

Application Form

Profile

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Kevin S Comer

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City State Postal Code

How many years have you been a resident of Harrisonburg?

22

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Stark Tech Director of Technical Services
Employer Job Title

Demographics - (Submission of this information if voluntary and will not subject you to any adverse treatment should you chose to not complete)

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

What is your age?

50+ years old

Are you reapplying for a current position you hold? *

No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Harrisonburg Electric Commission (HEC): Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I have spent my entire career in the energy services industry, as a consultant primarily focused on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and emerging energy technologies and projects. I have been a satisfied customer of Harrisonburg Electric Co-operative for my several decades of living in Harrisonburg--it is clearly a well-run municipal utility and if I can help in any way I am very interested in doing so.

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

Youth sports. Continued provision of reliable and affordable energy. My wife and I were born in Harrisonburg and raised locally in the town of Shenandoah (Page County). When we returned to the Valley to raise our daughter, we chose to live in Harrisonburg in part because of the multi-cultural nature of the City and its residents--we wanted our daughter to be raised and educated in a diverse student body. She later chose to pursue a teaching degree focused on teaching English and including certification for Teaching English as a Second Language. We believe the multi-cultural nature of this City, coupled with our surrounding recreation activities make Harrisonburg and the Shenandoah Valley a very special place to live. Having a daughter who recently began her teaching career in the City has certainly made us more interested in the challenges the City's school system faces and the critical importance of the City School system and its teachers and students.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

BS in Mechanical Engineering Technology, 1991, Old Dominion University (focus on Thermal Energy Systems and Power) completed all required coursework for MS in Mechanical Engineering, Old Dominion University 3-yr Graduate fellowship at NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 30+ year career in energy consulting, including work in energy efficiency, conventional power generation (fossil fueled--coal, natural gas, oil), solar, bioenergy, energy control and management systems

Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Boards and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:

Travel and recreation league soccer coach (girls) in Harrisonburg for about 10 years. Board and Executive Committee member (~6 years) for the Virginia Renewable Energy Alliance (VA-REA), a non-profit organization comprised of leading energy companies and stakeholders throughout the state and region (including regulated utilities and co-operatives), focused on issues associated with development and implementation of clean energy technologies and projects in Virginia. Sponsor (through VA-REA) of the Kid-Wind program administered by JMU. Lead an office of energy professionals in Harrisonburg, including a young staff primarily comprised of JMU and EMU graduates. Daughter is a JMU graduate (English and Teaching English as a Second Language) and recently began her teaching career in the City as a Middle School teacher. My wife and I are volunteer cabin maintainers for two local cabins owned by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC)--trail club members and the general public can rent these cabins at reduced rates to allow them to enjoy time in a local mountain area with access to local hiking trails and other local entertainment and tourist activities.

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EPSAC Applicants only

Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee Applicants only

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WORK EXPERIENCE

ANTARES Group, Inc. (a Stark Tech Company)

Executive Engineer

1996-Present

Mr. Comer is an executive engineer and Vice President in the firm. He provides corporate and project management duties for the company, and technical and economic analysis assistance to private- and public-sector clients in support of assessing and implementing renewable energy projects and energy efficiency improvements. He has been involved in all aspects of technology and project evaluation, ranging from broad market studies to project design, permitting, installation, and monitoring in industrial, commercial, utility power plant, and agricultural applications. Mr. Comer helped lead Antares Group through an acquisition in 2022 by Stark Tech. Stark Tech is an ~800 person energy services company with offices from New York to Florida and serving clients throughout the U.S., providing design, construction, and facility monitoring services for a wide variety of energy systems (boilers, heating and cooling plants, energy controls, critical power and emergency back-up generation, renewable energy projects and equipment, battery storage and micro-grids, security systems, clean rooms, etc.). Key current Stark Tech clients include: Dominion Energy, RWE Clean Energy, AT&T, McKesson (ninth-largest company by revenue in the U.S. and the nation's largest health care company), universities, hospitals, schools, data centers, private-sector project developers, Dept. of Homeland Security, and a wide range of industrial clients.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Mr. Comer is a mechanical engineer specializing in energy and environmental systems. He is experienced in project and team management for multi-year, multi-partner team efforts for development and implementation of renewable energy technologies and applications (solar and bioenergy); project management and performance assessment for installation of solar photovoltaic systems; feasibility and design studies for solar photovoltaic systems; R&D and market assessments for advanced energy systems; power plant performance testing and analysis; industrial and commercial energy efficiency auditing and feasibility studies. He has been directly involved in solar PV design and development projects up to 200 MW in size, and is currently part of an owner's engineer services support team assisting with the development of up to over \$1 billion of utility-owned solar projects in the Eastern United States. Mr. Comer has worked on power plant upgrade projects for plants up to 726 MW. He has led and managed three multi-year, multi-partner research and demonstration projects under cooperative agreements with the U.S. Department of Energy, with total project budgets over \$25 million.

EDUCATION

Old Dominion University

Completed coursework for M.S., Mechanical Engineering Norfolk, VA 1995
Emphasis in Fluid Dynamics/Thermal Sciences

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Emphasis in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Thermal Science, Power