

Tony Wendland

Experience Summary

22 years of experience in the fields of high voltage electric transmission project management, distribution substation project management, natural gas project management, utility construction operations management and strategic planning, project scheduling, electric transmission foundation construction, commercial construction, construction inspections, general construction and maintenance, utility field work, supervisory roles, and project coordination.

Education and Professional Certifications

Bachelor of Science Construction Management, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Project Management Professional, Project Management Institute
Scheduling Professional, Project Management Institute

Professional Experience

July 2024 – Present **Xcel Energy** Minneapolis, MN

Project Director Capital Project Development (Transmission and Distribution)

- Provide strategic leadership to project teams developing the scope schedule and cost for a \$4B+ portfolio of large and complex transmission line and substation projects
- Provide direction and leadership to diverse teams through project planning, development and state/local permit processes
- Manage relationships and communicate with internal and external stakeholders

June 2023 – July 2024 **Xcel Energy** Minneapolis, MN

Project Manager III Capital Project Development (Transmission and Distribution)

- Responsible for developing the scope, schedule and cost of large complex transmission line and substation projects
- Lead a diverse team through project planning, development and state/local permit processes
- Manage relationships and communicate with internal and external stakeholders

May 2021 to June 2023 – **Xcel Energy** Minneapolis, MN

Senior Project Manager (Transmission)

- Management and leadership for a portfolio of transmission line and substation projects
- Lead a diverse project team to achieve approved project scope using strategic sequencing, detailed schedules, cost tracking, forecasting and reconciliation

March 2019 to May 2021 – **HireGenics / Xcel Energy** Minneapolis, MN

Project Controls Specialist

- Maintain a schedule portfolio of transmission and substation projects using Primavera scheduling software
- Perform detailed schedule creation and periodic updates on my portfolio of projects

September 2018 to March 2019 - **Xcel Energy** Maple Grove, MN

Senior Operations Manager, Construction Management Office

- Developed strategic direction for a new organization within Xcel Energy to improve construction efficiency
- Implemented new material coordination team
- Implemented unit bid pricing with our major contractors
- Oversight and governance of all major contract work within the Transmission Construction department

Wendland Direct Testimony - Schedule 1

Professional Experience

August 2016 to September 2018 - Xcel Energy Maple Grove, MN
Senior Project Manager, Strategic Planning and Operational Performance

- Provide overall business planning and performance tracking for the Transmission construction and Line Operations department.
- Developed and help implement major organization adjustments
- Implementing the use of unit pricing contracts and compliance processes for those contracts
- Developed audit compliance responses and implemented the process changes including a new vendor observation program

January 2014 to August 2016 - Xcel Energy St. Paul, MN
Senior Project Manager High Pressure Natural Gas

- Responsible for managing the scope, schedule, cost and risks of multi-million dollar high pressure natural gas projects
- Manage and oversee construction and inspection of high-pressure natural gas pipeline projects
- Liaison between Xcel, community and the public during the planning, design and construction phases of the project

June 2012 to January 2014 - Xcel Energy Maple Grove, MN
Field Operations Supervisor II

- Responsible for supervising 80 employees working on installing foundations for electric transmission structures and substation equipment
- Supervised crews working on parts of the CAPX 2020 project, installing large drilled-pier foundations for transmission lines

November 2010 to June 2012 - Xcel Energy Minneapolis, MN
Project Controls Specialist

- Maintained a schedule portfolio of 100 to 200 transmission and substation projects using Primavera scheduling software
- Perform detailed schedule creation and periodic updates on my portfolio of projects

Nov 2008 to Nov 2010 Hardrives Inc. Rogers, MN
Project coordinator

- Scheduled heavy highway paving crews and equipment
- Daily estimating of asphalt and other material needed for projects

May 2007 to June 2008 Sand Companies, Inc. Waite Park, MN
Assistant Project Manager

- Assisted project managers to complete commercial construction projects on time and under budget
- Management of sub-contractors, inspecting contractors work, estimating, scheduling, negotiation of contracts, plan reading, and plan interpretation

May 2004 to June 2006 Midwest Utility Service Inc. Mankato, MN
Foreman/Operator

- Managed crews and equipment installing to home, fiber optic systems in the Midwest using horizontal drilling, cable plowing and trenching construction methods