

# Robert Stephan Benson

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## **Manager, Gas Construction, Downstate New York, National Grid, Bellmore, New York, 11/07 to Present**

Manage overall Contract Inspection budgets within corporate budgetary / unit cost guidelines. Manage successful completion of work plan on Downstate New York. Establish appropriate monitoring reports to improve permit cycle turn around time and enhance customer commitment process. Responsible for managing a temporary material and restoration of a multi-million-dollar annual budget. Ensure cycle time completion of the final restoration process throughout the Downstate New York region. Direct all aspects of the construction process to meet Company goals while remaining fully compliant and within budgetary limitations ensuring the timely and cost-effective installation of facilities. Monitor safety, performance, productivity, and workload as needed to maximize efficiencies and cost-effectiveness. Cultivate relationships with all outside agencies while protecting the Company's. Motivate, coach, challenge and provide developmental opportunities for subordinates. Maintain industry involvement to keep abreast of changing technologies and best practices. Develop continuous improvement initiatives in support of the Company's strategic objectives. Foster productive working atmosphere for all contractor projects. Responsible for inspection and evaluation of work performed by contractor employees installing and/or maintaining natural gas facilities under controlled situations to assure compliance with company standards and procedures, PSC code requirements, OSHA, state, and municipal rules and regulations. Implemented the QA/QC and Safety Assessment laptop process which increased construction compliances while ensuring safety as paramount on Downstate New York. Managerial responsibility, administer and direct a work force of management employees, as well as over a hundred local 1049, 101 and 3 union workers and thousand contractor's work force located on Downstate New York.

## **Senior Engineer, Gas Construction, KeySpan Energy, Brentwood, New York, 03/05 to 11/07**

Manage overall Contract Inspection / RUD-CIPUD / New Business budgets within corporate budgetary / unit cost guidelines. Manage successful completion of work plan in Suffolk County which includes Residential Main / Service, Commercial Main / Service and Relocations. Support the effort to streamline New Business permitting process. Participate in weekly communication meetings between Field operation and Gas Construction personnel to ensure timely receipt of municipality road opening permits. Establish appropriate monitoring reports to improve permit cycle turn around time and enhance customer commitment process. Support the established workflow / communication process with Gas Sale and Marketing to enhance future gross profit margin (GPM) growth in Suffolk County. Develop strategic relationships with Gas Sale's Managers, Project Managers and Sale representatives to foster productive working atmosphere for all New Business projects. Manage customer targets dates / expectations, which will produce, desired customer satisfaction levels. Work with our contractors / Municipalities to expedite timely completion of final restoration and thus minimize customer and municipal complaints. Assumed managerial responsibility, administer and direct a work force of seven management employees, twenty-two local 1049 and 1381 union workers and all contractor work forces Island wide.

## **Senior Engineer, Gas Construction, KeySpan Energy, Hicksville, New York, 04/04 to 03/05**

Responsible for inspection and evaluation of work performed by contractor employees installing and/or maintaining natural gas facilities under controlled situations to assure compliance with company standards and procedures, PSC code requirements, OSHA, state, and municipal rules and regulations. Assumed managerial responsibility, administer and direct a work force of four management employees and seventeen local 1049 and 1381 union workers. Manage contractor / In house resources to ensure safe and timely customer installation. Developed an implemented the QA/QC and Safety Assessment handheld program which increased construction compliances on Long Island. Prepare integrated project schedule to help forecast and manage the work issued to contractors and in-house resources. Single point of contact for quality control and safety related construction issues for Gas Construction – Long Island.

## **Senior Engineer, Gas Construction, KeySpan Energy, Hicksville, New York, 03/01 to 04/04**

Responsible for developing the overall implementation of all Residential Underground Development (RUD) and Commercial Industrial Park Underground Development (CIPUD) processes. I am responsible for managing a budget of six million in capital for the entire Long Island territory. Responsibilities include a combination of electric, gas, telephone and cable television projects. I coordinate resources within various organizations that support the RUD and CIPUD process to carry out the day-to-day activities necessary for the successful implementation of each project. I interface with the builders regarding overall project implementation plan, and I am the point of contact to resolve issues that can not resolved at an operation level. Prepare integrated schedules with builders, conduct biweekly project review meetings assuring project milestones are met in support of overall project objectives. Assumed managerial responsibility, administer and direct a contractor work force of physical workers, contract inspectors and clerical workers.

**Lead Engineer, Gas Maintenance, KeySpan Energy, Brentwood / Patchogue / Roslyn, New York, 11/91 to 02/01**

Responsible for inspection, coordination and evaluation of work performed by contractors and company employees installing and/or maintaining natural gas facilities under controlled and emergency situations to assure compliance with company standards and procedures, PSC code requirements, OSHA, state, and municipal rules and regulations. Interface with the public and outside organizations (PSC, NYDOT, town, county, etc.) to effectively progress field work, verifying that crews are properly trained and work safely with hazardous substances. Engineered and implemented the installation and modification of high-pressure regulator stations. Instruct OSHA classes in confined space entry. Prepare employee appraisals, evaluate internal suggestions, and recommend modifications to construction standards and procedures. Prepare competitive bids to secure construction projects. Recommend design strategies, review bid packages, evaluate and authorize field changes. Prepare, review, and monitor standard operation procedures. Performed project management activities, such as economic analysis, work order preparation, budgeting, cost estimating, scheduling and coordination with other departments and equipment suppliers. Assumed managerial responsibility, administer, and direct a work force of forty-six physical workers and four clerical workers.

**Foreman / Laborer, Bancker Construction Corporation, Central Islip, New York, 05/90 to 01/91 & 08/91 to 11/91**

Foreman on the excavation and restoration of damaged telephone cables. Responsible for the installation of jacking and receiving pits in accordance with OSHA's regulations. Assisted in the installation of twenty-inch steel Iroquois natural gas pipeline from Canada.

**Utility Mechanic / Foreman, Lewis H. Worrad Corporation, Walden, New York 03/91 to 08/91**

Field Mechanic for Worrad Corporation, a local 1049 affiliated union. Foreman on the installation of gas services and main extensions. Certified by the Long Island Lighting Company in plastic fusion of Dupont and Plexco piping and gas service installation.

**Laborer, Hendrickson Brothers Incorporated, Valley Stream, New York 05/88 to 10/88 & 05/89 to 10/89**

Installed twelve-inch steel distribution gas main. Jacked sleeves for the distribution gas main in Yaphank. Installed eight-inch plastic gas main in Cold Spring Harbor on the Long Island Lighting Company project. Installed plastic six- and eight-inch venture gas main in Manorville. Worked on road restoration in Elmont. Raised manhole castings in accordance with the towns' code in Carle Place. Installation of underground telephone vaults. Commercial and residential restoration for the town of Hempstead, installing sidewalks and driveways.

**EDUCATION:**

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering  
January 1991  
New York Institute of Technology  
Old Westbury, New York

Associated Applied Science  
May 1988  
Suffolk Community College  
Selden, New York

Drafting Certificate  
May 1987  
Suffolk Community College  
Selden, New York

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

KeySpan CEO Award  
Employee Recognition Award  
Going The Extra Mile Award  
Culture Committee Chairman  
Dale Carnegie Effective Presentation Award  
Wilson Management Associates, Inc. Lifetime Consultation Privileges  
Magna Cum Laude  
Tau Alpha Pi National Honor Society  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Certified  
Frederick Community College – FEMA  
North East Gas Association - Operation Qualified  
Leadership Huntington  
Moonjumpers Charitable Foundation, Inc.  
Habitat For Humanity of Long Island  
Good Fellows of Suffolk County

