NCC Member Focus

John Kennedy is a new member of the National Coal Council, appointed to serve in early 2016. John brings to the NCC 35 years of experience in power markets across the U.S. and in the effective utilization of PRB, Illinois Basin and NAPP coals. We value John’s service on the NCC Coal Policy Committee. Thank you for your service, John!

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John Kennedy is Vice President and General Manager of Plant Operations for Dynegy’s fleet of coal-fueled power plants in Ohio. He is located in the company’s Cincinnati office, and is an electrical engineer with 35 years of industry experience in all facets of coal-fueled power plant operations and maintenance. John acquired a passion for coal generation while in college, working as a laborer at a central Illinois plant.

In the mid-1990s, John led efforts at a Midwest utility to develop business process changes in the transformation from a public utility business model to a competitive, independent power producer (IPP). Over a period of 10 years, he served in various leadership roles at several plants, facilitating cost reduction and reliability improvements to thrive in a competitive business model.

John served as a Vice President of Coal Operations at Midwest Generation from 2007 to 2011 and then as Executive Vice President of Edison Mission Energy from 2011 to 2014. A key to his success during that time was application of innovative emission control strategies to meet EPA air and water quality standards in a cost-effective manner. Prior to joining Dynegy in 2015, John served as a consultant conducting operational assessments at power plants in North America, the Philippines and South America.

John served on the Electric Power Research Institute’s Generation Advisory Council from 2009 to 2013 gaining valuable experience in current environmental control technologies, efficiency improvements and state-of-the-art repair methods. He was also an active member of Pennsylvania’s Electric Power Generator Association in 2011-12. In addition to his professional experience, he was an active Board Member at the Rauner YMCA, Metro Y of Chicago from 2006 through 2012.

John believes that the competitive power generation and retail business models are best positioned to meet customer’s needs and serve Ohio’s future. Competition drives innovation and incorporates both business and public interests to maintain low cost, reliable and environmentally responsible power generation.

John earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and is a registered professional engineer.

Dynegy is Responsible, Transparent, and Dynamic generating more than just power for our customers. We are committed to being a leader in the electricity sector. We are currently the second-largest generator of power in Ohio, and are expected to soon be the largest. At the same time, we currently serve 130,000 Ohio industrial, commercial and residential customers. We have approximately 450 dedicated, hard-working employees in Ohio, with a regional office located in downtown Cincinnati.

Throughout the Midwest and Northeast, Dynegy operates power generating facilities capable of producing nearly 26,000 megawatts of electricity — or enough energy to power about 21 million American homes. We’re proud of what we do, but it’s about much more than just output. We’re always striving to generate power safely and responsibly for our wholesale and retail electricity customers who depend on that energy to grow and thrive.

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