

## **GARY R. LEIDICH**

Peninsula, OH 44264

### **2012 to present**

#### **Board Member, WECC (Western Electricity Coordinating Council)**

Board member since 2012. Currently Chair the Finance and Audit Committee and served as initial Board Chair following bifurcation of the company, 2014 through 2017.

#### **Board Member, University of Toledo Foundation**

Board member since 2012. Served as Chair 2015 through 2017; Past Chair of Organization and Compensation Committee, currently serve on Committee of Trustees (Governance) and Executive Committee of the Board.

#### **President, Gary Leidich LLC**

Established single-owner LLC to facilitate utility industry consulting. Variety of assignments since 2012 involving utility business transactions and nuclear power. Currently advise University of Toledo Engineering on DOE funded research on Distributed Energy Resources. Also serve as instructor for Institute of Nuclear Power Operations senior leadership program.

#### **Instructor, College of Engineering, University of Toledo**

Developed and instruct course in Power Systems Management, senior and graduate level in the Energy Engineering Curriculum.

### **2002 to January 2012**

#### **FirstEnergy Corporation (FE), Akron, OH**

March 2011 to Jan. 2012, *Executive Vice President*

- At the company's request, extended my employment beyond my planned retirement of June 2010 to January 1, 2012 to provide executive leadership for the merger with Allegheny Energy.

2008-2011, *Executive Vice President, FirstEnergy Corporation and President, FirstEnergy Generation*

- Responsible for FirstEnergy's generation business, including fossil plant operations, commodity and unregulated retail operations, engineering and construction. Total capacity: 14,300 MW in 3 states, 13 power plants and 2,600 employees.

2007 to 2008, *Senior Vice President, Operations, First Energy Corporation*

- Responsible for Energy Delivery, which includes the seven utility operating companies in three states, Customer Service functions, transmission planning, transmission operations; fossil operations; commodity operations, which includes retail and wholesale power sales.

2002 to 2007, *Executive Vice President, then President and Chief Nuclear Officer FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC)*

- Executive responsibility for FirstEnergy nuclear power program, which includes three plants (four units, approx. 4,000 MW total) and 2,000 employees.

**1998 to 2002**

**Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO)**

**Atlanta, GA, Executive Vice President**

- Executive responsibility for Plant Evaluation and Assistance Activities, which involved leading a staff of approximately 150 senior nuclear specialists in the evaluation and assessment of US nuclear plants.

**1974 to 1998**

**FirstEnergy/Centor Energy/ Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Cleveland, Ohio**

- Positions of increasing responsibility beginning at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant for the Illuminating Company until 1986. Various management positions at Centor Energy, including Director of System Planning, Director of Human Resources, VP of Administration and Finance and CFO (included procurement and IT), and President of Generation Group.

**Personal Information**

Native of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Graduated from the University of Toledo in 1972 (BS, Electrical Engineering) and 1974 (MS, Engineering Science).

Completed the Public Utility Executive Program at University of Michigan, 1988.

Married with four children and ten grandchildren

**Community, Academic and Industry:**

Past coach, Little League T-Ball and Baseball, Soccer, Scout Leader including District Chairman for Boy Scouts in Lake County Ohio.

Past Member of the following Boards:

Nuclear Engineering Advisory Board at Penn State University

Engineering Advisory Board at Carnegie Melon University

Board of Trustees of Myers College in Cleveland.

Board of Trustees of the Akron Art Museum.

Quality Committee of the Board of Trustees for Summa Health Care.

Board of Directors of EPRI (the Electric Power Research Institute)

Board of OVEC (Ohio Valley Electric Corporation)

Past Member, Tocqueville Society, United Way of Summit County, 2002-2012.

Recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Toledo's College of Engineering in 2007.

Worked with DOE on international deployment of Modular Nuclear Reactors.

Instructor (and past Industry Advisor) for Executive Program for Executives at MIT

Member, of Engineering Advisory Board, the University of Toledo.

Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and American Nuclear Society.

Numerous public speaking, television appearances and leadership development program engagements.

Testified at numerous public hearings in Ohio and Washington D.C. on regulatory and nuclear issues.