

Chris Beam President and COO Appalachian Power

Chris Beam is president and chief operating officer of Appalachian Power, serving approximately 1 million customers in West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee. As president, he oversees the company's distribution operations and a wide range of customer and regulatory relationships. At Appalachian Power, we're improving our customers' experience, strengthening communities and energizing our employees to create a brighter future together.

Beam most recently served as vice president - Projects, Controls & Construction, responsible for all aspects of project management, project controls, commissioning and construction activities within AEP's Generation organization.

Previously, he was managing director - Projects & Construction, from November 2010 to January 2013. In this role he was responsible for project management of the Western fleet, all new generating projects, and the commissioning and construction activities within the Generation organization.

Beam received a bachelor's degree in Technical Management from DeVry University. He has completed the Executive Program at the

University of Virginia Darden School of Business, the AEP Management Development Program at The Ohio State University, the AEP Leadership Program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and is a member of the Leadership Columbus class of 2014. He is a Certified Project Management Professional.

Community service has been a vital part of Beam's career. He is on the board of directors of The Education Alliance, the Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences, the W.Va. Chamber of Commerce, and the Buckskin Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Beam and his wife, Jennifer, have two sons and live in Scott Depot, W.Va.