



### **Kevin Pykkonen**

Kevin Pykkonen's 40 year career spans leadership roles in companies ranging from startups to Fortune 500 firms. His responsibilities have included business unit, engineering, marketing and finance leadership in telecom, management consulting and energy industries. He was a co-founder of a wireless data telecom firm, a natural gas railroad propulsion firm, and a carbon capture and sequestration firm. He has a BS in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from MIT, and an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Kevin started his career in South America with Schlumberger Wireline Services, finally managing the Northern Peru operations in Talara, Peru. He subsequently managed operations of four wind parks in Southern California before attending business school. Afterwards he worked in the telecom industry as a management consultant with Booz Allen & Hamilton and others before co-founding a broadband fixed wireless data telecom startup with operations in The Philippines and Europe. He was VP Finance, then VP Marketing for Level 3 Communications, a Fortune 500 firm.

At Bright Energy, Kevin co-founded and was Chief Engineer of Bright Rail Energy, a spin-off company that is a developer of a hybrid natural gas – diesel railroad propulsion system. His current responsibilities are VP Development for Bright Energy and its nascent carbon capture and sequestration spinoff, Carbon America. Kevin has 9 US and associated International patents.