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Mr. Burns is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Marietta College, one of the nation's top schools in geology and petroleum engineering, where he had an area of concentration in geology. He was salutatorian and graduated magna cum laude in 1975. He received his J.D. from The Ohio State University College of Law in 1978. He has over thirty years experience working in public utility and natural resource policy analysis and law. Twenty-seven and one-half of those years were spent as a Research Specialist and attorney at the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI), the research and service arm of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner (NARUC), located then at the Ohio State University. He joined the NRRI's Electric and Gas Research Division in 1980. He was the most senior and prolific researcher and policy analyst at the Institute. There, Mr. Burns wrote over eighty major monographic reports and one hundred and twenty articles and papers, and made over two hundred presentations on diverse regulatory topics mostly concerning electric and gas utility regulatory policy. Mr. Burns remained at the Ohio State University after the NRRI departed the University in 2007. After one year as a Research Specialist and Principal Investigator at the Ohio State University's Engineering Experiment Station, he retired, but was subsequently rehired as part of the Ohio State University's new Center for Energy, Sustainability, & the Environment, where he has been employed part-time since late 2008. Mr. Burns is also a member of the Ohio State University's Subsurface Energy Resource Center and Shale Gas Extension Working Group.

Over the years, Mr. Burns has worked extensively on discerning and identifying regulatory policies that lead to efficient and effective regulation from those that lead to inefficient and/or ineffective regulation in electric and natural gas regulation at state, national, and international levels. For seven years, as part of the Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership, Mr. Burns, together with Michael Murphy, has worked on regulatory and legal problems associated with clean coal technology, including carbon capture and storage and geologic carbon sequestration. From January through July of 2010, he was a Workshop Coordinator & the Special Assistant to the Steering Committee of The Ohio State University's Workshop on Geologic Carbon Sequestration Integrity: Characterization and Monitoring. Mr. Burns addressed the National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys and the Indiana State Bar Association's public utilities committee; and the Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business School Sustainability Cluster on shale gas issues, in 2011 and 2012, respectively.

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