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Patrick TACHOIRES has extensive experience in the natural gas industry, in particular gas transportation and storage. He is currently the General Manager of the consultancy firm ERLEAK, which he founded in November 2007.

His consultancy offer focuses mainly on the French liberalising gas market, supply, LNG, transmission & storage, especially for new entrants. He also is building (design and carrying out) training programs for IFP Training, Institut Français du Pétrole, for CFAFG, Association Française du Gaz, for the Master gas delivered by MinesParisTech and for companies. Between 2009 and 2013, he has been appointed to the board of directors of CFAFG.

From 2005 to 2007, Patrick was the corporate secretary of GRTgaz, the transportation company of Gaz de France. His initial responsibility was the governance of the company (i.e. the management of the meetings of the board) and he then moved on to managing procurement and the real estate assets of the company.

During this time he was also the President of the 3CTG (Dialogue Committee of Gas Grid's Customers) from 2004 until 2007. This role gave him an extensive knowledge of all the key players in the gas industry.

From 1983 to 2004, Patrick Tachaires was Operations Director of CFM. The "Compagnie Française du Méthane" which was a subsidiary of ELF (petroleum company now merged into Total) and Gaz de France. The company activity was the retailing, transmission and storage of natural gas. He headed the operating team and the development of its information system. CFM had a network of 7 000 km pipes and a 7 billion cubic meter underground storage (Chémery) for supplying 350 industrial customers and 600 public distribution grids.

- Starting in 2000, he worked on the adaptation of the company to the market liberalisation, especially on access rules to the grid. Along with other transporters he helped structure the tariff of TPA (Third Party Access) for network and storage. From 2003 he over saw this construction with the French regulator (CRE Commission de Regulation de l'Energie).

- For 6 years he was the President of the Transportation and Storage Commission of AFG (Association Française du Gaz)

- He is an expert on gas metering, due to the 10 years spent as an active member of Cofrac (Comité français d'accréditation), and working as an auditor of benches for flow meters calibration.

From 1974 until 1982, Patrick Tachaires was an engineer and then later a director for "Safege", the consulting company of Lyonnaise des Eaux (Now : Suez Environnement). After living in Algeria where he led utilities project, he managed numerous projects in Africa, particularly for water, waste, roads and dams.

From 1980, he audited companies that Lyonnaise des Eaux was interested in buying.

From 1971 to 1974, he worked for a public French development company "Satec" with which he developed cultural methods in Senegal and Algeria.

Patrick TACHOIRES graduated with an engineering degree from the Ecole Polytechnique (X67) in 1969, and from the ENGREF (Ecole Nationale du Génie Rural et des Eaux et Forêts) in 1974. He also attended classes for professional education at the leading French Business School Essec.

He was born in 1947.

He is married and has 5 children.