

**Statement of Qualifications
Todd Z. Simmons
General Manager – Generation Operations
Minnesota Power**

Todd Z. Simmons is the General Manager of Generation Operations for Minnesota Power, and is responsible for portions of all fossil, gas and renewable operations and maintenance programs and staff. This responsibility includes Boswell Energy Center, Laskin Energy Center, Rapids Energy Center, and Bison Wind Energy Center in North Dakota.

Mr. Simmons earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Management from The College of St. Scholastica, in Duluth, Minnesota, and holds a Chief A Engineer's License with the State of Minnesota.

Mr. Simmons has 27 years of regulated utility experience. He joined Minnesota Power in 1994, wherein his career areas of focus have included generation facility maintenance and operations, generation operations engineering and reliability, and production planning.

Throughout his career with Minnesota Power, he has held a number of positions of increasing responsibility within the areas of operations, maintenance, engineering, project management support, and support service functions. Each new role had an increased level of diversity in operating and maintenance protocols, as well as management of employees, budgets, and facilities.