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Professional Experience

BLUEBIRD, CPAS (FORMERLY EGGHART, LLC)

03/2013 – 02/2018

Audit Manager- Quality Review

- Work directly with partner group and managers to ensure completeness and adequacy of the audited financial statements of governmental entities, single audit, enterprise funds, and employee benefit plans and to ensure the completeness and adequacy of audit documentation and financial reporting and disclosures in accordance with GAAS, GASB, and Federal grant accounting. Point person for implementation of fair value reporting of investments.

NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL, BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

2011 - 2013

Regulatory Manager

- Conduct analyses and evaluations of public utility plans and filings. Prepare expert witness testimony and testify before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Nevada.

EMPLOYERS INSURANCE GROUP

2006 - 2010

Sr. Financial Analyst - SEC Compliance

- Key member of Special Project Team for Initial Public Offering for listing on the NYSE. Liaison with Executive Officers, Legal Counsel, Investment Bankers, and Underwriters. Prepared S-1 filing for initial public offering.
- Implemented processes for gathering, analyzing, and construction of accurate reports for public filings and earnings calls across the company. Identified key employees to support SEC reporting.
- Created and wrote SEC reports for the 10-K and 10-Qs in compliance with SEC regulations and GAAP.
- Supported Vice-President of Investor Relations providing analytical and regulatory support.
- Responsible for monitoring and new SEC disclosure and GAAP requirements.

NV ENERGY (SIERRA PACIFIC RESOURCES)

1995 - 2005

FINANCIAL ANALYST III- FINANCIAL PLANNING-NV ENERGY

(2000 – 2005)

- Prepared inputs and related analyses for corporate long/short-term financial forecasts for Board of Directors, Executive Officers, and internal management.
- Provided financial data and analyses for earnings releases, conference calls, Wall Street Analysts, and quarterly Board of Director Reports.
- Responsible for modeling the forecast for long-term debt and interest expense and the Company's WACC. Modeled plant/capital needs for the 20 year Resource plan PUCN Resource Plan.
- Reviewed contracts, made suggestions, and understood contract requirements. Prepared detailed analysis of costs and variance per contract requirements.
- Financial analyst (Consultant) on business cases. Performed net present value models. Aided in financial viability and return of equity on various business cases.
- Prepared miscellaneous analyses and reports (cost/benefit, capital structure, regulatory alternatives).

RATE ANALYST – REGULATORY AFFAIRS – NV ENERGY

(1997 – 2000)

- Member of Sierra Pacific Resources and Nevada Power Merger Team. Liaison between company and the PUCN, Interested-parties, Attorneys, and Corporate Counsel. Assisted attorneys in data discovery, strategy, witness preparation, and questioning in hearings.
- Responsible for PUCN regulatory filings which included coordinating the actual filing, attending hearings and providing exhibits, discovery, witness preparation, and working closely with attorneys and expert witnesses. Including various project teams such as TCID, Alturas Power Line and FERC issues.
- Supported company's position for rate base, rates, and allowable expenses at the PUCN.
- Prepared advice letters filed with the PUCN regarding rate changes and tariffs.

SEC ACCOUNTANT – CORPORATE ACCOUNTING - NV ENERGY

(1995 – 1997)

- Implemented Edgar. Met compliance deadline with SEC deadline for required new filing system.
- Prepared and filed timely and accurate reports in compliance with SEC and GAAP, in communication and coordination with executive officers, internal management and attorneys, external auditors, and outside legal counsel and to provide meaningful investor information.
- Responsible for monitoring and implementing new SEC disclosure and GAAP requirements.
- Reviewed the consolidation of financial statements including journal entries for the holding company and its subsidiaries prepared by staff accountants.
- Prepared/analyzed financial statements for accuracy, unusual fluctuations and trends, and researched fluctuations to determine the cause and income effects and determine the best disclosure, if required.
- Reconciled, established accounts, and determined proper amortization and regulatory treatment of the deferred debit/credit accounts. Monitored deferred accounts and reviewed monthly journal entries.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tax Auditor/Treasury Analyst/Grant Accountant - State of Nevada

Held positions in various departments: Department of Taxation, Treasurer's Office, and Department of Human Services. Performed sales tax audits and business licenses audits; member of project team that established sweep bank accounts for State; reconciled and reported the cash accounts in the annual report; forecasted fund cash accounts; and monitored and approved grant expenditures per federal grant guidelines.

Senior Accountant/Auditor - Kafoury, Armstrong & Co., CPAs (Eide Bailly, CPAs)

Specializing in employee benefit plans for self-insured health and retirement plans which included the Public Employees Retirement System of Nevada (PERS). Performed compliance audits under Single Audit for federal grants auditing; performed other accounting duties which included: financial statements, litigation support, budget preparation, accounting research, account and budget analysis, client support; supervised and trained junior accountants, individual, trust and corporate tax preparation.

Management of Trust and individual portfolios- Directing investments and asset allocations, tax filings, and court reporting.

Education

Master of Science: Organizational Communication emphasis in Business
Texas Christian University – Fort Worth, Texas

Bachelor of Fine Arts, cum laude: Organizational Communication, Minor in marketing
Texas Christian University – Fort Worth, Texas

Accounting Coursework to sit for CPA exam, University of Nevada, Reno
Passed CPA exam in first sitting

Organizations/Affiliations

Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Association for Financial Professionals of Northern Nevada
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, IRS 2011 - present
Financial Advisory Board, Chairman, City of Reno 2002-2012
Volunteer, Tom Vetica Resource Center (Homeless) (past)