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Emily Henson is the senior vice president and president of Duke Energy's natural gas business, leading regulated operations in the Carolinas, Ohio and Kentucky, including subsidiary Piedmont Natural Gas. Her responsibilities include oversight of gas commercial operations - supply, wholesale marketing, transportation, pipeline services - as well as field customer service, sales, delivery and business development.



Previously, Henson served as regional senior vice president of power grid operations for the Carolinas, managing the safe and reliable operation of Duke Energy's electric distribution and transmission systems in the eastern portion of North Carolina and South Carolina. Her responsibilities included oversight of construction, maintenance, engineering, and resource and project management.

Henson's leadership experience also includes serving as vice president of integrated grid strategy, where she led teams focused on the development and integration of grid assets, products and services to deliver safe and reliable energy to customers and communities. Earlier, as vice president of customer delivery strategy and transformation, she guided the distribution organization's strategy to support Duke Energy's clean energy goals, achieve net-zero carbon emissions, enhance the customer experience and strengthen grid resiliency.

Henson began her career with Duke Energy in 1997 as an associate engineer in Durham, N.C., and has since advanced through a series of roles with increasing responsibility across the distribution and customer organizations. She has held key leadership positions in engineering, construction, business performance and customer services.

A South Carolina native, Henson holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of South Carolina. She earned her professional engineering certification while at Duke Energy and later completed a master's degree in business administration from Queens University in Charlotte, N.C.

Active in the community, Henson currently serves on the board of trustees for Discovery Place in Charlotte, N.C., where she shares her passion for education and the exploration of science and technology among future generations. Outside of work, Henson enjoys quality time with her family and friends.