

John Baardson, CEO, Pinto Energy LLC

John Baardson has extensive experience and a successful track record of developing energy facilities since 1984. John co-developed numerous power projects leading to the successful completion of six independent power plants, three biomass-fired plants in Pennsylvania and Michigan and three combined-cycle gas-fired plants in California, Michigan and Canada. He was the visionary behind developing the first competitive retail electricity market in Michigan. In 1997, he founded and led Michigan's first alternative provider of electricity, Nordic Marketing LLC. Beginning in 2001, John turned to our nation's increasing need for clean alternative transportation fuels and initially focused on ethanol production facilities. He developed an 88 million gallon per year dry mill ethanol production facility in Ravenna, Nebraska and a 50 million gallon per year ethanol production facility in Coshocton, Ohio. John also developed the Ohio River Clean Fuels Project a 53,000 bpd coal-biomass-to-liquids production facility in Wellsville, Ohio. The Project was converted to GTL in 2010. John has a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Brigham Young University and an MBA with a financial emphasis from Central Michigan University.