

# **Schedule KC-1**

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## SUMMARY

Over a decade of experience leading policy, communications, and project development for clean energy and environmental organizations. My career is driven by the promise of a sustainable future.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Director of Transmission Business Development, Invenergy (April 2022 – Present)**

*Chicago, IL*

- Assist the development of the Grain Belt Express project by supporting siting, regulatory and environmental permitting, public outreach, and other efforts as needed

### **Apex Clean Energy (May 2015 – April 2022)**

*Charlottesville, VA*

#### ***Utility-Scale Project Development (April 2021 – April 2022)***

- After several years leading policy initiatives for the company, I was offered the opportunity to join the project development team and gain more direct business experience in the industry
- Led development of nearly 1.5 GW of early-stage wind and solar energy projects, primarily in ERCOT, representing roughly \$1.5 billion in potential capital investment
- Directed the activity of land agents, consultants, and associate team members related to projects under my management
- Developed and executed strategies for securing local tax agreements, state and federal permits, and community support
- Represented Apex with elected officials, business partners, and other project stakeholders
- Coordinated with internal technical and business teams to create financial models, resource assessments, GIS products, and other information relevant to each project

#### ***Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs (October 2018 – April 2021)***

- Oversaw legislative and regulatory engagement for one of the nation's leading developers of wind and solar energy, managing a team of five and a network of lobbying consultants
- Directed team activity on policy issues related to project development, market creation, regulatory issues, and utility planning
- Partnered with company leadership on policy analysis for emerging business units, including community solar and renewable hydrogen
- Served as primary liaison for regional trade associations and relevant policy committees within national organizations
- Using collaboration and visualization software, created an internal platform to analyze, track, and share policy and regulatory information across all Apex business departments
- Managed department budget and coordinated political giving

#### ***Senior Manager of Federal Affairs (June 2017 – September 2018)***

- Created the company's first strategic plan for federal government engagement, collaborating closely with industry partners, contract lobbyists, and the Apex leadership team
- Led advocacy efforts around the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and drove engagement on project siting policy, particularly related to radar and airspace issues within the annual National Defense Authorization Act

- Interfaced with Administration and FERC officials on national energy and infrastructure policy and developed relationships with key Congressional offices

***Public Affairs Manager/Senior Public Affairs Manager (May 2015 – June 2017)***

- Led community outreach and state policy engagement in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic
- Directed successful community organizing efforts to permit wind projects in Virginia and North Carolina, including the unanimous approval of Virginia's first wind farm
- Oversaw state policy engagement in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee
- Served as an on-the-record spokesman in local, regional, and statewide media
- Drafted press releases, brochures, website, and social content, and other media materials

**Associate, Nexus Strategies (June 2013 – May 2015)**

*Raleigh, NC*

- Account leader at a boutique public affairs and communications firm, managing campaigns for a diverse set of clients covering clean energy, sustainability benchmarking, and technology issues
- Built grassroots and grasstops coalitions to raise the profile of client issues and generate tangible results, including media coverage, key policy endorsements, and high-profile advocacy events
- Crafted and edited press statements, op-eds, and online content for distribution to stakeholder audiences, resulting in media placements across state and national markets
- Developed direct-mail advertising and social media campaigns for political clients

**Communications Coordinator, Mississippi River Delta Restoration Campaign**

**(October 2011 – June 2013)**

*Washington, DC*

- Managed communications strategy for a joint coalition of the National Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, and Environmental Defense Fund focused on ecosystem restoration and sustainable infrastructure
- Led the campaign branding process, overseeing the creation of co-branded materials, style guides, and online content, leveraging existing group brands towards a new campaign identity
- Drafted press statements, blog articles, social media posts, talking points, and editorial memos
- Served as the primary media contact for the campaign, coordinating statements, interviews, and TV appearances for regional and national media

**Public Affairs Associate, Armed Forces Foundation (November 2009 – September 2011)**

*Washington, DC*

- Developed and administered the foundation's communications strategy through media relations, community outreach, website management, and social media

**EDUCATION**

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

***B.A. Journalism and Mass Communication, 2007***

- James M. Johnston Scholar

***M.A. Political Science, TransAtlantic Masters Program, 2009***

- Thesis subject: A comparative analysis of American and European approaches to climate policy