The New York Times: How an Ambitious Energy Giant Wielded Political Power in Florida

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Eric Smith, professor of practice and associate director of the Tulane Energy Institute, was interviewed by The New York Times for a story about the proposed merger between NextEra Energy and Dominion Energy, which would make the nation's largest utility and power company.

> “I think there will be pushback,” said Eric Smith, associate director of the Tulane Energy Institute at Tulane University’s Freeman School of Business. “I don’t think the deal is going to fail, but certainly you’re going to see some real questions about it.”

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