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Gary was born and raised in Northwest Iowa. He attended the University of Northern Iowa as a Presidential Scholar from 1986 – 1990, where he majored in Physics. He attended Rice University from 1990 through 1994, where he received his Masters and Ph.D. in Space Physics in 1993 and 1994, respectively. Gary studied under Paul Cloutier and wrote his dissertation on “The Neptune-Triton Plasma Interaction.”

Gary did his postdoctoral research at Los Alamos National Laboratory from 1994 – 1997, working with John Phillips and Abe Jacobson. While at Los Alamos, he authored and co-authored several papers in two areas: (1) using data from the Ulysses spacecraft, he studied Jupiter and solar plasma dynamics, and (2) he operated and analyzed data from Los Alamos’ long baseline interferometer, studying earth plasmasphere structures.

Gary returned to Houston in 1997 to work with former Rice mathematicians, Henry Rachford and Richard Carter, at Stoner Associates, a software company that simulated fluid flow in oil and natural gas pipelines. In 1999, Gary held several positions at Stoner Associates, and was the Director of Software Development in 2000 when he met the founder of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MEHC), David Sokol.

Since 2000, Gary has been an employee of MEHC, the energy arm of Berkshire Hathaway, Warren Buffett’s conglomerate, and the largest diversified utility company in America. MEHC owns nine separate energy companies: Kern River Gas Transmission, Northern Natural Gas, MidAmerican Energy Company, PacifiCorp, NV Energy, Northern PowerGrid, CE Casecan, and MidAmerican Renewables. In reverse chronological order, Gary held the following positions:

Kern River Gas Transmission

President

2010 – Present

Responsible for all aspects of the business, including: customer service, marketing, business development, acquisitions, budgeting, operational reliability, environmental stewardship, regulatory integrity, and employee safety. Kern River is an interstate natural gas pipeline stretching from Southwestern Wyoming to Southern California, employs 165 people, has \$2 billion in assets, generates \$370 million per year in revenues, and earns \$85 million per year in net income.

Northern Natural Gas Company

Vice President, Marketing and Business Development

2004 – 2010

Responsible for customer service, marketing, business development, budgeting, and employee safety. The Marketing and Business Development group had 105 employees and was responsible for over \$400 million per year in revenues. Northern Natural Gas runs from West Texas through the middle

of the country to Northern Michigan. One key accomplishment was improving Northern Natural Gas' customer satisfaction industry ranking from last to second (out of 43 pipelines) from 2002, when the pipeline was purchased from Enron, to 2010, when Gary was promoted to Kern River.

Vice President, Information Technology

2002 – 2004

Primary responsibility was the transfer of the information systems from Enron's organization in Houston to Northern Natural Gas' new headquarters in Omaha. In the process transferred approximately 50 people to Omaha.

MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company – Mergers and Acquisitions Team

Project Development Manager

2000 – 2002

Accountable for a \$100 million venture capital portfolio of emerging technology companies. Worked on two successful billion-dollar acquisitions (Kern River and Northern Natural Gas), and in the process made numerous presentations to the Board of Directors.

Gary has been very active in the communities where he lived. While in Omaha, Gary was the Membership Executive for the YMCA Board of Directors. Gary had responsibility for membership, fundraising, budget approval, and strategic planning for the ten facilities that serve more than 77,000 members in the greater Omaha area. Also in Omaha, Gary became a charter member of the Board of Directors for the CREATE Foundation. This group holds an annual robotics tournament in Omaha, attended by junior and senior high school students from around the country. After Gary moved to Park City, UT, to work at Kern River's headquarters in Salt Lake City, he became a member of the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors. In this role, Gary provides input and guidance for legislative policies and corporate initiatives to facilitate a strong economic environment for Salt Lake City and all of greater Utah.

Gary, his wife Crystal, and two children live in Park City. Their two children attend Park City community schools, where Crystal is an education consultant. Gary plays guitar and sings at their local church, and enjoys skiing in the winter and mountain biking and golfing in the summer.