

## **Gary R. Leidich**

### **Gary R. Leidich Executive Vice President & President of FirstEnergy Generation FirstEnergy Corp. (Retired)**



Gary R. Leidich, retired from FirstEnergy Corp. as executive vice president at the end of 2011.

He began his career with The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) in 1974 and held various positions during construction of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant from 1975 to 1986. Gary was named director of System Planning for Centerior Energy, the parent company of CEI and Toledo Edison in 1987, and director of Human Resources in 1991. He was elected vice president of Finance and Administration and chief financial officer in 1993, and president of the Power Generation Group in 1995, a position he held until the 1997 merger of Centerior Energy and Ohio Edison that formed FirstEnergy Corp. In 1998 Gary became executive vice president of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations. He rejoined FirstEnergy in 2002 and was named president and chief nuclear officer of FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company in 2003. In 2007 he was named senior vice president of Operations. In 2008 he was named executive vice president and president, FirstEnergy Generation. He was named to his current position in January 2011.

Gary received his Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical engineering and Master of Science Degree in engineering science from the University of Toledo. He received a Distinguished Alumni award from the University's College of Engineering in 2007. He completed the Public Utilities Executive Program at the University of Michigan in 1988, and was an instructor for the Reactor Technology Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Leidich is on the Board of Directors of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, the Quality Committee of the Summa Health Care Board in Akron, and is also a member of the American Nuclear Society, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio. He also does a variety of consulting work for the Electric Utility Industry.