



## Environmental Concerns in Rights-of-Way Management

### **The Utility Arborist Association announces Harry K. Sideris as Keynote Speaker for the Environmental Concerns in Rights-Of-Way Management 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium**

(FOREST LAKE, MN) June 1, 2022 – *For Immediate release.* The Utility Arborist Association is pleased to announce that Harry K. Sideris will be headlining the speaker stage at the Environmental Concerns in Rights-of-Way Management 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium.

Harry Sideris serves as executive vice president of customer experience, solutions and services for Duke Energy. In addition to focusing on customer delivery and enhancing the customer experience, he is responsible for the development of mass-market products and services and the company's electrification efforts, including continued development of long-term grid strategies and solutions.

Sideris has more than 25 years of experience in the energy industry. Previously, he served as Duke Energy's chief distribution officer. In this role he oversaw the safe, reliable and efficient operation of Duke Energy's electric distribution systems for the company's six-state service area, including North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

He has served as state president of Duke Energy's utility operations in Florida, which serves approximately 1.8 million electric retail customers in central Florida, including metropolitan St. Petersburg, Clearwater, and the Greater Orlando area. He was responsible for the financial performance of Duke Energy's regulated utilities in Florida and managing state and local regulatory and government relations, and community affairs.

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Prior to that, Sideris served as the company's senior vice president of environmental health and safety. In that role, he led the groups responsible for developing and advancing corporate policies, programs, and strategies to ensure the company's compliance with environmental health and safety laws and regulations.

Sideris began his career at Progress Energy (formerly Carolina Power & Light) in 1996 and served in numerous operations, maintenance, technical and leadership roles across Progress Energy's generation fleet in the Carolinas and Florida at both the plant and corporate levels. Following the merger between Duke Energy and Progress Energy in July 2012, Sideris served as vice president of power generation for Duke Energy's fossil/hydro operations in the western portions of North Carolina and South Carolina.

He currently serves as a trustee of the Duke Energy Foundation and as a board member of the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies, the N.C. State Natural Resources Foundation Inc., and the National Utilities Diversity Council.

The 13th Environmental Concerns in Rights-Of-Way Management Symposium in Charlotte, NC October 2022 is a forum for discussion of the environmental impacts which result from siting, constructing, using and maintaining rights-of-way. A second objective is to draw together and publish practical information on ways of reducing the environmental impacts and of developing multiple uses of rights-of-way which cross rural areas. To learn more about the Environmental Concerns in Rights-of-Way Management 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium, please visit the website at [www.rights-of-way.org](http://www.rights-of-way.org).

The Utility Arborist Association is an organization of over 5,000 individuals with interest in and a commitment to the maintenance of trees and other vegetation for the purpose of ensuring the safe and reliable distribution of energy, including electric, oil and gas, to business and residences. For more information, call 800-680-4106 or visit our website at [Utility Arborist Association - Home \(gotouaa.org\)](http://Utility Arborist Association - Home (gotouaa.org)).

