

## NCC Member Focus

**Michael Sorensen has served on the NCC Executive Committee since 2012 and is a member of the NCC Chair's Leadership Council.  
Thank you for your service, Mike!**

Michael Sorensen, P.E. has longstanding experience in the utility-coal industry, having managed fuels since 2001. Currently serving as manager of the Fuels and Water Resources Department at Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, Inc., Mike oversees coal mine planning and operations activities for the Colowyo and New Horizon Mines and manages contracts with other mines that supply Tri-State's generating stations with fuel.

In his role, Mike directs the development, implementation and management of all fuel supply, fuel transportation, power plant reagents and fuel waste disposal (lime, limestone, ash handling) agreements and contracts; all water rights requirements, agreements, decrees and contracts; and all production land farm leases and contracts.

Mike has a thorough and holistic approach to his work, developing and recommending short and long term strategies for economic fuel planning and scheduling, coal mine production and marketing, water rights planning and supply usage and farm management practices.

Prior to his work at Tri-State, Mike directed and managed the fuels department staff at the Salt River Project in Arizona to procure coal, nuclear fuel and natural gas transportation supply contracts of over \$450 million per year. The department's contracts supplied fuel for 13 electric generating stations: seven coal, one nuclear and five gas fired.

Mike is no stranger to big jobs and hard work. A retired United States Navy Commander, he gave 22 years to the Civil Engineering Corps, including monitoring and tracking deployment of Navy personnel during the Iraq war, training military and construction skills for Navy Seabees and conducting a complete review of the Navy Reserve Component of the Civil Engineering Corps. During his service he earned multiple Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medals and Achievement Medals, as well as the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Mike earned his Master of Science in Agribusiness from Arizona State University in 2004. He holds two bachelor's degrees – a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education.



### **MICHAEL SORENSEN, P.E. MANAGER OF FUELS & WATER RESOURCES TRI-STATE GENERATION & TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION**

Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, Inc. is a wholesale power supplier, operating on a not-for-profit basis, to 43 electric cooperatives and public power districts that serve more than one million consumers throughout nearly 200,000 square miles of Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming.

Tri-State believes that affordable and reliable power, responsibly generated and delivered, is the lifeblood of the rural West. The company was established in 1952 and today employs 1,500 employees in four states.



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