

Commissioner La Rosa Provides PURC Keynote

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Opening the second day of the 49th Annual PURC Conference, Commissioner Mike La Rosa welcomed attendees with some thoughts on completing his first year as a Florida Public Service Commissioner. Feeling as if he'd "jumped on a moving train" with the number of dockets and accompanying information to be processed, Commissioner La Rosa has now adapted and is proud of the Commission's accomplishments.

In 2021, he noted that the Commission decided 229 cases, approved 6,000 MW of solar power, and implemented the new storm protection plan legislation. Commissioner La Rosa said he is embracing the challenges the PSC has given him because he likes "digging deep."

In the near future, he sees rural broadband, EVs, and Microgrids as areas the Commission will help to grow and establish.

The Public Utility Research Center (PURC) conference is held annually at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Held on February 23-24, this year's conference theme was Unlocking Innovation: Keys to Getting it Right. PURC is part of UF's Warrington College of Business.

Commissioner La Rose visits Talquin Electric Coop



Early this year, Commissioner Mike La Rosa met with staff of Talquin Electric Cooperative. Among the topics reviewed were storm response training and planning and technologies used for customer service efficiency.

Talquin Electric Cooperative is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative headquartered in Quincy, Florida that serves homes and businesses in Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties.