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Dr. Gary Dorris, CEO of Ascend Analytics has been a pioneer of innovative solutions for portfolio management and resource planning for over two decades. He has delivered expert testimony on energy trading, portfolio management, risk management, asset valuation, and resource planning; including acting as a lead expert witness for NorthWestern Energy and Hawaii Electric in reshaping of their energy supply portfolios to be renewable. In addition, he set up the analytic infrastructure for multiple power trading floors including Duke Solutions, Con Edison, Entergy Solutions, and others. He has been an advisor to the Board of Directors for utilities and power developers. He was also lead expert for Merrill Lynch in the prominent Enron proceedings and served as lead witness for portfolio management practices of Nevada Power and several other proceedings.

In addition, Dr. Dorris has organically grown Ascend Analytics over the last decade and a half to be a leading provider of quantitative software solutions for energy portfolio management and data infrastructure. His analytic vision to bridge the physical models for production costing with the financial models of risk management has led to development of over a dozen software applications used by over fifty energy companies. He has been engagement director for major solutions of over two dozen for portfolio and risk management infrastructure solutions.

Prior to founding Ascend, he served as CEO of e-Acumen, a 60-person energy analytics software firm. He began his career developing structured power transactions at Citizens Power & Light. Dr. Dorris holds a Ph.D. in applied economics and finance from Cornell University and a BS in mechanical engineering and BA in economics with Magna Cum Laude distinction also from Cornell University.