



CHAD RITCHIE



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Chad Ritchie is Vice President of Electric and Fiber Operations for Midwest Energy & Communications. He joined the MEC team in 1995 and served in a number of positions including line layout technician, substation technician, and engineering manager. In his current role as a member of the executive team, Chad is responsible for providing a reliable and safe service experience to co-op consumers through effective and proactive management of the operations and engineering departments, power suppliers, and other vendor relationships. He also oversees and implements grid-related improvements and technology to enhance the consumer experience.

Chad served as a Naval Officer in the United States Military from 1993-1995. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from the Michigan Technological University and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Electrical Technology from Kalamazoo Valley Community College. In Chad's spare time he enjoys shooting pool, bow hunting, and most of all spending time with his family. Chad has four children ranging from ages three to 15 that keep life very busy, but he enjoys all the hustle and bustle.

As a resident of Van Buren county, and having four young children, Chad is fully interested in seeing Van Buren county thrive. Seeing a positive growth is good for all. The potential opportunities will not only benefit the current residents but provide a better future for younger generations. He is excited to see firsthand the changes that will impact his growing children and the community. Chad believes the possibilities are endless and looks forward to the challenge to make a difference locally.