additional certainty to rates through 2024.

The agreement, filed on Jan. 14, 2021, is subject to approval by the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). Collaborative agreement includes:

- Investments in grid modernization and electric vehicle charging stations, supports programs for innovative technology
- Accelerated retirement of coal plants
- Company eliminates credit card fees from residential bill payments and offers new residential rate to enhance customer choices
- The agreement will take effect in January 2022 and will include base rate investments of approximately \$5 billion over the next three years while minimizing the impact on customer bills

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Work Begins on 409MW/900MWh Florida battery project to ease natural gas plants into retirement

Construction has begun in the US on the world's biggest solar-charged battery storage project by Florida Power & Light. FPL announced its plans for the 409 MW/900MWh in March 2019. The battery energy storage system is co-located with FPL's existing manatee Solar Energy Center ground mounted solar PV plant and is expected to be up and running towards the end of this year. PL said that in addition to resulting in carbon dioxide emissions reductions, the Manatee battery project will also save its customers some US\$100 million over the lifetime of the project by offsetting fuel costs and running on sunshine.

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2021 AABE Florida Chapter Scholarship

AABE Florida is offering a scholarship of high school graduating seniors planning to major in Business, Science, Technology, Engineering or Math that may lead to a career in the energy industry. Applications are due March 7th, 2021. To find out more information or to apply please visit: <https://scholarship.aabe.org>



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