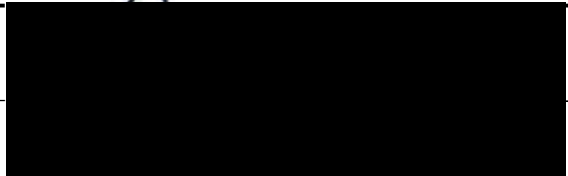


**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**

Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

<b>1. Your Name:</b> John D. Di Stasio		
<b>2. Your Title:</b> President		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing:</b> Large Public Power Council (LPPC)		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</b>	Yes	No X
<b>5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.</b>  None		
<b>6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>  Attached		

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: May 15, 2015

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## QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

Experienced and effective utility executive with wide-ranging experience in public power. Proven skill interacting with customers, diverse employee groups, elected boards, community leaders and industry peers. A career distinguished by strong relationships, meaningful leadership and contributions to industry and community.

- Comprehensive knowledge and experience in electric utility operations including markets, contracts, power supply, customer service, energy efficiency, revenue collection, rates and pricing, distribution and transmission planning, construction and operations, advertising, communications and media relations, and supply chain.
- Skilled at leading large and diverse organizations through times of significant change.
- Extensive presentation experience to diverse industry groups, both foreign and domestic.
- Experience working with various regulatory and legislative bodies at the local, state and federal levels.
- Proven leadership of large employee groups through fostering two-way communications, employee teams and positive labor relations.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LARGE PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL – WASHINGTON, DC

2015 TO PRESENT

**President** (2015 – present)

Serve as the first President of the Large Public Power Council (LPPC) representing the interest of the nation's twenty-five largest consumer-owned electric utilities. Provide policy and technical advice in the development of policy positions, serve as the organization's spokesperson along with the Board Chair, engage in relevant industry forums as a speaker or participant and monitor energy trends and proposals that uniquely affect the larger, asset-owning, public power systems.

SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT – SACRAMENTO, CA

1981 to 2014

*Built a solid record of achievement and advancement through increasingly responsible positions.*

**General Manager and Chief Executive Officer** (2008 – 2014)

Lead and manage all aspects of a \$1.4 billion California electric utility; sixth largest consumer-owned utility in the United States with 600,000 meters, 1.4 million population and 2,100 employees. Active in the industry as a recognized leader serving as the President of the California Municipal Utility Association (CMUA), Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA), Vice-Chair of the Large Public Power Council (LPPC), Executive Board Member of the American Public Power Association (APPA), Technical Review Panel Member of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Industry Representative, one of twenty four, at the National Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Gubernatorial Appointee the California State Workforce Investment Board.

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- ***Key Accomplishments:***

- Directed the development of a sustainable power supply; 24% renewable energy and 47% carbon-free while maintaining rates amongst the lowest in California. Strengthened financial performance and operational excellence through the establishment key performance indicators and continuous process improvement practices.
- Rated number one in California in residential customer satisfaction by JD Power and Associates for the past eleven years. Also rated first nationally for commercial customer satisfaction 2006 & 2007 and first in California for the past seven years. Achieved highest score ever recorded in the industry in 2007.
- Achieved rating agency upgrades from both Fitch and Standard and Poors. Rated A1 or AA- with stable outlook from all three rating agencies.
- Received a \$127.5 million dollar smart grid grant from the Federal government, the largest of any California utility, public or private, and one of the largest in the country. Completed the successful implementation of 600,000 smart meters, fully enabled smart grid on 18% of all distribution circuits including distributed renewable and storage, electric vehicle charging, conservation voltage and voltage optimization, home automated networks and pilot for time of use pricing and critical peak pricing.
- October 27, 2009 - Testified before the United States House of Representatives, Energy and Power Subcommittee Hearing, "Protecting the Electric Grid: HR 2165, the Bulk Power Protection System Act of 2009, and HR 2195". Testimony was made on behalf of the entire national electric utility sector.
- October 11, 2011 - Testified before the United States House of Representatives, Energy and Power Subcommittee Hearing, "The American Energy Initiative". Topic area was planning, siting and cost allocation on federal transmission. Testimony was made on behalf of the Large Public Power Council.
- November 18, 2010 – Testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee Commissioner-led Technical Conference, "Reliability Monitoring, Enforcement and Compliance Issues" Docket No. AD11-1-000
- Led numerous meetings with Cabinet Members, Agency Heads, Congressional Members and staff related to legislation and regulation affecting public power including municipal finance, cyber, financial reform, climate, renewables, reliability, transmission and smart grids
- Guided the development of some of the most aggressive energy efficiency goals in the United States, annual 1.5% annual reduction in load over ten years.
- Developed leading retail renewable programs such as Greenergy, SolarSmart and Solar Shares and the first Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) program in California. All 100 MW's subscribed within one week and fully operational as of 2012.

## **Assistant General Manager, Energy Delivery and Customer Service (2000 to 2008)**

Lead and manage the primary retail functions of the sixth largest publicly-owned electric utility in the United States. Responsible for all customer-facing organizations as well as design, construction, maintenance and operations of the electrical distribution network. Accountable to the customers, General Manager and a seven-member elected Board of Directors, to meet customer expectations for reliability, environmental stewardship and competitiveness while maintaining employee satisfaction and safety.

### ***Key Accomplishments:***

- Rated number one in California in residential customer satisfaction by JD Power and Associates for six of the past seven years. Also rated first nationally for commercial customer satisfaction 2006 & 2007. Achieved highest score ever recorded in the industry in 2007.
- Rated at 96% approval by SMUD customers on six dimensions of customer service.

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- ***Key Accomplishments (Continued):***

- Achieved outage frequencies and durations comparable to the best utilities in the Western United States.
- Guided the development of the most aggressive energy efficiency goals in the United States
- Developed leading retail renewable programs such as Greenergy, SolarSmart and Solar Shares
- Managed nearly 60% of the District's overall workforce and nearly 70% of the represented employees.
- Maintained employee satisfaction ratings of nearly 90% for the past three years.

## **Director, Distribution Services (1997 to 2000)**

Lead the organization responsible for the engineering, construction and operations of SMUD's distribution system and low voltage network. Guided the development of centralized planning to effectively coordinate distribution design, construction and operations. Oversaw the development and execution of comprehensive maintenance programs to improve reliability and reduce cost. Established labor agreements to allow for the augmentation of staff with contractors during peak times and re-established apprentice programs in several skilled trades. Also lead the effort to automate the operations and planning areas through the implementation of SMUD's first geographical information system and design and outage management systems.

### ***Key Accomplishments:***

- Successfully increased productivity by 14% through a comprehensive business process re-engineering project.
- Reduced customer outage frequency and duration, specifically in outages associated with tree trimming and underground cable failures.
- Re-established apprenticeship programs for several skilled trades in anticipation of increasing rates of employee attrition.
- Established working partnerships with the Building Industry Association and commercial developers to modify new construction processes to better serve both the development community and SMUD.
- Successfully negotiated two labor agreements with the IBEW

## **Manager, Supply Chain (1992 - 1997)**

Managed all aspects of SMUD's purchasing and materials processes. Developed several process improvements to streamline purchasing transactions and improve customer satisfaction. Developed several forms of vendor contracts to manage inventories in a more cost-effective manner and to reduce waste streams. Authored SMUD's first supplier diversity program; the Equal Business Opportunity Program, and helped establish the community advisory panel for small and local vendors.

### ***Key Accomplishments:***

- Developed the use of procurement cards for routine and repetitive purchases of small dollar amounts.
- Established the first strategic alliance contracts with performance incentives and longer duration contract terms.
- Authored the supplier diversity program.
- Utilized the first Engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contracts for turnkey substation construction.

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## **SMUD (1981 – 1992)**

Held various staff and supervisory positions with increasing responsibilities within the Purchasing and Engineering organizations; managing contracts and performing project controls and project scheduling. Member of SMUD's speaker's bureau.

LIQUID AIR OF NORTH AMERICA – San Francisco, CA

1975 to 1980

*Developed a strong foundation in business operations, sales and marketing*

### **Industrial Gas Sales Representative**

Began in warehouse and retail outlet in the welding products division moving through increasingly responsible positions in Northern California. Performed similar functions in regional warehouse in Kent, Washington prior to promotion to welding and gas sales in Kennewick, Washington in 1976. Responsible for the sales and support to major contractors at the Hanford nuclear project. Promoted to the bulk gas division and relocated to Seattle in 1977 where I was responsible for negotiating and supporting long-term bulk gas contracts with companies such as Boeing and Lockheed.

#### ***Key Accomplishment:***

- Became one of the youngest sales representatives in the bulk gas division within the United States.
- Successfully achieved sales targets in both welding and bulk gas divisions.
- Developed good breadth of business skills through negotiation of contracts and the management of a retail outlet functions.

## **EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS**

### **Bachelor of Science in Organizational Behavior, with Honors (1987)**

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO – San Francisco, California

### **Senior Fellow (2010)**

American Leadership Forum

### **James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award**

American Public Power Association (2013)

### **2013 Large Utility CEO of the Year**

*Electric Power & Light* magazine, PennWell

### **2014 USEA Volunteer Award**

United States Energy Association Annual Meeting, National Press Club, Washington DC

#### ***Professional and Civic Boards:***

California Municipal Utility Association (Past President)

Northwest Public Power Association, Vancouver, WA (Past President)

Executive Board Member, American Public Power Association, Washington DC

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Vice-Chair and CEO Sponsor, Government Relations Task Force, Large Public Power Council, Washington DC

Technical Review Panel, Energy Systems Integration, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, Colorado

California State Workforce Investment Board Member, (Gubernatorial Appointment),

## *Professional and Civic Boards (Continued):*

Board of Advisors, University of California, Davis Energy Efficiency Center

Board of Advisors, California State University, Sacramento, School of Business

Energy Efficiency Executive Council, Electric Power Research Institute, Knoxville, TN

Chair, Economic Development Committee, Executive Committee Member, Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento, CA

Past President, Linking Education and Economic Development, LEED, Sacramento, CA

Board Member, Northern California World Trade Center

Los Rios Community College Foundation Board, Sacramento, CA

North State Building Industry Association Board, Sacramento, CA

## *Published Articles, Media and Speaking Engagements:*

“Smart Customer Service in the Energy Industry as of 2010 – First Hand Impressions of the U.S. and German Markets, by John DiStasio and Andreas Doehrer, *Energiewirtschaftliche Tagesfragen* Vol. 60 (2010), Issue 1 / 2

E & E Television, Washington DC, 12/07/2011, Special Report, “Smart Grid: Power, Regulatory Experts Examine Challenges to Upgrading Transmission System”

Platt’s Energy Week, Washington DC, 04/23/2014, “California Utility Tackles Tough Clean Air Standards”, [www.plattstv.com/video/california-utility-tackles-tough-clean-air-standards/3547046571001](http://www.plattstv.com/video/california-utility-tackles-tough-clean-air-standards/3547046571001)

C-Span, USEA Energy Programs Presentation, 04/24/2014, [www.c-spanvideo.org/program/EnergyProgr](http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/EnergyProgr)

“Wrestling with Change” Energy Biz Magazine, Volume 6 / Issue 5, Sept 09/ Oct 09

Essen, Germany, February 13 – 17, 2006 – Presenter, E-World, “Examination of the Market from the Perspective of a Consumer-Owned Supply Company”

Bonn, Germany, November 11 – 12, 2008 – Presenter, Con Energy Key Customer Forum, “California Direct Access Experiences and Observations”

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Auckland, New Zealand, August 28 – 30, 2000 – Presenter, Energy Symposium 2000, “Kyoto Protocol and Carbon Taxes”

Brasilia, Brazil – 2004 - Presenter - Regulatory Conference related to utility privatization in Brazil. Other presenters included Suedeen Kelly, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Audience included National and regional energy regulators. Sponsored by the United States Energy Association

Sacramento, California, August 7 – 8, 2012, Keynote – National Geothermal Summit, “A Dialogue between Federal, State, Local and Geothermal Industry Leaders”

United States Department of Energy Clean Energy Ministerial Panelist, 2012, Lancaster House, London, England at the invitation of the United States Secretary of Energy, Dr. Stephen Chu

United States Department of Energy Utility of the Future Participant, 2012, Washington DC at the invitation of the Secretary of Energy Dr. Stephen Chu

St Helena, California, March 6, 2012, Presenter – California Foundation for the Environment and the Economy (CFEE) Energy Workshop, “Alternative Rate Designs: How Are California’s Municipal Utilities and Investor-Owned Utilities in Other States and Countries Modifying Rate Design to Support Similar Policy Goals? How Can Alternative Rate Designs Help Us Reduce GHG Emissions in an Efficient and Equitable Manner?”

## *International Status and Activities:*

### **Dual Citizenship** – USA and EU (Italia)

United States Energy Association Technical Exchanges related to renewables, energy efficiency, energy technologies and regulation

Botswana, Africa – 2003 - Utility Technical Exchange sponsored by the United States Energy Association and USAID with Botswana Electric Power Company (BEPCO)

Dhaka, Bangladesh – 2004 & 2006 - Utility Technical Exchange sponsored by the United States Energy Association and USAID with Dhaka Electric Supply Company (DESCO) and Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA)

Delhi, India – 2006 - Utility Technical Exchange sponsored by the United States Energy Association and USAID with North Delhi Power Limited (NDPL)

Amman, Jordan – 2010 & 2011 - Utility Technical Exchange sponsored by the United States Energy Association and USAID with Kingdom Electric Company (KEC), Electric Distribution Company (EDCO), Jordan Electric Power Company (JEPCO) and Irbid District Electric Company (IDECO)

## *Hobbies and Interests:*

Viticulture and enology (DiStasio Vineyards), golf, fishing and hiking, international travel

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*References:*

Available upon request