

Earnie Lehman
Midwest Energy

Earnie Lehman's "day job" is President and General Manager of Midwest Energy, a customer-owned electric and natural gas utility that serves 90,000 customers in 41 counties in central and western Kansas.

He is beginning his second term as one of three gubernatorial appointees to the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority, serving as Vice Chair.

Earnie was an economist at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC prior to an 18 year career leading regulatory, corporate development and marketing efforts for the former Kansas Gas and Electric Company in Wichita and Westar in Topeka.

He later led a utility subsidiary providing energy services and distributed generation in El Paso, Texas and nearby Mexico and New Mexico. He joined Midwest Energy in 2003.

Earnie also chairs the Kansas Local Area I Workforce Investment Board, serves on the Executive Committee of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, and is a board member for Smoky Hills Public Television.

He has a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA in Finance from the George Washington University.