

ETS Profiles Interview Transcript: Chris Crane – Exelon Corporation President & CEO

Conducted by Zpryme on January 4, 2017

ETS: **Growing up in New Hampshire, who or what influenced you most to succeed?**

Chris: I think my mother, my dad passed away when I was a young guy and my mother worked hard to raise my brother and my two sisters, and she instilled a work ethic in all of us that, I think has driven me to be successful throughout my career.

ETS: **How did you get your start in energy?**

Chris: I started out in a construction engineering group when I was 21 years old at a nuclear plant in Texas.

ETS: **What career accomplishments are you most proud of?**

Chris: I think the biggest accomplishment, the two biggest accomplishments that had transformed Exelon, are the merger and acquisition of Constellation Energy and then, Potomac Holdings, Incorporated. They've really helped us transform Exelon's future into more of an energy delivery, and less sensitive to commodity risk.

ETS: **What do you believe has been the greatest energy innovation or innovation in your lifetime?**

Chris: I would have to say it's commercializing in making efficient and safe, the nuclear fleet that, we have in this country. It's a largest single source of carbon-free generation, highly reliable, fuel constantly on site, not dependent on weather patterns to deliver safe, reliable, clean energy.

ETS: **What's the most important initiative Exelon is working on right now?**

Chris: At this point, technology is advancing in our industry faster than I've ever seen it before. Being able to capture the digital data from our systems, transform the way we operate our systems, so the whole organization is focused on innovation, technology and how we can better serve our customers.

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ETS: Where do you see the future of energy in the U.S. ten years from now?

Chris: In 10 years, I think there's going to be much more desire on our customers' behalf to control their energy consumption. For us to be able to utilize technology, give customers more of the choice, so we'll see more distributed generation, we'll see more energy storage, and we'll see more customers taking control of how they use energy.