

## **Russell E. Bentley**

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### **OBJECTIVE**

I want to work within management to optimize either Upstream or Downstream oil and gas operations. I will use my communication and people skills along with my technical experience and background to strengthen the organization and provide upside potential to the company.

### **CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Successful 27 year career in the oil and gas industry
- International and domestic projects management
- Effective researcher and writer
- Financial implications decision maker
- Highly developed computer skills
- Skilled in re-engineering methods
- Analytical and scientific background
- Continuous professional growth and development

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2003 – CEO Gayla Bentley, LP / Petroleum Engineering Consultant  
present

I am currently the Chief Executive Officer of a privately held, Houston based apparel design and manufacturing company. We produce a line of luxury and moderate priced apparel for major retailers like Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom.

Apart from my duties as CEO of Gayla Bentley, I have continued to work for Duke Energy as a Petroleum Engineering Consultant. I am called on frequently to assist in the design, drilling, completion or stimulation of their Acid-Gas disposal well projects near their natural gas processing plants. I perform production and reservoir engineering related duties for them at their storage field facilities in Richfield, Kansas.

1988 - 2003 Duke Energy Corp, Houston Texas.

As a Principal Petroleum Engineer, I worked directly with Senior Executives to develop and analyze business opportunities regarding multi-million dollar domestic and international oil and gas company mergers and acquisitions. I also performed engineering and financial evaluations of numerous oil and gas properties located primarily within areas containing corporate assets such as Rocky Mountains, Mid-continent, and Gulf Coast regions. I was Duke's Technical Committee representative on a \$25 million drilling and development project in the South Irish Sea.

As Engineering Manager for Duke's \$8 million South American (Perú) exploration program, I was responsible for the technical details of the project including direct participation in the negotiation and preparation of the JOA and Budget. I designed, implemented and supervised the Electric Logging and Well Testing programs, coordinated remote logistics, and performed other managerial and operational duties as required. I was part of a due-diligence team that evaluated Peru's Camisea reserves and made recommendations to executive management regarding Duke's interest in development of these reserves.

As a Senior Petroleum Engineer, I was responsible for engineering and technical support of Duke Energy Field Services representatives in their gathering area activities. I provided reserve and deliverability estimates for oil and gas wells, intelligence and competitive analysis reports, and drilling and exploration updates for areas of interest to the corporation.

I maintained annual connected supply estimates for corporate assets, assisted in special projects analysis for potential corporate mergers and acquisitions, and provided support to Legal and Gas Supply representatives for gas supply or transportation contract disputes.

As a Petroleum Engineer within the Gas Supply Technical Services group, I maintained corporate mainframe programs such as the Gas Availability System (GAS), and assisted Gas Supply representatives with software and hardware problems. In addition, I set up and managed the maintenance of a national computer bulletin board which marketed released gas to interested third parties.

As a Dispatcher within Gas Control, I remotely controlled the operation of the Trunkline gas pipeline system in the Texas Gulf Coast and Offshore Gulf of Mexico areas using SCADA systems. I monitored and evaluated gas flow, suction and discharge pressures from remote compressor stations, and coordinated distress and emergency calls from offshore production platforms.

- 1985 - Southern States Petroleum. Houston, Texas. Petroleum Engineer  
1988 Designed and implemented the drilling and exploration activities primarily within the Gulf Coast area. Managed the tendering and bidding procedures for drilling and completion operations.
- 1980 - Schlumberger Well Services. Ventura, California; Lake Charles, Louisiana. General Field Engineer  
1985 Performed open hole and cased hole electric logging operations in Southern California, Offshore Santa Barbara Channel, and Offshore Gulf of Mexico areas. Recommended and ran logging programs for clients such as Phillips Petroleum, Texaco, Exxon, and Chevron.
- 1979 - El Paso Natural Gas Company. Elk City, Oklahoma. Drilling Engineer  
1980 Assisted in all phases of the drilling operations primarily within the Anadarko Basin. Duties included daily reports to the local drilling superintendent, monitoring drilling progress, and casing and completion activities.

## EDUCATION

- 1997 Executive Master of Business Administration. Houston Baptist University.  
This unique program involved visits to European economic and financial institutions, extensive use of computers and technical software, and an adjunct business faculty who were practicing experts in their field. Personally focused on issues relating to corporate finance, economics, process reengineering, and information technology.
- 1979 Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering. University of Texas at Austin.  
Major field: Drilling and exploration. Concentrated on drilling and completion operations and electric log interpretation.

## HONORS / AWARDS

1996 Houston Baptist University Nominee, Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation Scholarship Awards.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Affiliations: Society of Petroleum Engineers  
Society of Professional Well Log Analysts  
American Gas Association – Committee On Natural Gas Reserves