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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

Part-time consulting position utilizing my management, leadership, communication and engineering skills.

EDUCATION

B.S.E.E., Electrical Engineering, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, 1967.

Public Utilities Executives' Course, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID, 1988.

Undergraduate business courses, University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo, CO, 1986-87; Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS, 1978-84.

Graduate mathematics courses, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, 1969-71.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant. Self-Employed, 2001 - Present.

Vice President, Fuel & Purchased Power. UtiliCorp United Inc., Kansas City, MO., 1995-2001. Responsible for the acquisition of all long term power supply resources and coal fuel for UtiliCorp's regulated electric operations in Missouri, Kansas and Colorado. Responsibilities include:

- Preparing requests for proposals and evaluation of proposals for power supply.
- Participation in the Integrated Resource Planning effort for the Missouri and Colorado operations.
- Supervising the acquisition of coal fuel supplies for production facilities in Missouri and Colorado.
- Strategic planning in the area of long term power supply strategy.
- Development of near and long term fuel and purchased power budgets.
- Support of rate case initiatives through the preparation of testimony in the area of power supply costs.

Vice President, Power Supply & Engineering. WestPlains Energy, Pueblo, CO, 1992-95. Responsible, as a member of the division executive team, for developing strategic plans and policies with direct functional responsibility for the following areas in the Colorado/Kansas region:

- Production - assured the continued, cost-effective production of reliable electric power by directing the construction, operation, and maintenance of all company generating facilities.
- Environmental - ensured that WPE adapted and maintained a pro-active stance in fulfilling its responsibilities under all current and future environmental laws and regulations.

- Engineering Services - designed and engineered additions, modifications and upgrades to transmission and distribution system and provided engineering support services for the production facilities and customer service department.
- System Operations - ensured the continued supply of reliable and economical energy to meet current and future customer needs and monitors and directed the construction, repair, maintenance and operation of the electrical transmission system.

Technical Operations Manager, WestPlains Energy (Fka CENTEL Corporation), Pueblo, CO, 1985-92. Responsible for the direction and leadership of approximately 97 employees in the following departments:

- Engineering - planning, design and operation of all transmission and substation facilities, including communications, system protection, and energy management.
- Production – operation of three small fossil fuel steam plants with a total generating capacity of 106 MW utilizing coal and natural gas as primary fuels.
- Construction - construction and maintenance of all substation facilities. Installation and maintenance of electrical-mechanical equipment in generating plants.
- Transportation/Maintenance - procurement and maintenance of vehicle fleet. Installation and maintenance of mechanical equipment in generating plants.

Other responsibilities included long term power supply negotiations, fuel procurement, environmental compliance, major customer relations, and inter-utility operations.

Manager of System Studies, LEMCO Engineers, Inc., St. Louis, MO 1984-85. Responsible for the organization, staffing, supervision and development of system studies section. The system studies section performed projects which addressed the requirements of the electric utility industry including the areas of power supply, long and short range system expansion plans and telecommunications.

Planning and Substation Engineer, MIDWEST ENERGY, Inc., Hays, KS, 1972-84. Duties and responsibilities included:

- System Planning - responsible for total system planning effort. Specific duties included: power requirement studies, transmission power flow and short circuit studies, and general distribution system analysis.
- Facilities Design - major projects included substations up to 230 kV and a system side SCADA system.
- Supervision - direct supervision of personnel in the areas of substation construction and maintenance, power plant maintenance, revenue metering, drafting, system operations, and system analysis.

PROFESSIONAL DATA

Former Licensed professional engineer, States of Kansas and Colorado