



Commissioner Julie Brown:
**Inaugural Speaker for the
Florida Women in Energy
Leadership Forum**

Commissioner Julie Brown was the inaugural guest speaker for Florida's Women in Energy Leadership Forum on August 13. She was interviewed for her role as a regulator over Florida's utility industry and also discussed her views on mentoring women in the workplace.

"Studies have shown that the energy, resources, and infrastructure sectors are low on a crucial source of talent—women," said PSC Commissioner Brown. "What this opportunity requires is a long-term commitment from companies and the energy industry itself. For example, enlarging the entry-level candidate pool, ensuring that hiring and promotions are fair, and offering robust networks and support systems, which is something the Florida Women in Energy group is definitely encouraging."

Commissioner Brown, who is currently the only woman on the five-member Commission, believes that proactive endorsements of women colleagues can help change the future landscape of women being tapped for senior-leadership positions. "Being 'one of the few' or 'only' women in leadership roles is changing," said Commissioner Brown. "Organizations are creating opportunities for women to network with other women in leadership roles, helping them gain the experience they need for senior management roles, benefiting the individuals, as well as the organizations."

The Florida's Women in Energy Leadership Forum was launched "to inform, inspire, motivate diverse talent to join the energy workforce. By intentional recognition of current female energy leaders who contribute to growing Florida's economy and purposeful sharing of their personal professional journeys, we are creating opportunity."

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