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Executive Summary

Performance-driven utility executive with a proven track record of delivering exceptional results in Safety, Reliability, Customer Service and bottom-line financial performance. Respected leader in the industry with strong relationships with state and federal regulatory agencies, Community and customer business partners, industry associations, employees, and Union leadership. Valued business partner with a collaborative cross-functional approach that engages teams and individuals to achieve shared goals. Wildfire mitigation expertise recognized globally. World class Reliability results as measured by independent nation comparisons. Real-world crisis management tested by providing Executive in Charge responsibility and leadership for major events including California Wildfires and the Pacific Southwest Blackout. Able to pinpoint business requirements, drive innovative solutions, and sell value-driven solutions. Persuasive innovator and influential communicator with strong analytical and presentation skills. Change agent known for ability to achieve business objectives.

Accomplishments include:

- Primary architect of the San Diego Gas and Electric Wildfire Mitigation Operational Plan
- Implemented reliability improvements to achieve the PA Consulting "Reliability Award" for 14 years
- Senior Manager for the NERC CIP Compliance Function
- Responsible for management of the 5 year \$6.0B construction plan
- Relationship based leadership to reduce OSHA rates by more than 50 percent during the last decade
- Led the Distribution Resource Plan proceeding including grid modernization
- Successfully restored the 2011 Pacific Southwest Blackout in 12 Hours

Professional Experience

Utility Safety Associates

Chief Executive Officer

January 2021 - present

- Principal advisor and consultant, providing services that will reduce wildfire and other public/employee safety risks.
- Analyze the current status of utility programs and recommend best practice solutions for unique local conditions.
- Development and implementation of key business practices and procedures that will drive improved client performance as measured by appropriate business metrics.
- Responsible for all aspects of client relationships.

San Diego Gas & Electric

Interim Chief Operating Officer

July 2020 – December 2020

- Leadership for exceptional results in Electric and Gas operations.
- Development of systems, processes, controls, and procedures to improve public and employee safety -Chief Safety Officer.
- Execution of corporate strategies and delivering key business metrics.

Senior Vice President – Electric Operations

2016 - July 2020

- Leadership responsibility for all aspects of the Electric Business Unit.
- Leadership for the development and implementation of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan.
- Co-lead of Executive Finance Committee and responsible for budget management of Electric Division.
- Strategic leadership for employee engagement and succession planning.

Vice President – Electric Transmission and Engineering

2014 - 2016

Vice President responsibility and ownership for all aspects of the SDG&E Transmission Business unit and the T&D Engineering and Planning. Select areas of responsibility include:

- Electric Grid Operations - Responsible for the safe and reliable operation of the transmission system and substations from 69kv through 500kv. Responsible officer for NERC CIP compliance.
- Transmission and Distribution Engineering - Oversight for all engineering, design, and work methods standards for the T&D electric system. Implementation of all assign elements for these systems including safety, compliance, and reliability.
- Transmission and Distribution Planning - Providing direction for the long-term planning of the T&D systems and identification of prudent, cost-effective solutions for existing and forecasted needs. Lead for all Distributed Resource Plan and grid modernization efforts.
- Major Projects Licensing and Implementation - Responsible for the licensing and project management for all new substations and transmission lines. Served as the lead witness on multiple CPUC proceedings and licensed \$1.4 Billion of new projects.
- Executive Finance Management- Co-led the SDG&E Executive Finance Committee with the CFO and managed the annual company O&C budget of approximately \$500MM and the capital budget of approximately \$1.4B.

Vice President – Electric Operations

2004 - 2014

In addition to the transmission activities mentioned above also had the responsibility for the following distribution activities:

- Electric Regional Operations- Management of all electric distribution field crews located in six geographical operating centers. Responsible for the safe construction, maintenance, and-service restoration of the distribution system. Also managed all the contract crews that supplemented the internal workforce.
- Distribution Operations Control Center- Responsible for the safe, reliable, and efficient delivery of power to 1.4 million customers and service restoration activities.
- Crisis Management - Lead executive responsibility for restoration efforts for the 2007 Firestorm and the 2011 Pacific Southwest Blackout. Emergency Operations Center Officer in Charge for both events.

Director of Distribution and Transmission Field Level Supervision and Management

1993 to 2004
1980 to 1992

Regulatory Experience

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| 1. Wildfires proceedings | 2008 - Present |
| 2. Micro-grid and distributed energy resources | 2015 - 2018 |
| 3. Southwest Blackout FERC/NERC proceeding | 2011 - 2012 |
| 4. Licensing of Sunrise Power Link | 2009 - 2012 |
| 5. General Rate case - O&M and Capital Witness | 2003 - 2004 |
| 6. California Industry Restructuring | 1995 - 1998 |

Community Partnerships

1. American Red Cross San Diego/Imperial County- Chairman of the Board
2. Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce
3. Construction Management Association of America
4. San Diego Rotary Club 33
5. IEEE Technical Society
6. San Diego State University - Engineering Dean's Advisory Board
7. University of San Diego - Engineering Advisory Board

Education

- MSEE San Diego State University- Electrical/Computer Engineering
- BSEE University of Illinois - Electrical Power Engineering
- Registered Professional Engineer - California