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Mr. Petrus is Executive Vice President of Acquisitions for XTO Energy, Inc. He is responsible for all technical and economic evaluation activities associated with XTO Energy's acquisitions and divestments. He joined XTO Energy in 1988 as a Regional Engineer and became Manager of Acquisitions in 1990. He was promoted to Vice President in 1991, to Senior Vice President in 1997 and to Executive Vice President – Acquisitions in 2005. Prior to joining XTO Energy, he worked for Texas American Bank as Vice President - Petroleum Lending (1980-1988) and as a Senior Project Engineer for Exxon (1976–1980). He graduated from Louisiana Tech in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and is a native of Alexandria, Louisiana.

Since 2005, XTO has acquired over \$17 billion in reserves and leasehold, including significant investments in multiple unconventional resource plays such as the Barnett, Woodford, Fayetteville, Haynesville and Bakken Shales.