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Duke Energy Florida names Sharon Arroyo as vice president of government and community relations

 Veteran executive brings a strong focus on customers, communities and collaboration.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – Duke Energy Florida named Sharon Arroyo as the new vice president of government and community relations, effective Feb. 16. Arroyo succeeds Melissa Seixas, who recently became the Florida state president. Arroyo will report to Seixas in this new role.

Arroyo will lead the Florida government and community relations team and direct the company's efforts to further strengthen relationships with county, community, civic organizations and business leaders in order to best meet their needs.

"Sharon's dedicaton to our customers and her strong strategic vision will enhance our service across the 35 counties we serve," said Melissa Seixas, Duke Energy Florida state president. "Helping to support the vitality of our communities is an important part of Duke Energy's commitment to Florida." Her experience and passion for customer engagement will help ensure we are connected and listening to what our communities' need and deliver on their expectations".

Arroyo has been with the company for nearly 34 years in positions of increasing responsibility. For the past five years, she has served as the regional director of large account management and previously worked in various managing roles within transmission construction, substation engineering, and finance.

Arroyo earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of South Florida.

Sharon serves on the Board for United Arts of Central Florida and is the Chair of the Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools. She has been a resident of the Central Florida area for 24 years.

Duke Energy Florida

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Duke Energy (NYSE: DUK), a Fortune 150 company headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., is one of the largest energy holding companies in the U.S. It employs 30,000 people and has an electric generating capacity of 51,000 megawatts through its regulated utilities, and 3,000 megawatts through its nonregulated Duke Energy Renewables unit.

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