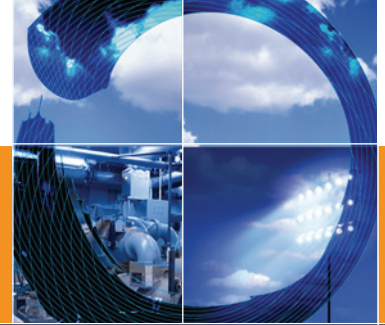


A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE OPTIMIRA ENERGY GROUP



It is my privilege to announce the recent formation of the Optimira Energy Group, established with the purchase of the Vestar and Optimira Controls units of Duke Energy Generation Services in April 2006.

The Optimira Energy Group of companies has a twenty year track record and has built a solid reputation for successfully developing and implementing innovative energy conservation and supply solutions for education, healthcare, industrial, institutional, federal and state government, municipal, and commercial clients throughout the US and Canada.

Optimira Energy encompasses two separate but synergistic operating divisions, Optimira Energy Solutions and Optimira Controls. Optimira Energy Solutions has implemented over \$500 million of energy infrastructure improvements and retrofits for 600+ clients, while Optimira Controls is a premier non-OEM system integrator of turnkey building automation and facility solutions, serving virtually every vertical market sector such as healthcare, education, industrial, government, etc.

Optimira Energy combines the proven track record of a top-tiered traditional energy services company coupled with the specialized skill sets associated with commodity procurement and management, structured finance, environmental controls, energy use monitoring, energy benchmarking, and supply chain management. Our proprietary web-based technologies for energy analysis, audit, measurement and verification are leading-edge - allowing for objective review and substantiation of system performance. Our project financing expertise and capabilities are unmatched. We stand alone in delivering the financial depth, resources and expertise to directly invest in the energy infrastructure solutions of our clients.

We are dedicated to delivering and supporting a broad array of energy services to our clients through unparalleled customer service. Whether your project needs are large or small, the Optimira Energy Group is committed to providing the highest level of customer satisfaction.

We look forward to working with you.

Stephen H. Clevett

President & Chief Executive Officer