



Tuesday, July 22

- 1-5 p.m.

Registration Desk Open – Gallery AB
- 1:30-5 p.m.

Pre-Conference Event: TEA Office & Trade Floor Tour – Offsite at The Energy Authority
(Please note: Pre-registered FMEA municipal members only.)
- 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception – Heritage Ballroom

Wednesday, July 23

- 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Registration Desk Open - Champions Registration Desk
- 7:30-10:15 a.m.

FMPA Meetings – Champions FGH
- 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

FMEA Board of Directors Meeting and Lunch - Champions FGH
(Please note: The FMEA Board meeting and lunch is restricted to FMEA municipal members only. Not open to associate members, sponsors, nonmembers, or press.)
- 1-1:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social – Champions Foyer
- 1:30-4:45 p.m.

Opening General Session – Champions ABCD
Presiding: Clint Bullock, FMEA President and General Manager & CEO, Orlando Utilities Commission
- 1:30-1:45 p.m.

Welcome & Special Remarks, Clint Bullock, FMEA President and General Manager & CEO, Orlando Utilities Commission and Amy Zubaly, Executive Director, Florida Municipal Electric Association
- 1:45-2:45 p.m.

Powering the Future: Florida Public Power CEO Insights, A panel discussion moderated by Amy Zubaly, Executive Director, Florida Municipal Electric Association with panelists Clint Bullock, General Manager & CEO, Orlando Utilities Commission; Vickie Cavey, Managing Director & CEO, JEA; and Tony Guillen, General Manager, City of Tallahassee Electric & Gas Utility

Florida’s municipal electric utilities are navigating a complex and rapidly changing energy landscape—balancing reliability, affordability, sustainability, and community expectations. In this dynamic panel, top executives from Florida’s public power utilities share their perspectives on the strategic decisions shaping the future of municipal electric utilities. From storm preparedness and grid modernization to workforce development, rate structures, and growing demand on the industry, hear directly from three public power utility CEOs about how they’re powering current and future needs of their customers and delivering long-term value to their communities.
- 2:45-3:30 p.m.

Data Centers: A Rise in Demand for Data + Power, Sam Allen, Technical Innovation Director, Mission Critical; Charles Clinton, Director, Mission Critical & Commercial Facilities; and Bryan Floth, Project Director, Mission Critical, Burns & McDonnell

As demand for data centers accelerates across the U.S., power providers are encountering dynamic new opportunities alongside significant operational and planning challenges. This presentation will dive into the forces propelling the rapid expansion of the data center industry—notably the explosive growth of cloud computing, artificial intelligence and digital transformation.

With projections indicating that data center power requirements will at least double by 2030, organizations and communities alike must address mounting energy needs, overburdened grid infrastructure and evolving regulatory landscapes. The session will analyze the current impacts of data centers on local and regional systems, while offering innovative approaches for sustainable development and building resilient infrastructure in an increasingly data-driven world.
- 3:30–3:45 p.m.

Refreshment Break – Champions Foyer
- 3:45–4:45 p.m.

Rating Agency Outlook for Public Power, David Bodek, Managing Director, S&P Global Ratings; Dennis Pidherny, Managing Director, Public Utilities, Fitch Ratings; and Camila Yochikawa, Assistant Vice President – Analyst, Global Project & Infrastructure Finance, Moody’s Ratings

Get the inside scoop on how Fitch, Moody’s, and S&P rate your credit and municipal bond issues directly from representatives from all three agencies. Learn how each views the latest global threats and utility trends as working for or against public power — and your utility’s — financial strength in a competitive market. Discuss the steps your boards and managers should take to put your utility in the best position to raise capital.
- 6–7:30 p.m.

Reception Honoring Elected and Appointed Officials – Champions EFGH - Open to all attendees



Thursday, July 24

7:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Registration Desk Open – <i>Champions Registration Desk</i>
7:15-8 a.m.	Continental Breakfast – <i>Champions Foyer</i>
8 a.m.-Noon	Morning General Session – <i>Champions ABCD</i> <i>Presiding: Ed Liberty, FMEA President-Elect and Director, City of Lake Worth Beach Electric Utility</i>
8-9 a.m.	Florida Public Power and Cyber Readiness: Strengthening Incident Response with Cyber Florida , Bryan Langley, Lead Program Manager, Critical Infrastructure Protection Program and Emeka Okammor, Cybersecurity Resource Manager, Cyber Florida <i>As cyber threats targeting critical infrastructure become increasingly sophisticated, Florida’s public power utilities face rising pressure to bolster their cyber defenses and esponse capabilities. This session explores actionable strategies for improving incident response through collaboration with Cyber Florida. Learn how to access key state-supported resources, build a proactive cybersecurity posture, and coordinate effective responses to cyber incidents. Attendees will gain insights into current threat landscapes, practical tools for utility operators and real-world examples of response success—laying the groundwork for a more resilient and secure energy future in Florida.</i>
9-10 a.m.	Fireside Chat with GRU's Ed Bielarski , Ed Bielarski, CEO, Gainesville Regional Utilities and Jody Finklea, General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer, Florida Municipal Electric Association and Florida Municipal Power Agency <i>Many of us have followed the news detailing the challenges, political struggles and shifting dynamics surrounding GRU in recent years. How did we get here? What caused the turmoil? What are the key issues—and what solutions are on the horizon? Most importantly, where is GRU headed? GRU continues to represent #FLPublicPower. Join us for an engaging fireside chat as we explore GRU’s journey and future.</i>
10-10:15 a.m.	Refreshment Break – <i>Champions Foyer</i>
10:15-11 a.m.	What is Going on in Washington: An Annual Update , Michael Nolan, President, MJN Consulting <i>Donald Trump is back in the White House. The Republicans flipped control of the U.S. Senate and maintained a slim majority in the House. 47 is flipping the switch on traditional lines of Presidential control and oversight. How will Executive Orders and legislative actions on issues such as tariffs, energy policy, tax, FEMA, and more impact our industry? Hear the latest on the White House and Congress, including an outlook on energy policy and public power issues.</i>
11 a.m.–Noon	Keynote Address: Renewables, Hydrocarbons, Nuclear, and the Future of the U.S. Electricity Demand , Robert Bryce <i>Politicians, climate activists, and major media outlets frequently claim that an energy transition is underway and that one day soon, our economy will be fueled solely by alternative sources like wind and solar. In this presentation, author and film producer Robert Bryce will deliver a sober look at the push to decarbonize our economy and how it is affecting the affordability, reliability, and resilience of our most important energy network: the electric grid. He will discuss the soaring electricity demand needed to power AI and data centers and how that demand will likely be met. In addition, he will spotlight the supply chain, legal, land use, and labor challenges that are constraining the growth of our energy and power systems. Bryce will conclude by looking ahead. He will underscore America’s energy advantages over the rest of the world and explain why N2N, natural gas to nuclear, is the best no-regret strategy for the future.</i>
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Luncheon – <i>Champions EFGH - Ticket Required</i> Mission Possible: Unlocking Energy Freedom , Chair, Board of Directors, Florida Municipal Power Agency and Jacob Williams, General Manager and CEO, Florida Municipal Power Agency
2-4 p.m.	Three Concurrent Breakout Sessions
	Breakout Session One – <i>Champions ABCD</i> <i>Presiding: Jody Finklea, General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer, Florida Municipal Electric Association and Florida Municipal Power Agency</i>
2-2:45 p.m.	AI in Local Government and Public Power Utilities: Smart Policy, Safe Practices , Jody Finklea, General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer, Florida Municipal Electric Association and Florida Municipal Power Agency and Ryan Matthews, Shareholder, GrayRobinson <i>As artificial intelligence finds its way into public service, Florida public power utilities and their local governments face critical choices in utilizing this emerging technology and to what extent. This session explores how to build responsible AI policies that emphasize data privacy, transparency and ethical use. Hear about the need to research and validate AI tools, when to apply clear disclaimers, maintain compliance with Florida Sunshine laws and set guardrails for employee use. A practical, policy-forward discussion for leaders balancing innovation with accountability.</i>
2:45-3 p.m.	Refreshment Break – <i>Champions Foyer</i>
3-4 p.m.	City Hall to Substation: City Managers on Leading Public Power for Stronger Communities , A panel discussion moderated by Jody Finklea, General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer, Florida Municipal Electric Association and Florida Municipal Power Agency, with Olivia Minshew, City Manager, City of Wauchula; Drew Mullins, City Manager, City of Starke; and Kendrah Wilkerson, Town Manager, Town of Havana <i>City managers serve on the frontlines of municipal leadership, balancing citywide responsibilities while overseeing critical infrastructure, and in the case of 33 Florida cities, municipal electric utilities. This panel features city managers from three diverse Florida communities who will offer insights into the real-world benefits of public power, how they navigate the complexities of the utility industry and what leadership strategies they apply to keep their utilities efficient, resilient and aligned with community goals. This session will provide practical knowledge and leadership perspectives for supporting and enhancing public power in your municipality.</i>



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Breakout Session Two – Heritage AB
Presiding: Tony Guillen, FMEA Vice President and General Manager, City of Tallahassee Electric & Gas Utility

2-2:45 p.m. **Customer Service+ in Public Power: Evolving Strategies for Engaged, Informed, and Empowered Communities,** A panel discussion moderated by Korey Bush, Assistant General Manager Customer Service, Lakeland Electric, with Javier Cisneros, Director of Utilities & CEO, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority and Lynne Tejeda, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Keys Energy Services

Customer expectations are rapidly evolving—and electric utilities must evolve with them. Join utility leaders from three Florida public power communities as they unpack what "customer service+" really means in today's electric utility environment. With rising expectations, evolving technology, and new communication channels, utilities are finding creative ways to engage customers, manage demand, and deliver exceptional experiences. This panel will offer practical insights into program development, outreach efforts, and timely strategies to stay ahead of customer needs in a dynamic energy landscape.

2:45-3 p.m. **Refreshment Break – Heritage Foyer**

3-4 p.m. **Muni Fiber: Challenges & Solutions for the Road Ahead,** Jason Mittler, FPUAnet Manager, FPUAnet Communications, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority and Mel Poole, Director, Ocala Fiber Network

Municipal electric utilities began integrating fiber optics into their grids in the early to mid-1980s, revolutionizing grid operations with ultra-fast, reliable communication and minimal maintenance needs. Today, many of these fiber networks are 20 to 30 years old, with most installations dating back to the 1990s and early 2000s. While fiber cables typically have a lifespan of 25 to 30 years, other critical system components may require replacement within 15 to 20 years.

As grid modernization advances, utilities will need additional fiber capacity, increasing their reliance on these networks to support next-generation infrastructure. Join two forward-thinking utilities as they discuss their proactive approach to municipal fiber deployment, sharing the challenges they've navigated and the innovative solutions shaping the future.

Breakout Session Three – Heritage CDE
Presiding: Joanna White, Marketing & Communications Manager, Florida Municipal Electric Association

2-2:45 p.m. **Building a Roadmap for a Successful Grid Modernization Strategy,** Chris Erpelding, Director – Grid Modernization, POWER Engineers

Do you have a comprehensive roadmap that will help you achieve your digital transformation and grid modernization goals over the next five years? Do you know how to navigate the unprecedented industry changes that are driven by regulatory mandates, new consumer preferences, changing weather patterns and the rapid increase of distributed energy resources? Or are you following your instincts and hoping that you're making all the right decisions at each fork in the road?

Without a roadmap, chances are that you will eventually get to where you wanted to go, but just like a car trip to a remote location where you've never been, you'll most likely get lost a few times and will need to backtrack and try different routes. Not taking the time to plan out the best path in advance leads to increased risk, extra time and wasted money in the long run. Roadmaps are an excellent investment that allow organizations to make informed and confident decisions that result in long-term benefits.

This presentation will provide tips, tricks and best practices for creating grid modernization and digital transformation road maps along with some lessons learned from recent road-mapping initiatives.

2:45-3 p.m. **Refreshment Break – Heritage Foyer**

3-4 p.m. **Florida Municipal Power Agency Policy Makers Liaison Committee Meeting,** Bob Page, Chair, City of Green Cove Springs

6:30-7 p.m. **Banquet Reception – Champions Foyer**

7-9 p.m. **Annual Banquet – Champions EFG - Ticket Required**

