



SUMMARY

Mr. Olsen has over 30 years of diverse utility background, having worked for both investor owned and public power vertically integrated utilities. Mr. Olsen held various senior leadership positions responsible for leading the energy related trading activities, transmission and distribution operations, transmission development, and transmission construction. He has a proven background of growing leaders with several of his former direct reports now holding key leadership positions.

Mr. Olsen provided executive direction for the regulated and proprietary trading activity in PJM, MISO, and SPP competitive markets.

He has extensive experience with SPP RTO operations and activity having served on and chaired multiple SPP committees. Mr. Olsen also helped set up and manage a joint venture for competitive transmission activity in the MISO and SPP regions.

Mr. Olsen actively participated in the negotiations of wholesale and retail contracts and marketing services agreements. He is also familiar with the retail ratemaking process and routinely interacted with state utility commission staff.

SKILLS

Contract Negotiations

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2017 **Evergy, Kansas City MO**
- Oct 2020 Executive Oversight, Energy Management System
Provided executive direction during the initial selection process and then transitioned to executive oversight for combining two companies on to one energy management system platform.
- Oct 2012 **Westar Energy, Topeka KS**
- Sep 2013 Executive Sponsor, Integrated Market Software
Executive sponsor for the selection and configuration of a trading platform to interface with the SPP two settlement market.
- Jun 2006 **Westar Energy, Topeka KS**
- Jul 2007 Executive Sponsor, SPP Energy Imbalance Market
Executive sponsor for the selection and installation of a market interface system to fully integrate the utility generation portfolio and energy management operations into the SPP energy imbalance market (EIM).
- Jan 2006 **Westar Energy, Topeka KS**
- Jun 2007 Executive Oversight, Transmission Accounting System
Provided executive direction and oversight of new transmission system accounting integration efforts.
- Jun 2005 **Westar Energy, Topeka KS**
- Dec 2005 Executive Sponsor, Generation Portfolio Management
Executive sponsor for the selection and installation of a software platform to optimize a 6,000 MW regulated generation portfolio.
- Apr 2004 **Westar Energy, Topeka KS**
- Dec 2005 Executive Sponsor, Energy Trading and Risk Management
Executive sponsor for the specification, purchase, and configuration of a trading and risk management platform for the trading floor involved in proprietary and regulated trading activity.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Apr 2019 **Evergy, Topeka KS**
- Oct 2020 Sr. Director, Large Transmission and substation construction
Lead a team of project managers, real-estate professionals, and analysts responsible for an annual capital budget of \$200 million. Team worked closely with engineering and purchasing staff to ensure projects were completed on time and on budget. Also worked with internal accounting and regulatory staff to ensure all costs tracked appropriately and that transmission formula rates were updated accurately.
- Jun 2015 **Westar Energy, Topeka KS**
- Oct 2020 Executive Director, DSO Consolidation
Develop the plan to consolidate the distribution operators from two locations with two different classifications to one location and one classification. Worked with bargaining unit leadership and staff to develop transition plan and training program.
- Aug 2016 **Evergy, Kansas City MO**
- Jun 2018 Merger Integration Team Lead

Competitive energy
markets
Transmission operations
Transmission
development
Transmission
construction
Distribution operations
Executive leadership and
management

Working with team lead from other company, developed plans to merge various parts of the two organizations. Area of responsibility was for the transmission and distribution operations, emergency response, fleet, and vegetation management. Developed recommended staffing levels, reporting structures that factored in larger geographic footprint, and IT road map for software systems needed to support future operations.

Jun 2015 **Westar Energy and Berkshire Transmission**
- Dec 2017 President, Competitive Transmission

Working with VP Transmission, was responsible for company's formation of separate entity to participate in the SPP Order 1000 competitive transmission solicitations. Also worked on formation of joint venture with Berkshire Transmission Company to create compete in both the SPP and MISO competitive transmission solicitations. Held the role of president for the two joint ventures, reporting to the manager managed board.

LANGUAGES

Native English

HOBBIES

Fishing
Playing guitar
Golfing

Jun 1999 **Westar Energy, Topeka KS**
- Jan 2015 Origination, Energy Management Services

Instrumental in the development of the energy services business line for our trading activity. Grew business to a portfolio of over 2,000 MW with multiple customers.

May 2012 **Westar Energy, Topeka KS**
- Feb 2014 Executive Director, SPP Two-Settlement Market

Responsible for structuring team, trading limits, and software installation necessary to participate in the SPP two settlement market. Worked with team to develop strategies to optimize diverse generation portfolio for both the regulated utility and our energy management customers. Put targets in place for trading and scheduling staff to incent work product that benefited customers while ensuring compliance with various tariffs.

May 2007 **Westar Energy, Topeka KS**
- Jan 2013 Wind farm PPA and equity owernship

Responsible for overseeing the RFP development, evaluation, and contract execution for various wind farms, which included both long-term power purchase and equity ownership agreements.

Mar 2006 **Westar Energy, Topeka KS**
- Apr 2007 Executive Director, Capacity Planning Margin

Worked with internal regulatory staff, senior leadership, and state regulatory staff to change decades old approach to capacity planning obligation. Historic way used weather-normalized peaks, which meant the utility could routinely be short capacity reserves. New approach utilized statistical forecasting of peaks to develop capacity planning targets that ensured compliance with regional capacity planning requirements while keeping costs prudent for customers.

Jun 2005 **Westar Energy, Topeka KS**
- Feb 2007 Executive Director, SPP EIM Market

Responsible for structuring team, trading limits, and software installation necessary to participate in the SPP energy imbalance market. Worked with team to develop strategies to optimize diverse generation portfolio for both the regulated utility and our energy management customers.

EDUCATION

University of Nebraska, Lincoln

B.S. Electrical Engineering

Specialized in high voltage power systems studies.

University of Phoenix

Master of Business Administration

University of Idaho, Moscow

Utility Executive Course

Provides comprehensive analysis of the industry's top challenges and opportunities, and of its general business environment, as well as training for executives to enhance industry knowledge, leadership abilities, and professional effectiveness.