

South River Consulting Appoints Distributed Energy Expert As Principal of the Firm

Mark Schroeder Brings Nearly a Decade of Energy Market Experience

COLUMBIA, MD (September 24, 2001)---South River Consulting, LLC a four-year old energy services and consulting firm, has named Mark S. Schroeder as principal of the firm. He is a recognized expert of distributed energy strategies and energy project development.

Previously, Schroeder was an executive with Wartsila North America, Inc., the wholly owned subsidiary Wartsila Corporation, a power generation equipment manufacturer with nearly \$2 billion in annual sales. While there, he led the organization in the successful expansion of the North American natural gas power generation market and in the development of PeakingPlus™I, a pre-engineered packaged modular power system designed specifically for use as an alternative power source.

He also served as general manager, Wartsila North America Power Plants where he was responsible for constructing more than 300 megawatts of power plants.

Before entering the energy market, Schroeder was with Westinghouse Electronics Systems Group for approximately nine years where his various supervisory and management responsibilities including business development, merger and acquisition and project management.

He holds 5 US patents, is a frequent lecturer and author and received his undergraduate and graduate engineering degrees from The Johns Hopkins University.

Mr. Schroeder and his family reside in Severna Park, MD.

About South River Consulting

Founded in 1998 by H. Bertram Wilson, previously a financial analyst executive with Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, South River Consulting, LLC specializes in providing commercial and industrial energy end user across the country with a variety of consultative services including procurement strategy development and management, economic and technical evaluation and

development of energy projects, contract development and negotiation, energy project financing placement.

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