



FLORIDA'S WOMEN IN ENERGY  
LEADERSHIP FORUM<sup>®</sup>

**Proudly Presents**

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**Monday, August 25, 2025**

***Grand Ballroom Foyer***

11:00 a.m.                    **Registration**

***Grand Ballroom***

1:00 p.m.                    **Welcome Remarks, Lila A. Jaber, Founder, Florida's Women in Energy Leadership Forum**

**Presentation of AABE Florida Scholarship, Awarded by Juliet Roulhac, Board of Directors, AABE National & Derick Farfan, AABE Florida**

1:15 p.m.                    **Keynote: Impacting the Future of Energy: Building Our Future Grid Requires Bold and Flexible Leadership, Hala Ballouz, Co-Founder, Chief Vision Officer, and Board Chair, Electric Power Engineers**

1:50 p.m.                    **Panel Discussion: Powering Tomorrow: CEO Perspectives on Leading Through Transformation and Innovation**

**Moderator: Michelle Ubben, President & CEO, Sachs Media**

**Archie Collins, President & CEO, TECO Tampa Electric**

**Matt Valle, President, NextEra Energy Transmission**

**Denise Vidal, Executive Vice President and CEO, Lee County Electric Cooperative**

**Jacob Williams, General Manager & CEO, Florida Municipal Power Agency**

3:00 p.m.                    **Fireside Chat: Clint Bullock, General Manager & CEO, OUC – The Reliable One and Immediate Past President, Florida Municipal Electric Association **Facilitated by: Lila A. Jaber****

3:45 p.m.                    **Break**

4:00 p.m.                    **Keynote: The Impact of Telecommunications on the Future of Energy  
Tami Maxwell Barron, SVP of Distribution, Georgia Power & Former President & CEO, Southern Linc**

4:45 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Impact: Customer is at the Center of Everything We Do**  
**Moderator: Jeff Johnson**, State Director, Florida, AARP  
**Kim Estrada**, AVP, Customer Operations, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation  
**Christa Brooks**, General Manager, Customer Services & Experience, Duke Energy  
**Karen Sparkman**, Vice President, Customer Experience, Tampa Electric and Peoples Gas  
**Kerry Hogan**, Vice President, Customer Experience, Southern Company Gas  
**Sandra Ericson**, EVP & Partner, rbb Communications

5:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

**Grand Ballroom Foyer**

6:00 p.m. **Reception hosted by Gunster**

7:30 p.m. **Dinner (on your own) Please NETWORK**

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

7:00 a.m. **Breakfast (on your own) Please NETWORK**

**Grand Ballroom**

8:30 a.m. **Safety Moment Presented by Siemens Energy: Madison O'Connor**, Supply Chain Management Lead & **Jessica Flores**, Head of Parts and Repair: Blades, Vanes, Combustion for Americas

8:45 a.m. **Keynote: Showing Up to Shape Tomorrow: Resilience, Policy, and Purpose in Energy, Rich Voorberg**, Siemens Energy President for North America

9:15 a.m. **Keynote: Leading With Impact, Wendy Stewart**, President, Global Commercial Banking, Bank of America

**Followed by Panel Discussion: Impact on Investment: Capital Markets and Dollars**

**Moderator: Gary Clark**, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission  
**Lucia Dempsey**, Head of Investor Relations, Chesapeake Utilities  
**Wendy Stewart**, President, Global Commercial Banking, Bank of America  
**Michael Albrecht**, Managing Partner, Ridgewood Infrastructure

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Challenges and Opportunities in a Diverse Energy Market**  
**Moderator: Amy Zubaly**, Executive Director, Florida Municipal Electric Association  
**Leilei Xiong**, Manager of Analytics, The Energy Authority  
**Scott Bishop**, AGM Energy Delivery, Lakeland Electric

*Dawn Shirreffs, Florida Director, Environmental Defense Fund*  
*Baili Connors, Project Manager-1898 Power Market, Burns & McDonnell*

11:45 a.m.

***Impact to Me and to Others: A Rewarding Career Filled with Projects and Great People (personal and inward looking)***

***Facilitated by: Sonya Montgomery, Founder, Desoto Group***

***Carolyn Bermudez, President, Liberty Utilities Georgia***

***Joanie Teofilo, CEO, The Energy Authority***

***Joann Wehle, VP, Strategy, Marketing & Communications Peoples Gas***

***Palm Ballroom***

12:40 p.m.

***Lunch and Presentation of Siemens Energy Impact Tomorrow College Scholarships, Awarded by Rich Voorberg and Sandra Guerra, Siemens Energy***

***Palm Ballroom***

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Breakout Session*

***Panel Discussion: Continuous Improvement of Systems and People to Mitigate Risk***

***Moderator: Andrew Fay, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission***

***Sandra Guerra, VP, HR North America, Siemens Energy***

***Claudia Bilotto, SVP, Southeast Region Executive, WSP***

***Bryan Batson, EVP of External Affairs, Chief External and Public Affairs Officer, Southern Company Gas***

***Hudson Hollister, Founder and CEO, HData***

***Grand Ballroom***

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Breakout Session*

***Panel Discussion: Safety and Security Must be Priorities***

***Moderator: Gabriella Passidomo Smith, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission***

***Andrena Burd, AVP Risk Management, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation***

***Heidi Whidden, Vice President of Safety and Security, TECO***

***Mark Aysta, Managing Director, Enterprise Security, Duke Energy***

***Laura Toporowski, AECOM's Vice President, US + LATAM Energy Practice Leader***

3:00 p.m.

***Coffee Break***

***Grand Ballroom***

3:30 p.m.

***Keynote: Future Focus: Investing Today, Impacting Tomorrow, Melissa Seixas, State President, Duke Energy Florida***

4:15 p.m.

***Panel Discussion: Evaluating and Incorporating the Impact from Data Centers to Energy***

***Moderator: Stephanie D. Smith, Vice President, State & Regional Affairs, TECO***

***Christopher (C.J.) Maier, SVP, Implementation, Cielo Digital Infrastructure***

***Clay Rikard, SVP System Planning, Southern Company***

***Marc Hoenstine, CEcD, Managing Director, Economic Development, Duke Energy***

***JD Rulien, Executive Director Development, NextEra Energy Resources***

***Jana Nythruva, Global Data Center Vertical Lead, Siemens Energy***

***J. Alex Kelly, Secretary, Florida Commerce***

5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

**Palm Ballroom**

6:30 p.m. **FWELF Anniversary Dinner – Cocktail Attire**  
**Presentation of FNG Future of Energy College Scholarships, Awarded by Chris Turner, Managing Director, B2B Markets, Florida Natural Gas**  
  
**Presentation of Dale Carnegie Training Scholarships, Awarded by Scott Garvis, President & CEO and Dakota Frazier, Certified Trainer**

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

**Grand Ballroom Foyer**

7:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

**Grand Ballroom**

8:00 a.m. **Fireside Chat: Powering the Economy**  
**Facilitated by: George S. LeMieux, former United States Senator, Chair, Florida Council of 100 & Chairman, Gunster**  
**Helen Wesley, President & CEO, TECO Peoples Gas**  
**Mark Wilson, President, Florida Chamber**

8:45 a.m. **Kimberly Greene, Chairman, President and CEO, Georgia Power**

9:30 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Federal Policy Implications on Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Economic Development and the Consumer**  
**Moderator: Mike Cassel, VP, Strategic Development, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation**  
**Noel Black, Chief Regulatory and External Affairs Officer, Algonquin Power/Liberty Utilities**  
**Karen Harbert, President and CEO, American Gas Association**  
**Michelle Moore, President & CEO, Groundswell**  
**Jarrett Davis, Alternative & Emerging Fuels Lead & GA Business Group Manager, HDR**

10:30 a.m. **Dale Carnegie Workshop: #Impact (Influence is Everything)**  
**Facilitated by: Dakota Frazier, Certified Trainer, Dale Carnegie**  
**Panelists: Rosanna Catalano, Vice President, Arrow Group**  
**Victoria Price Langan, Governmental Affairs Director, Chesapeake Utilities**

12:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**