

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
 Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
 Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)

1. Your Name: Barbara Ann Walz		
2. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
3. Are you testifying on behalf of an entity that is not a government entity?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
4. Other than yourself, please list which entity or entities you are representing: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Assoc., Inc.		
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that you or the entity you represent have received on or after October 1, 2009: Tri-State has firm power contracts with the Western Area Power Administration plus is involved in consortia receiving grants from the Department of Energy and other government entities		
6. If your answer to the question in item 3 in this form is "yes," please describe your position or representational capacity with the entity or entities you are representing: Sr. Vice President for External Relations and Environmental		
7. If your answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," do any of the entities disclosed in item 4 have parent organizations, subsidiaries, or partnerships that you are not representing in your testimony?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
8. If the answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that were received by the entities listed under the question in item 4 on or after October 1, 2009, that exceed 10 percent of the revenue of the entities in the year received, including the source and amount of each grant or contract to be listed: N/A		
9. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature: _____

Date: 6/16/12

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Professional Summary

Senior executive with 25 years of progressively responsible experience working in industry, consulting, trade association and government sectors. Experience includes development of corporate strategies, risk management, customer and member services, government relations, policy development, program implementation, compliance, budgeting and cost management. Management experience includes design of organization and staffing plans, supervision and mentoring of professional staff. Developed and implemented a formal Environmental Management System which improved corporate compliance.

Professional Experience

Senior Vice President, External Relations and Environmental

02/11 - Present

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

- Responsible for corporate policy development, external relations, and environmental compliance and policy
- Develop policies and programs to achieve the Board of Directors strategic goals and company mission, goals, and objective
- Communicate corporate activities to the Board of Directors
- Manage government relations goals, policies, and practices to achieve corporate mission
- Oversee environmental compliance and policy program and staff
- Participate in public and congressional forums, hearings, and rulemakings as a witness and technical expert on issues related to the energy and environmental industry
- Participate on the Risk Management Committee to implement risk management programs to ensure corporate protection
- Interface with member systems to provide governmental relations, external affairs, and environmental issues support

Vice President, Environmental

02/07 – 02/11

- Responsible for developing and implementing environmental strategies, plans and policies
- Developed and implemented the Tri-State Environmental Management System (EMS) which is the umbrella for procedures, programs, plans, and practices to ensure compliance
- Provide input and implement the Corporate Business Plan
- Provide monthly reports to the Board of Directors
- Identify and develop programs and procedures necessary to manage risk
- Provide policy support and technical analysis for state and federal legislation
- Assist in development strategies for use with within and outside the industry
- Communicate Tri-State analysis and positions with state and federal regulators and elected officials
- Manage the Environmental Services group to ensure compliance with local, state and federal requirements for environmental and reliability compliance
- Interface with state and federal agencies on environmental regulatory and compliance issues
- Mentor and supervise environmental managers and staff
- Interface and network with outside organizations and associations to represent Tri-State and obtain knowledge to improve Tri-State operations

- Responsible for ensuring compliance with environmental laws and regulations in the operation of production and transmission facilities
- Created the Tri-State Environmental Management System
- Improved company compliance programs through development of Environmental Services procedures, plans, and practices
- Developed the Environmental, Health, and Safety training program and trained all employees
- Monitored, interpreted and applied environmental laws and regulations
- Monitored and directed the work of environmental staff and consultants
- Mentored and grew environmental staff
- Promoted from Senior Engineer within five months of hire date

Corporate Manager of Environmental, Safety, and Quality Assurance, Southwestern Operations

Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation

04/92 – 01/97

- Responsible for developing and implementing corporate environmental, safety, and quality assurance programs
- Supervised staff in nine offices in the western half of the United States
- Managed projects for environmental, safety, and quality assurance for remediation and consulting services in the southwestern region
- Developed Environmental Management Systems for clients
- Developed and conducted environmental training for the western region employees
- Promoted from Manager of Environmental Compliance

Assistant Director of Environmental Affairs

National Paint and Coatings Association, Environmental Safety & Health Division

11/89 – 09/91

- Directed the paint and coating industry efforts to manage water quality and waste issues at both state and federal levels
- Interfaced with corporate environmental managers of member companies that either manufactured paint and coatings or were chemical suppliers
- Developed tools and materials for industry members for use in environmental compliance within their operations
- Worked with members to design services and programs to benefit their operations
- Monitored environmental regulations and legislation at state and federal levels that impacted the paint and coatings industry
- Worked with EPA headquarters staff and state agency regulators to address industry issues
- Testified on behalf of industry before federal and state congressional entities

Environmental Engineer

North Dakota Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division 03/87 – 10/89

Education

M.S., Environmental Policy and Management, University of Denver – 1994

B.S., Chemical Engineering, University of North Dakota – 1986

Other Professional & Personal

- Executive Committee Member to the EPRI Environmental Council
- Treasurer of WEST Associates
- Steering and Policy Committee member of UARG and USWAG
- Avid golfer and tri-athlete