

51st Annual PURC Conference:

Beyond Convergence: Designing Florida's Utility Future

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm **Registration**

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm **Keynote Session**

Century A Ballroom

- The Honorable Mark W. Menezes, President and Chief Executive Officer – United States Energy Association (USEA) and former United States Deputy Secretary of Energy
- Mark Jamison, Director and Gerald Gunter Professor – UF Public Utility Research Center

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm **Panel: Executive Perspectives on Tech Innovation**

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Industry and thought leaders will discuss the opportunities they see and their current innovations. Key topics will include identifying opportunities, improving sustainability and resilience, and how to prepare new technologies.

- Thomas Linquist, Founder and Managing Director – Lyceum Leadership Consulting
- Timothy Oliver, Vice President, Development – Florida Power & Light
- Seán Twomey, President – Sunshine Water Services

Session Moderator:

Lisa Edgar, Associate in Law – UF Levin College of Law

4:00 pm to 4:20 pm **Break**

4:20 pm to 5:50 pm **Panel: Emerging Tech for Grid Resilience**

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New technologies offer additional opportunities for improving the quality of, and access to, electricity service. But they also may change the roles and responsibilities for stakeholders. Join our panel as they discuss the role of microgrids, drone technology, and cyber security in enhancing the resilience of our electricity grid.

- Zoleikha Biron, Assistant Professor – UF Electrical and Computer Engineering Department
- Cynthia Clemmons, Manager of Legislative and Regulatory Relations – Lakeland Electric
- Eric Schwartz, Sr. Manager Smart Grid & Innovation - Florida Power & Light

Session Moderator:

Ted Kury, Director of Energy Studies – UF Public Utility Research Center

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm **Reception**

Thursday, February 22, 2024

7:30 am to 8:30 am **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am to 8:50 am **Keynote Address**

- The Honorable Mike La Rosa, Chairman – Florida Public Service Commission

8:50 am to 10:20 am **Panel: Florida's Broadband Future**

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What is Florida doing over the next two years to expand broadband availability and use? What are the opportunities and challenges for service providers and customers? How will broadband expansion and innovation affect Florida?

- Janice Hauge, Professor – University of North Texas
- Sean Lewis, Chief of State Broadband Initiative – Florida Office of Broadband, FloridaCommerce
- Sheridan Meek, Senior Research Economist - Florida Chamber Foundation
- Elissa Moran, Outreach Manager – Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.

Session Moderator:

The Honorable Gabriella Passidomo, Commissioner – Florida Public Service Commission

10:20 am to 10:30 am **Break**

10:30 am to 12:00 pm **Panel: Opportunities and Risks with Technology Change**

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What concerns the public most about these new technologies? What public policies help businesses make good choices and what policies hinder good progress? When people look back on today, how will they assess our policy and technology choices?

- Shane Tews, President – Logan Circle Strategies
- Adam Thierer, Resident Senior Fellow, Technology & Innovation – R Street
- Scott Wallsten, President – Technology Policy Institute (TPI)

Session Moderator:

The Honorable Andrew Giles Fay, Commissioner – Florida Public Service Commission

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm **Conference Luncheon & Award Presentation**

Century B/C Ballroom

Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award Presentation

PURC Distinguished Service Award Presentation