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Jim brings more than 30 years of experience in the electric utility industry including plant operations, system operations, market design, RTO development, and reliability standards. His extensive background in the electric power industry enables him to assist clients in their efforts to reach and maintain compliance with the reliability standards.

James shared some insights into his career and past accomplishments:

When and why did you decide to pursue a career in your field?

My wife is from La Grange, Texas, and we moved there from Houston when we got married. There was a power plant there and I applied for an entry level job and was selected. This was in 1982.

What do you like best about your job?

Everyone we work with wants to do the right thing to remain in compliance with the regulatory standards applicable to them. We can help them succeed in a lot of different ways and they are always quite appreciative. It feels good to lighten their load even a little.

What project are you most proud of?

I was a charter member of the NERC Standards Committee when the reliability standards became mandatory. This was a sea change for our industry and a forum where one's background and opinions made a difference in how the program was designed.

How has your job changed over the past few years?

Historically our projects tended to be narrowly focused reviews with a start and stop date and accompanying report/recommendations. Now, our clients are looking for more long term, staff augmentation relationships where the continuity of our support is assured no matter what changes come along in their organizations or in the industry as a whole.

Give one word that describes you best.

Open-minded

What motivates you?

The industry we work in is the economic and social foundation of life. Reliable energy is essential to our security today and our evolution tomorrow. It's humbling and exciting to be a part of that system.



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