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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor

Hamline University School

of Law

St. Paul, MN

2013

Bachelor of Arts

Gustavus Adolphus College

St. Peter, MN

2007

Environmental Studies and

Geography

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Wind Energy

Association

Women of Renewable

Industries and Sustainable

Energy

Melissa Schmit, *Permitting Director*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020-Present	Permitting Director, Geronimo Energy, Minneapolis, MN
2018-2019	Permitting Manager, Geronimo Energy, Minneapolis, MN
2016-2018	Senior Permitting Specialist, Geronimo Energy, Minneapolis, MN
2014-2015	Consultant and Project Manager, E3 Environmental, Saint Paul, MN
2007-2014	Environmental Scientist, HDR Engineering, Minneapolis, MN

SPECIALTY AREAS/ EXPERTISE

Director, Permitting – Ms. Schmit manages the permitting department and supports all aspects of regulatory compliance including environmental permitting and due diligence review for Geronimo's wind and solar portfolio. She manages project risks by developing study and permitting strategies through consultation with all stakeholders including local, state, and federal agencies. Her experience includes National Environmental Policy Act reviews, state utility reviews, local land use reviews, various resource impact permitting, and conducting biological and archaeological field studies for various infrastructure across the Midwest.

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

2017 North Dakota Planning Association Conference. Presenter. *Renewable Energy in Your Community.*

First Place, Mid-West Regional Mediation Competition, 2013, American Bar Association.