

KIRK PHINNEY

EXPERIENCE

DECEMBER 2005 – PRESENT

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

SENIOR MANAGER, PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

20 years of progressive growth and responsibility at Otter Tail Power Company; starting as a Plant Engineer progressing to Senior Engineer, Principal Engineer, Commissioning Manager, Supply Engineering Manager, to current role as Senior Manager, Project Management Office.

Currently responsible for supporting the Company's long-term vision and transmission growth strategy of Otter Tail Power's large transmission project portfolio. Responsible for developing talent and leading the long-term strategy and planning for project development and execution of multiple transmission projects; ensuring alignment of project outcomes with Otter Tail Power's strategic objectives and adhering to internal governance structure, project governance, and regulatory compliance.

Past Large Projects & Experience

Supply Engineering Manager – Oversaw engineering staff and provided engineering support to Resource Planning and all Otter Tail Power generation resources including wind, solar, hydro, combustion turbine, and coal fired generation.

Astoria Station CT project – Project Manager for the execution of a 250-megawatt, green field, simple cycle combustion turbine power plant project. Responsibilities included development of the baseline budget, schedule and project execution plan; development of the project staffing plan and recruit and supervise staff; select detailed design engineer; coordination between engineer and external legal support for supply agreements, source all equipment and service agreements; development and oversight of construction management and startup and commissioning activities; turnover project to operations; report on project progress to various state regulatory agencies. Also developed and acquired Minnesota PUC approval for an onsite liquefied natural gas fuel storage project.

Big Stone Plant Air Quality Control System Project - Principal Engineer and Commissioning Manager for air quality control retrofit on a 475-megawatt coal fired power plant. Lead engineer for the selection of all technologies and equipment for the project. Developed and managed all startup and commissioning activities. Recruited and supervised engineering and commissioning staff, which peaked at 25 individuals. Closed out all major supply agreements and project tasks. Provided progress reports to plant co-owners and other regulatory commissions. Provided witness testimony to three state utility commissions for rate recovery of projects.

Hoot Lake Plant Demolition and Decommissioning – Developed the plan and budget and then executed the decommissioning and demolition of three 1960's vintage coal fired power plants.

Plant Engineer – monitored and evaluated plant performance of two coal fired power plants, developed and managed smaller projects, implemented computer-based asset management program, provided technical support for operations and maintenance.

JANUARY 2005 – DECEMBER 2005

ENGINEER, PETE LIEN & SONS

Entry level engineer responsible for project management, contractor oversight, and project development.

MAY 2002 – JANUARY 2005

ENGINEER INTERN, BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT

Entry level engineer responsible for project management, contractor oversight, project development, and development of a preventative maintenance program for three combustion turbine generators.

EDUCATION

MAY 2005

B.S. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY