



Richard A. Polich, P.E.
Managing Director – Generation Services

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration, University of Michigan, 1990
Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, University of Michigan, 1979
Bachelor of Science, Nuclear Engineering, University of Michigan, 1979

ENGINEERING REGISTRATION

Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

National Society of Professional Engineers
American Nuclear Society
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Association of Energy Engineers Senior Member

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Polich has more than 30 years' experience as an energy industry engineer, manager, and leader, combining his business and technical expertise in the management of governmental, industrial and utility projects. He has worked extensively in nuclear, coal, IGCC, natural gas, green/renewable generation. Mr. Polich has developed generation projects in wind, solar, and biomass in Australia, Canada, Caribbean, South American and United States. His generation experience includes engineering of systems and providing engineering support of plant operations. He also has extensive experience in utility rates and regulation, having managed Consumers Energy's rates group for a number of years. In that function his responsibilities included load and revenue forecasting, overseeing the design of gas and electric rates and testifying in regulatory proceedings. Mr. Polich has testified in over thirty regulatory and legislative proceedings.

Mr. Polich has testified in over 30 regulatory proceedings on a variety of issues. Recently, Mr. Polich provided direct and rebuttal testimony before the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission in Docket No. 2015-0022, regarding the Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. and NextEra Merger. Over 15 years' experience working with Michigan Public Service Commission on renewable energy policies, independent power supplier regulations, and electric rate cases. He has also worked with the Michigan Legislature: defined laws for open markets, renewable portfolio standards. Mr. Polich has worked on various projects and policies in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Indiana, Minnesota Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin Commissions over the last ten years.

SPECIFIC PROJECT EXPERIENCE

RATES & REGULATORY

GDS associates, Inc. – Managing Director

SunEdison – Docket No. 2015-0022, regarding the Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. and NextEra Merger

Presented evidence regarding NextEra's regulatory practices in Florida through its affiliate, Florida Power and Light (FPL), that indicated it would not be in the best interest for Hawai'i to approve the merger.



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North Dakota Public Service Commission Staff – Case No. PU-15-96 NSP Determination of Prudence

Provided testimony on behalf of the North Dakota Public Service Commission Staff regarding analysis and recommendation concerning Northern States Power’s (“NSP”) need for additional generation resources.

Consumers Energy - Supervisor of Pricing and Forecasting

Managed the group responsible for setting and obtaining regulatory approval for the company’s electric and gas rates. Developed new approaches to electric and natural gas competitive pricing, redesigned electric rates to simplify rates and eliminate losses and defined new strategies for customer energy pricing. Negotiated new electric supply contracts with key industrial electric customers resulting in over \$800M in annual revenue.

EOS Energy Options & Solutions – Consulting Company

Provided testimony for multiple clients in both Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy in over 30 regulatory proceedings. Testimony topics included rates, public policy and deregulation. Also testified in several legislative proceedings in both Michigan and Ohio, addressing energy policy. Provided expert witness testimony in Massachusetts regarding wind energy projects.

NATURAL GAS COMBINED CYCLE EXPERIENCE

Consumers Energy – 1,560 MW Midland Cogeneration Venture

Member of a small team selected to investigate the feasibility of converting the mothballed Midland Nuclear Plant into a fossil fueled power plant. Established new plant configuration that repowered the existing nuclear steam turbine with natural gas fired combustion turbines and heat recovery steam generators. Developed the new thermal cycle and heat rate, determined how to supply steam to Dow chemical for cogeneration, developed models for projecting plant performance, defined which portions of the nuclear plant were useful in the new combined cycle plant and forecasted project economics.

Nordic Energy – (2) 1,150 MW IGCC Projects

Project Manager for the development of two IGCC projects proposed to Georgia Power and Xcel Energy in response to RFPs. Responsibilities included establishing thermal cycles, equipment selection, site selection, supervising engineering, developing project proforma and proposals.

Nordic Energy – 230 MW Power Barge

This unit was to be located on the Columbia River near Portland Oregon. Lead the project development team responsible for securing equipment, designing the power plant, design of barges, assessing site feasibility, developing project economics and interconnection applications.

Teekay Corporation – Gas to Wires Project

Feasibility study for the development of ship mounted gas turbine power units (including combined cycle) to be fueled with LNG. Performed research into power station configuration, on-ship LNG storage, LNG fuel transfer stations and project economics.



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RENEWABLE ENERGY EXPERIENCE

Matinee Energy – Utility Scale Solar Developer

Engineering design and project development consultant for utility scale solar photovoltaic projects. Development activities include site selection, equipment specifications, financial analysis and preparation of proposals. Also responsible for engineering and securing electrical interconnection.

Windlab Developments USA – Wind Power Developer

Responsible for greenfield development of the US platform for wind energy projects east of the Mississippi. Developed the company's engineering protocol for wind project design and construction, responsible for managing engineering design and construction of projects, and established six wind power projects (750 MW). Responsible for negotiation of Power Purchase Agreements, electrical interconnection studies, interface with Midwest ISO and submitting Generation Interconnection Application.

TradeWind Energy - Wind Power Project Developer

Project developer for 800 MW of wind power projects in Michigan and Indiana. Introduced new project management methods to the development process which resulted in savings of over \$200,000 annually on each project.

Third Planet Windpower – Wind Power Project Developer

Engineering and project management consultant to support the startup of new wind power company. Established engineering standards used for selection of wind project equipment and project construction, analysis tools for evaluating projecting wind project power production, and performed project economic modeling.

Noble Environmental Power – Wind Power Project Developer

Electric transmission system consultant on the development of several wind power projects. Supported Noble's decisions on transmission grid interconnect and negotiate interconnection agreements.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPERIENCE

Arkansas Energy Office – Weatherization Assistance Program Evaluation

Evaluated the performance and operations of Arkansas's Weatherization Assistance Program. This included review of program effectiveness, program operations, energy efficiencies attained, adequacy of energy efficiency measures and subcontractor performance.

CLEARResult – Arkansas Energy Efficiency Programs

Energy efficiency operations and program support for 400% increase in Arkansas energy efficiency programs. Developed processes for data collection, field staff deployment and job assignments.



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ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality - Economic Impacts of a Renewable Portfolio Standard and Energy Efficiency Program for Michigan

Project Manager for this report which focused on the economic impact of renewable portfolio standard and energy efficiency programs on the State of Michigan. The evaluation used in this report encompassed using integrated resource planning models, econometric modeling and electric pricing models for the entire State of Michigan.

West Michigan Business Alliance - Alternative and Renewable Energy Cluster Analysis

Prepared the report provided a road map for Western Michigan businesses to establish new business in the renewable energy industry.

POWER PURCHASING AND TRADING

Nordic Energy LLC - Vice President

Established an innovative energy trading floor, created customer metering and billing systems that enabled Nordic to be the first non-utility company to supply electricity to retail customers in Michigan.

POWER PROJECT EXPERIENCE:

Detroit Edison St Clair Power Station – Performed coal combustion analysis associated with conversion Powder River Basin coal. Work included pulverizer mill performance testing, boiler combustion analysis on new coal, and unit performance analysis.

Consumers Energy Campbell 3 - Supported start-up efforts of this 800 MW pulverized coal power plant. Part of team that performed analysis of boiler data and determined the cause of superheater failure. Also part of team to analyze performance test data for warranty evaluation.

Consumers Energy Weadock Plant – Design oversight and specified various plant upgrades during major maintenance outage. Included replacement of high pressure superheater, design of new steam supply pipes, valve specifications and supported plant restart.

Consumers Energy Midland Nuclear Plant – Responsible for overseeing EPC contractor design and construction of primary and secondary nuclear systems. Included review of systems for compliance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations. Key projects included:

- Leading team to analyze plant and determine best methods for compliance with new CFR Appendix R Fire Protection rules
- Design of primary cooling system pump oil collection and disposal systems.
- Oversight of redesign of component cooling water systems.
- Analysis of diesel generator capability to meet emergency shutdown power requirements.
- Primary interface with Dow Chemical for steam supply contract.



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Consumers Energy Midland Cogeneration Venture – Part of team to assess and develop design for converting nuclear plant to gas combined cycle project. This included researching and developing scenarios for project funding and regulatory approach Primary responsibilities included:

- Developing new thermal cycle that best utilized existing steam turbine and supply steam to Dow Chemical.
- Determining which existing assets could be utilized in new plant and determining the original construction value of these assets.

REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

Consumers Energy Manager of Rates – Responsible for managing rate design team, forecasting annual sales and revenue forecast and developing regulatory strategies. Testified in several state and federal regulatory proceedings.

PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS

Engineering and Economic Evaluation of Offshore Wind Plant Performance and Cost Data, 2011, Produced for the Electric Power Research Institute, KEMA, Inc.

FERC's 15% Fast Track Screening Criterion, 2012, Paper reviewing the FERC 15% screening criteria for electrical interconnection, KEMA, Inc.

Island of Saint Maarten Sustainable Energy Study, 2012, Produced for the Cabinet of Ministry VROMI, KEMA Inc.

A Study of Economic Impacts from the Implementation of a Renewable Portfolio Standard and an Energy Efficiency Program in Michigan, 2007, Produced for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Alternative and Renewable Energy Cluster Analysis, 2007, Produced for the West Michigan Strategic Alliance and The Right Place

COURSES & SEMINARS

Association of Energy Engineers – Certified Energy Manager
Green Building Council – Associated LEED Certification Training
CLEARResult Leadership Academy

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Bicycling, hiking and cross-country skiing
Instrument-Rated Private Pilot
Habitat for Humanity
Scoutmaster
Soccer coach and referee
Volunteer work for disaster relief and building homes in Mexico