

MICHAEL J. CASPER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Thirty-four plus years of energy industry experience that includes management, business and project development, consulting, engineering, construction, and operating experience. Prior to my role as President and CEO at JCE Co-op, I was a Senior Manager in the Business and Technology Strategies group at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). My focus was working with our members on strategic initiatives in developing value added resources in the areas of electric generation, fuels, and distributed energy resources. Prior to my work at NRECA I worked for more than ten years as an Independent Power Producer developing, constructing, and managing the operations of clean energy facilities. During my first eleven years in the energy industry, my work entailed consulting, engineering, design and procurement of electric power systems.

Key areas of expertise include management, contract negotiations, regulation, policy, permitting, interconnection, financial modeling, risk management, strategic planning, stakeholder management, energy sales and transportation, marketing, and public relations.

EXPERIENCE

JCE Co-op

2016-present

President and CEO

JCE Co-op is an energy and broadband cooperative located in Northwest Illinois that provides electric, natural gas and broadband services to approximately 35,000 accounts/subscribers. With a focus on growth, enhancing value to our members and operational excellence, below are several key results.

Key Results

- Awarded nearly \$100 million in funding to construct and provide high speed fiber internet service to more than 10,000 unserved and underserved rural Northwest Illinois homes and businesses.
- Focus on economic development to expand existing businesses and build new, resulting in approximately 5 Megawatts (MW) of expanded or new electric load, as well as new natural gas services.
- Interconnected nearly 10 MWs of member owned solar and developed 3 community solar facilities within our electric service territory.
- Continue to create and expand community safety programs (e.g., for emergency responders)

NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (NRECA)

2012-2016

Senior Manager, Business and Technology Strategies

NRECA is an association that provides national leadership and member assistance through legislative representation in legal and regulatory proceedings affecting electric service and the environment. I managed the input and review of regulatory policy, legislation, and research and development specific to generation, transmission and distribution of electric power, which adds value and supports the views of NRECA's electric cooperative members.

Key Results

- Successfully built and led the management and budgeting of NRECA's generation, environment and carbon work group.
- Manage the development of valuable business and technology resources for America's Electric Cooperatives that save members time and money such as the distributed generation toolkit.
- Provide valuable business and technical input into legislative initiatives and regulatory policy.

HB ENERGY PREVIOUSLY MICROGY, INC

2003-2012

Vice President, Business and Project Development

HB Energy was a developer, owner and operator of renewable energy facilities where I led the development, design, financing, construction, commissioning, and operation of clean energy production facilities. Negotiated long-term energy off-take agreements with energy companies with values of more than \$100 million. Coordinated the transportation, scheduling and delivery of renewable natural gas (RNG) to the end user. Created stakeholder trust with feedstock providers, natural gas (NG) pipeline and NG and electric generation companies, engineering, construction and technology providers, financial institutions, government, regulatory agencies and the public.

DELENOVA ENERGY, LLC, Fairfax, VA

2002 - 2003

Business Development Manager

Delenova Energy, a ND Group Company, was a leading international advisory firm focused on advancing premium, high-value energy projects where I managed the development of clean electric generation facilities. Created economically viable projects through incentives and attractive supply contracts by fostering close working relationships with finance groups, industry and government agencies.

CME NORTH AMERICAN MERCHANT ENERGY, LLC, Boston, MA

2001-2002

Business Developer

CME is an internationally successful project development company that creates opportunities based on the need and resources of the regional market. The company brings together knowledgeable investors, lending institutions and community leaders, along with top technology partners to develop reliable and efficient energy projects. In this role, I established a new business unit to explore and develop clean energy project opportunities.

SARGENT & LUNDY, LLC, Chicago, IL

1991 - 2001

Principal Consultant, Management Consulting Group, 1998 - 2001

For more than 100 years, Sargent & Lundy has provided comprehensive consulting, engineering, design, and analysis for electric power generation and power delivery projects worldwide. In 1998 I joined Sargent & Lundy's Management Consulting Group to perform market, financial and economic analysis and forecast modeling to support client needs. Promoted to the Leadership Team as a Principal Consultant in 2000 to support client needs and maintain and develop strong relationships with utility, cooperative, municipal and independent power producers.

Project Engineer, Mechanical Project Engineering Division, 1991 – 1998

Developed mechanical system designs and equipment specifications used to procure power systems to meet project and client needs. Worked directly with clients to implement large capital building projects.

EDUCATION:

MBA (emphasis Finance), DePaul University, 1999

BS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Wisconsin - Platteville, 1990