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In your service as a City Commissioner, what is your role and oversight over Lakeland Electric?

My role as an elected official in a city with a municipal electric utility, Lakeland Electric, is multifaceted and deeply rooted in local accountability and community benefit. I serve as the direct link between the community and its electric utility. Specifically, I am responsible for local governance and oversight, setting policies, approving budgets, and making decisions on critical matters like rates.....read more

Lakeland Electric is a well-regarded utility in the state, as you reflect on the success of the utility and the services provided to your constituents, what do you see as the opportunities in the energy space?

Lakeland Electric, as a community-owned municipal utility, possesses a unique agility and local focus that positions it to explore compelling opportunities within the evolving "energy space." By building upon its foundation of affordable, reliable service and direct community connection.....read more

Congratulations on your appointment to lead the APPA's Policy Makers Council. As you represent the City nationally, what do you hope to achieve during your term to advance the energy initiatives of Lakeland Electric?

I am incredibly honored to step into the role of Chair for the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Policy Makers Council (PMC). This distinguished council, comprised of elected and appointed local officials from community-owned electric utilities across the U.S., serves as a crucial voice, advocating directly for public power's collective interests at the federal level.....read more

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Duke Energy partners with Brookfield to secure investment in Duke Energy Florida, expands capital plan to \$87 billion



Duke Energy recently announced it has entered into a definitive agreement for Brookfield, through its Super-Core Infrastructure strategy, to hold a 19.7% indirect equity interest in Duke Energy Florida for an aggregate amount of \$6 billion. Brookfield is a leading infrastructure investor, with over \$200 billion in assets under management across the utilities, transport, midstream and data sectors.

The all-cash transaction is an attractive and efficient form of financing. The investment supports Duke Energy's ability to serve customers in its fast-growing electric and gas utilities, strengthens its balance sheet and funds ongoing capital needs associated with its energy modernization strategy. The investment represents a significant premium to Duke Energy's current public equity valuation. Two billion dollars of the proceeds from the transaction will fund Duke Energy's increased \$87 billion, five-year capital plan and \$4 billion will be used to displace holding company debt.

"For more than a century, we've had the privilege of serving extraordinary Florida communities, which are now some of the most dynamic and fastest growing in the nation," said Harry Sideris, president and chief executive officer. "We're pleased to have Brookfield, a highly regarded infrastructure investor, as a long-term partner in Duke Energy Florida. This significant transaction at a compelling valuation best positions Duke Energy to unlock additional capital investments in Duke Energy Florida during this unprecedented growth period. It also materially strengthens Duke Energy's overall credit profile, which in turn enables us to invest in our energy modernization plans across our entire footprint – all while helping keep prices as low as possible for our customers." [Read More](#)

White House Names David Rosner to Lead FERC



The White House on Wednesday named David Rosner, a Democratic member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, as agency chairman.

"I am honored to serve as chairman and excited to continue working with my colleagues on the commission and FERC's extraordinary staff to enable reliable, affordable, and abundant energy for all Americans," Rosner said in a [statement](#). Rosner joined FERC in 2017 as an energy industry analyst and has been a commissioner since June 2024. He spent two years on detail from FERC to the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.



Georgia Power requests certification of approximately 9,900 MW of new resources from the Georgia Public Service Commission

Georgia Power recently announced that it has requested certification from the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) of new resources totaling approximately 9,900-megawatts (MW) to meet the energy needs of a growing Georgia. The majority of resources - approximately 8,000 MW - submitted to the Georgia PSC this week were chosen from bids submitted in an “all-source” request for proposals (RFP), the need for which was approved in the 2022 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Final Order. The All-Source RFP was conducted over the last year with the company actively working with Georgia PSC staff and an independent evaluator to evaluate and select the most economical and efficient proposals for dispatchable generation and storage resources, with construction timelines designed to meet projected winter capacity needs for 2029 through 2031, helping keep energy reliable for customers. The request includes power purchase agreements (PPAs) from existing resources, as well as new company-owned natural gas generation, battery energy storage systems (BESS), and BESS plus solar identified through the competitive RFP process.

In addition, with consideration of Georgia Power’s load forecast in the [2025 IRP approved by the Georgia PSC earlier this month](#), the company this week filed a separate request to certify supplemental resources necessary to reliably and economically meet nearer term projected energy needs not filled by the All-Source RFP. In this filing, the company is seeking approval of an additional 1,886 MW to be sourced from PPAs from existing resources, as well as PPAs for new BESS construction, and company-owned BESS paired with solar.

“Every day, around the clock, during periods of extreme heat, extreme cold and everything in between, our teams are working to keep reliable energy flowing for millions of Georgians,” said Rick Anderson, senior vice president and senior production officer for Georgia Power. “That includes the culmination of years of proactively planning for filings like this that our generation plant teams and many others work diligently on in selecting the right future resources. This helps ensure that customers have the energy they need well into the future. The diverse mix of resources we have proposed to the Georgia PSC will help us meet the needs of a growing Georgia with reliable and resilient energy while delivering long-term value for all of our customers.” [Read more](#)

2025 FMEA Energy Connections Conference & Trade Show



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The FMEA Energy Connections Conference & Trade Show is designed for a broad cross-section of employees, from public power technical personnel to safety managers. The event has much to offer to each segment of a utility's personnel, from directors and public power professionals involved in electric utility management and operations - to customer service and communication specialists.



Court backs PSC in challenge to 2021 Florida Power & Light rate Increase

The Florida Supreme Court has upheld a controversial settlement that increased base electric rates for Florida Power & Light (FPL) customers. The settlement, originally approved in 2021, led to rate hikes in 2022 and 2023 and allows further increases in 2024 and 2025 to support solar energy projects.

The ruling came after environmental and consumer advocacy groups challenged the fairness of the deal and FPL's SolarTogether program, arguing it favored large commercial customers at the expense of others. The court had previously sent the case back to state regulators in 2023, demanding a clearer justification.

This time, the justices ruled the Florida Public Service Commission had adequately explained its reasoning and acted within its authority. However, Chief Justice Carlos Muñoz dissented, saying there was still no solid evidence supporting the rate structure of the solar program.

With the settlement expiring at the end of 2025, a new rate proposal from FPL is currently under review.

City of Tallahassee Utilities Recognized for Reliability and Leadership

The City of Tallahassee Electric & Gas Utility was honored by the Florida Municipal Power Agency for delivering enhanced reliability to its customers. The City received two Florida Public Power Reliability Awards, including the Momentum Award, which recognizes the utility with the greatest percentage decrease in annual average outage duration. Additionally, the City was recognized for achieving a reduction of 10% or more in annual outage duration.



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"As Florida's fourth largest municipal electric utility, we are proud to be recognized for our reliability," City Manager Reese Goad said. "Enhanced reliability is a result of our commitment to strategic, forward-looking investments in infrastructure and the exceptional capabilities of our highly skilled workforce. As we continue to deliver dependable electric service to Tallahassee businesses and residents today, we are simultaneously preparing for the energy demands of the future." [Read more](#)



State Regulators Grant Time for FPL and Key Stakeholders to Finalize Settlement Agreement

State regulators unanimously agreed last week to give Florida Power & Light Company and key stakeholder groups time to finalize a comprehensive four-year rate settlement that would keep customer bills well below the national average through the end of the decade. FPL and 10 supporting groups announced on Friday that they reached an agreement in principle. Today's vote enables the parties to finalize and file the settlement agreement with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) by Aug. 20. The PSC granted the request by FPL and the supporting parties to delay technical hearings that were scheduled to begin today on FPL's original rates petition for 2026-2029.

A word from FPL President and CEO Armando Pimentel: "Today's decision enables us to finalize a settlement with key stakeholders that will benefit our customers and the state of Florida. We are pleased to have reached an agreement and appreciate the Commission's actions today to ensure a fair and open process for our customers and stakeholders. We are confident that the agreement we reach should enable FPL to continue to make smart investments on behalf of our customers, ensuring we can continue to provide reliable electricity while keeping customer bills low."

Participants: The agreement in principle is supported by the Florida Retail Federation, Florida Industrial Power Users Group, Florida Energy for Innovation Association, Walmart, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, EVgo Services, Fuel Retailers, Electrify America, the Federal Executive Agencies and Armstrong World Industries. [Read more](#)

Florida Utility Companies, Energy Technology Groups and Community Organizations Team up to Empower Teens with Hands on STEM-related Energy Career Information



This summer, the Youth Energy Academy (YEA) hosted a series of career exploration events throughout Florida, designed to expose youth to careers in electric utility industries and related STEM fields. Duke Energy Florida, Ocala Electric, SECO Energy, Orlando Utilities Commission, Siemens Energy, Gainesville Regional Utilities and the Florida Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) worked together to host interactive activities and engaging discussions for underprivileged and disadvantaged youth.

Students also had an opportunity to tour utility facilities to gain first-hand exposure to the energy sector. "As Florida's fourth largest municipal electric utility, we are proud to be recognized for our reliability," City Manager Reese Goad said. "Enhanced reliability is a result of our commitment to strategic, forward-looking investments in infrastructure and the exceptional capabilities of our highly skilled workforce. As we continue to deliver dependable electric service to Tallahassee businesses and residents today, we are simultaneously preparing for the energy demands of the future."

YEA summer events included locations in St Petersburg at the Duke Energy Bartow Power Plant; Ocala at the Lillian Bryant Community Center, in partnership with SECO, Ocala Electric Utilities and Duke Energy Florida; Orlando and Winter Garden, in partnership with Orlando Utilities Commission, Siemens Energy and Duke Energy Florida; and Gainesville at Gainesville Regional Utilities Complex in partnership with Gainesville Regional Utilities and Duke Energy Florida.

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