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For Utility Board - Seat D**



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Board Seat D

INTRODUCTION

I have prepared this brochure in order to give you an in-depth understanding of my background, experience, and the reasons I am the most qualified candidate to pursue this position. This document also outlines some of the issues Keys Energy Services (KEYS) is facing that I am prepared to address.

After twenty years as a Cudjoe Key resident, this is my opportunity to use my industry expertise and extensive experience to join the Board and Management of KEYS in addressing a number of emerging utility issues. These include:

- addressing Keys Energy rates which are the highest in Florida,
- recovery of \$50 million in Irma related costs from FEMA,
- fairly priced solar integration,
- the retirement of key personnel,
- salary competition for key positions;
- storm hardening of the distribution system; and
- long-term generation supply issues.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Started work at Bethlehem Steel as a millwright helper, working nights and going to school during the day,
- Earned a scholarship and graduated State University of New York Buffalo with a degree in Electrical Engineering,
- Hired by Niagara Mohawk Power Company in Oswego, NY as an Operations Project Engineer. Assigned to the refurbishment of four 100 megawatt (MW) generating units and the construction of two new 850 MW units,
- Promoted to Electrical Maintenance Supervisor with responsibility for maintenance at all fossil, nuclear and many hydro facilities in the area,
- Named System Training Director, moved to corporate headquarters and

established a companywide training department, and

- Earned my MBA from The Wharton School of Economics, University of Pennsylvania.

INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

- Worked for an international consulting firm in New York City, working with utilities throughout North America.
- Started Vantage Energy Consulting and have led over 100 utility consulting projects around the world.
- Negotiated long term energy supply contract for a Florida municipal similar in size to Keys Energy,
- Performed approximately 50 comprehensive or focused audits of utilities.
- Analyzed and restructured Virgin Islands utility,
- Provided support to utility Management and Boards of Directors on many occasions.
- Testified on utility issues approximately 150 times, including before the US House of Representatives on the California energy crisis.
- Named Lifetime Member of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineer.
- Member of the Governor Bush's 2020 Florida Energy Task Force, which worked to develop a framework for clean, reliable and affordable electricity in Florida and
- Currently a Certified General Contractor in Florida.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Since arriving in the Keys in 1998, my contributions include:

- Initiated successful effort to reduce extensive use of costly, intrusive, and unreliable grinder pumps in Lower Keys Wastewater System,
- Led successful effort to stop burning of hurricane waste,

- President of Cudjoe Gardens POA,D
- Owned the Pirate Wellness Center, a fitness center on Cudjoe Key, and
- Raised over \$15,000 for Marc House, bicycle riding the 100 mile Tour de Keys.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATE

Throughout my career, as both a utility industry consultant and private citizen, I have been proactive in many environmental activities and organizations:

- Member Florida Keys Sanctuary Advisory Council for six years,
- A 14 year member of the Florida Keys Mote Marine Labs Advisory Council,
- Partnered with Sierra Club and National Resource Defense Council (NRDC) on adaption of new technologies for power plants to meet Clean Air Act requirements,
- Prepared detailed economic analysis for the US Senate, related to impact of carbon legislation proposed in the 1997 International Kyoto Treaty,
- Worked on development and refinement of environmental technology used in power plants to reduce unhealthy nitrogen oxide, sulfur oxide and particulate pollution,
- Meet regularly at international symposiums with scientists and environmental experts on global warming issues related to power plant CO₂ emissions, and
- Investigated and supported development and design of Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) power plants for use in CO₂ sequestration.

I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT

Walter P. Drabinski

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