

Big River Executive Biographies

Kevin Cantwell

Mr. Cantwell is the President of Big River. Mr. Cantwell has over 19 years experience in the information/communications industry, including 11 years at AT&T. Immediately prior to joining Big River, Mr. Cantwell was the Vice-President of Emerging Markets at WorldWide Technology. At WorldWide, Mr. Cantwell developed a business unit focused on the new carriers in the telecommunication industry. His experience and industry knowledge helped formulate a thriving organization that increased its revenues from \$610M in 2000 to almost \$1B dollars in 2001.

Immediately prior to his stint at WorldWide, Mr. Cantwell spent 2 years with Abiliti Solutions as Vice President – Sales. Abiliti Solutions is a leading provider of Telecommunications Billing software for the competitive local telecommunications and long distance providers in the United States. Mr. Cantwell was recruited to Abiliti from Convergys. At Convergys he was the Vice President of Sales and had extensive international experience forging business relationships with PTT's across the globe. His organization was focused on providing Operation Support Services software to Internet service providers.

During his years with AT&T Communications, Mr. Cantwell held a variety of executive positions in the areas of Sales and Marketing. He managed resources throughout the country focused on selling long distance and Internet services to corporate accounts.

Mr. Cantwell has a B.S. in Business and in Education from Central Methodist College and an MBA from Lindenwood University.

Kevin Keaveny

Mr. Keaveny is Vice President - Engineering and Operations at Big River Telephone. Prior to joining Big River, he was Corporate Director of Network Engineering and a co-founder of Gabriel Communications, Inc (now NuVox Communications).

Mr. Keaveny has more than 20 years experience in the telecommunications industry. During his time at Gabriel Communications he held various positions overseeing the Network Management Control Center, field operations and network engineering. At Gabriel, Mr. Keaveny oversaw the company's network capital budget, equipment selection and procurement process and related professional services, as well as vendor relations and contract administration. He led the engineering and installation of 130 co-location sites in Gabriel Communications 13 city network.

Prior to joining Gabriel, Mr. Keaveny served as Director of Network Management for Brooks Fiber Properties where he managed the company's two Network Management Centers. Mr. Keaveny oversaw the monitoring and technical support for more than 600 metro SONET rings, over 3000 SONET transport elements, Class 5 Switch Network and all network telemetry systems. The Network Control Centers were operationally certified by AT&T after passing rigorous network integrity and process compliance testing by company quality auditors.

Mr. Keaveny served in a number of management positions at GTE in the areas of technical support and engineering. From 1984 through 1988, he held various engineering positions with Nortel, and prior to that, at Bell Canada in the Computer Communications Group.

Mr. Keaveny is an Electronics Engineering graduate from DeVry University in Toronto, Canada, as well as attending advanced computer and systems management courses at Maryville University in St. Louis.

John F. Jennings

Mr. Jennings is Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Big River. Prior to joining Big River Telephone, Mr. Jennings spent 11 years in various Accounting and Finance positions, 6 of which were in the local exchange telecommunications industry. Immediately prior to joining Big River Telephone, Mr. Jennings was the Senior Manager of Operational Accounting at Gabriel Communications. At Gabriel, he oversaw Billing, Revenue and Cost Assurance, Collections, and various general accounting and reporting functions. Prior to joining Gabriel Communications, Mr. Jennings was Assistant Controller at Brooks Fiber Properties.

Mr. Jennings has a B.S. in Business - Accounting from the University of Missouri and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Chris Simmons

Mr. Simmons is General Manager of Big River. Mr. Simmons oversees daily operations and directs all related activities and development of all procedures and integration of all of the Company's systems. Mr. Simmons has seven years experience in telecommunications, specializing in IT system deployment and support, customer service operations, network management and billing operations.

Mr. Simmons has a B.S. in Computer Science from Southeast Missouri State University.