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Education

1979 – 1983 Johnson State College Johnson, VT

B.A., Environmental Administration
High Academic Honors; Environmental Science Department Award

1984 - 1986 University of Vermont Burlington, VT

Master of Business Administration
Oracle at Delphi, Department Award

President

Vermont Environmental Research Associates, Inc. (VERA) was founded in 1978 to provide program management and certain analytical services to the wind power and electric utility industries, and state governments. VERA remains a small professional consulting firm with several employees or consultants depending on the projects underway at any one time. VERA's capabilities and a description of the most significant of this work is summarized below and can be found on VERA's web site www.northeastwind.com.

Wind Power and Project Management

In the late 1990s under John's guidance VERA designed implemented a regional-scale wind turbine site prospecting and evaluation program in the northeastern United States first for a 'Fortune 100' client, and then more recently for several wind power development companies. This extensive effort involved development of a Geographic Information System (GIS) to map, store, and manage data relating to windy land areas in the states of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia. In the most attractive areas for wind development it also included property owner boundaries and other detailed information. Extensive property owner negotiations and land rights acquisitions were ultimately part of this effort.

The above work led to VERA's direct responsibility for the management of client, enXco's Inc. east coast wind power development efforts through the period 2001 – 2005. This work culminated with permitting of the 30 MW, Hoosac Project in northwestern Massachusetts, and the development and permitting of the Deerfield project, a 35 – 45 MW expansion to the existing Searsburg project. The Hoosac Project awaits the resolution of the appeal of one of its wetlands permit, and the Deerfield Project in undergoing federal NEPA permitting and Vermont state review by the Vermont Public Service Board. Both projects were purchased by PPM Energy in early 2006, and VERA has been retained as consultant.

VERA continues this wind siting work with client Noble Environmental Power LLC, at this time.

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Investment Due Diligence, Project Finance, and Business Development

Since John co-founded Mountain Energy Inc, GMP's unregulated investment subsidiary in 1980s provided his financial and technical analytical capabilities to the growth of this business. Over ten years of work with Mountain Energy has provided experience in evaluating, and managing investments in wind, hydroelectric, solar, natural gas, wood, landfill gas, and other power generation and energy efficiency technologies.

Professional Memberships

VERA is a member of the American Wind Energy Association and Renewable Energy Vermont

Personal

Born 1951; formerly married with two children; Vermont resident since 1973.