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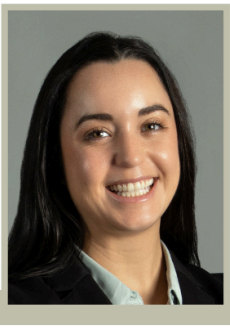

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Eva, describe your position as Project Manager.

As a project manager at Burns & McDonnell, I am responsible for the overall and successful execution of projects. In my day-to-day, I develop detailed project plans, manage costs, and oversee engineering, procurement, and construction activities. At Burns & McDonnell, we pride ourselves on repeat business and making our clients successful.....Read More

What inspired you to pursue your engineering degree?

Spending my childhood weekends as my handyman dad's 'helper' sparked a lifelong fascination with fixing things and understanding how they work. That hands-on curiosity, paired with my love for math, naturally led me to pursue an engineering degree. I tackled the program with a can-do attitude — just chugging along and treating every class as a new challenge to overcome.....Read More

To date, what has been your most rewarding project?

For me, the most rewarding project hasn't been one specific physical build, but rather an experience we had partnering with a small, local utility client. They were facing significant challenges and simply lacked the internal resources to execute the work they needed to complete. What made this so fulfilling was our ability to step in as a true extension of their team. We were able to tap into our nationwide network of expertise at Burns & McDonnell and bring.....Read More

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Martha Stewart Announces Hint, a New Home Management Platform Built on Human Expertise and AI

Martha Stewart, home services veteran Yih-Han Ma, and AI thought leader Kyle Rush recently announced the launch of Hint, a new company co-founded by Stewart that reimagines homeownership through the combined power of human expertise and artificial intelligence.

The company announced Wednesday that it has raised $10 million in seed funding led by Slow Ventures, with participation from Montauk Capital, Tusk Venture Partners, Amplo, Energy Impact Partners, Hannah Grey VC and Brian Kelly, founder of The Points Guy.

Hint will launch on desktop and iOS this summer. Hint's pitch is that homeowners don't need another marketplace, checklist, or chatbot. The setup is disarmingly simple. "The first thing you do is give us your address," Ma told Fortune. "That's it." From there, the app pulls public data on the property, weather, soil, air quality, listings, and other signals. Users can also upload inspection reports, warranties, bills, and insurance policies. Hint then builds a running record of the home's history and needs. The practical upshot is the kind of advice most homeowners likely never think to look for or remember intuitively. It can tell a Texas homeowner to water a foundation before clay soil and a hot summer cause damage, remind someone to shop for insurance before the renewal date, or tell them when a problem isn't worth calling a contractor.

"I have always been passionate about showing people how to care for and beautify their homes," said Martha Stewart. "Hint brings that philosophy to more people, making the knowledge and expertise behind thoughtful homeownership accessible to everyone. Empowering people to make their home a place they love and one of their smartest investments is core to Hint." **Read More**

NextEra Energy and Dominion Energy to Combine, Creating the World's Largest Regulated Electric Utility

NextEra Energy and Dominion Energy announced plans to merge in a deal that would create the world's largest regulated electric utility company and one of North America's largest energy infrastructure platforms.

The all-stock transaction, valued at approximately $67 billion including debt, would combine two major utility providers serving nearly 10 million customers across several fast-growing Southeastern states, including Florida, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.
Company leaders said the merger is designed to meet rapidly rising electricity demand driven by population growth, manufacturing expansion and the boom in artificial intelligence data centers, particularly in Virginia, which hosts the world's largest concentration of data centers.
"This combination creates an industry-leading platform with the scale and financial strength to accelerate investments in reliability, affordability and cleaner energy," executives said in a joint statement.

Under the agreement, Dominion shareholders would receive shares of NextEra Energy common stock, with NextEra shareholders expected to own roughly 75% of the combined company after the transaction closes. The merged company would continue operating under the NextEra Energy name, with headquarters in Florida.
The companies said the deal would generate billions in long-term customer savings and provide approximately $2.25 billion in direct customer bill credits over time. They also pledged continued investments in grid modernization, renewable energy and energy infrastructure projects.

NextEra, the parent company of Florida Power & Light, is already one of the nation's largest renewable energy developers. Dominion Energy operates one of the country's largest regulated utility systems and has major infrastructure assets throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

Industry analysts say the merger reflects a broader shift in the utility sector as companies race to secure the scale and generation capacity needed to support AI-driven energy demand and the transition to cleaner energy sources.
The transaction is expected to close within 12 to 18 months, pending approval from regulators and shareholders. **Read More**

HData Launches Data Request Management

HData has launched a new AI-powered application designed to streamline one of the energy industry's most time-consuming regulatory processes: managing data requests in utility proceedings. The company's new platform, called Data Request Management, automates the handling of discovery requests and responses that utilities receive from regulators and other parties during major rate and infrastructure cases. These proceedings influence trillions of dollars in energy infrastructure investments, electricity rates, and long-term planning decisions across the industry.

Traditionally, utilities manage thousands of data requests manually, often requiring significant staff time and legal resources. HData said the volume of regulatory cases reached record highs in 2025 as utilities race to meet growing power demand. The new system centralizes historical records, tracks incoming requests, routes assignments, and uses AI to draft responses based on prior filings and relevant regulatory documents. HData says the platform can reduce manual work, improve consistency, and accelerate decision-making.

"Energy is a cooperative marketplace that needs regulation, but it can move much faster when the parties gather more quickly at the same table," said HData CEO Hudson Hollister. "The sooner that parties can get to and agree upon the core facts of a regulatory proceeding, the more likely we are to see accelerated outcomes and greater regulatory efficiency."

Chief Product and Technology Officer Yuval Lubowich said the launch marks the beginning of a broader effort to modernize regulatory workflows in the energy sector. "There are countless opportunities to build for the steps that occur before, during, and after that analysis," Lubowich said. "This is work that drives faster decisions about America's energy future."

HData's platform uses AI trained on more than 20 million regulatory documents and serves utilities, regulators, advocacy groups, advisory firms and energy companies. The new application is available immediately for organizations managing high volumes of regulatory discovery. **Read More**

EDP Renewables and Meta Enter PPA for 250-MW Project

Meta has reached a long-term power purchase agreement with EDP Renewables North America to offtake energy from Cypress Knee Solar, a 250-MW solar project EDP plans to build in southeast Arkansas. EDP anticipates that the project will be completed in 2028, according to the release. EDP said in a fact sheet about the project that it is estimated to begin commercial operations next year.

Cypress Knee Solar is "expected to contribute more than $25 million in additional funding to Chicot County over the project's 30-year life through an Industrial Revenue Bond agreement with the County," the company said in an open house presentation. This is the third such deal between EDP Renewables and Meta, according to the release, bringing the total procured energy between the two companies to 545 MW.

"The agreement supports Meta's efforts to add new generation to the grid as it continues to match 100% of its annual electricity use with new clean and renewable energy," the release said. **Read More**

Duke Energy Applies for Department of Energy Loans That Represent Potentially Billions of Dollars in Customer Savings

Duke Energy recently announced it submitted an application for loans from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that represent potentially billions of dollars in customer savings as the company strengthens the electric grid, adds capacity and reliably serves some of the fastest-growing states in the country. This application to the DOE is the first step in a process to negotiate the final loan amount and stipulations.

What this means: Duke Energy is applying for DOE loans to support planned investments to reliably meet rising energy demand at the lowest cost to customers:

- DOE financing would reduce interest costs for these critical investments and deliver direct customer benefits.
- DOE financing is expected to save customers money through lower financing costs.

Duke Energy's state-regulated, integrated utility model enables reduced financing costs to flow directly to customers while supporting reliable service and measurable value. Coordinated planning and operation of the entire electric system under strong regulatory oversight help ensure investments are prudent and keep customer costs down. As a result of this structure, rates in all of our vertically integrated states are below the national average.

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Energy Department Awards $94 Million to American Companies to Help Expedite the Deployments of Small Modular Reactors in the United States

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced the selection of eight companies to support the near-term deployment of advanced light-water small modular reactors (SMRs) in the United States. The awardees will collectively receive more than $94 million in Federal cost-shared funding to spur additional Gen III+ SMR deployments by addressing key gaps that have hindered the domestic nuclear industry in licensing, supply chain, and site preparation.

Projects will bolster the supply chain needed to deliver new nuclear generation in the 2030s, strengthen the development of Gen III+ SMR orderbooks, and advance President Trump's Executive Orders to usher in a nuclear renaissance and expand America's Energy Dominance agenda.

"President Trump has made clear that America is going to build more energy, not less, and nuclear is central to that mission," said U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright. "Advanced light-water SMRs will give our nation the reliable, round-the-clock power we need to fuel the President's manufacturing boom, support data centers and AI growth, and reinforce a stronger, more secure electric grid. These awards ensure we can deploy these reactors as soon as possible." **View the selections and read more here**

FPSC Finds Need for FPL's Transmission Project in South Florida

The Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) granted Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL) petition for a determination of need for the Andytown-Oasis Transmission Lines Project, finding that the proposed transmission infrastructure is needed to support electric reliability and growing energy demand in Miami-Dade County.

"The FPSC's decision helps ensure reliable electric service for South Florida customers as the area continues to grow," said Commissioner Clark. "These transmission improvements are intended to strengthen grid reliability while providing a cost-effective long-term solution for customers."

The approved Andytown-Oasis Transmission Lines Project includes:

- One 500kV line from FPL's existing Andytown substation in Broward County to the planned Oasis substation in Miami-Dade County;
- One 500kV line connecting the existing Quarry substation to the planned Oasis substation in Miami-Dade County;
- One 230kV line between the Oasis and Quarry substations; and
- One 230kV line between the Oasis and Levee substations in Miami-Dade County.

FPL filed its Need Determination petition on March 11, 2026. As part of the process, the FPSC evaluates whether a proposed transmission line is necessary to provide customers with reliable and cost-effective electric service. The FPSC reviews several factors, including projected demand, system reliability, project costs, and available alternatives before making a decision.

After reviewing the record and testimony presented during the proceeding, the FPSC determined the project meets the statutory criteria for a need determination under Florida law. The FPSC found the project is needed to support electric system reliability and integrity, is cost-effective, and includes appropriate transmission line starting and ending points.

The FPSC found the project will help address projected transmission constraints associated with increasing electricity demand in Miami-Dade County and reduce the risk of thermal overloads and low-voltage conditions that could affect reliable electric service.
FPL provides electric service to approximately 6 million customer accounts, representing about 12 million Floridians across 43 counties.