

Duke Energy Executive Profile



Melody Birmingham-Byrd
State President
Indiana

Melody Birmingham-Byrd is president of Duke Energy's Indiana operations, the state's largest electric utility, serving approximately 810,000 customers in 69 of Indiana's 92 counties. She is responsible for Duke Energy's regulatory, governmental relations, economic development and community affairs work in Indiana. Byrd assumed her current position in June 2015.

Previously, Byrd served as senior vice president of Midwest delivery operations for Duke Energy. She oversaw the operations of the company's electric distribution system in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, including construction, maintenance, operations, engineering, and resource and project management.

Prior to the merger between Duke Energy and Progress Energy in July 2012, Byrd served as vice president of the Southern Region for Progress Energy Carolinas. With more than 23 years of leadership and managerial experience in the electric and automotive manufacturing industries, she has served in the roles of general manager of distribution maintenance and construction, director of distribution resource management and construction, manager of transmission maintenance and resource management, and superintendent of maintenance at the Robinson fossil plant.

Byrd holds a Bachelor of Science degree in organizational leadership and management from Purdue University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Strayer University. She completed Progress Energy's Leadership Development Program at the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler School of Business and the Contract Management Program at Clemson University. She is also a licensed project management professional through the Project Management Institute. In 2016, Byrd was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in Terre Haute, Ind.

Byrd currently serves on the boards of directors of the Indiana Electric Association, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Special Olympics Indiana, Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, American Association of Blacks in Energy, and is an incoming board member of the United Way of Central Indiana. She is also a member of the Power Delivery Committee for the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies and serves as a member of The Executive Leadership Council. She is a past board member of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Francis Marion University Foundation, McLeod Hospital Foundation and the South Carolina Governor's School of Science and Mathematics Foundation. Byrd has also chaired the Excellence in Education Committee for the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and served on the Healthcare Steering Committee.

Duke Energy, one of the largest electric power companies in the United States, supplies and delivers electricity to approximately 7 million customers in the Southeast and Midwest. The company also distributes natural gas in Ohio and Kentucky. Its commercial and international businesses operate diverse power generation assets in North America and Latin America, including a growing renewable energy portfolio. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Duke Energy is a Fortune 125 company traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DUK.