# Thomas P. Karnowka

### **Objective**

To advance professionally by working in a field that will allow me to further expand and challenge my skills in component-level and system-level power and analog electronics design engineering while offering directing and/or management opportunities.

#### **Experience**

Sept 1995–present BK Electric Bailey, CO

#### Manager / Design Engineer / Sole Proprietor

- Manage all aspects of establishing and operating small business.
- Full range of design services concept, design, prototype, PCB layout, mechanical and enclosure development, pre-production, complete documentation packages, manufacturing.
- Specific designs include: miniature touch-activated controller for 277V lighting system; 300W 24V-to-110V sine-wave output voltage inverter; generator calibration module for establishing proper voltage, frequency, and wiring polarity; 600W power converter for ultra-high-power car audio amplifier.
- Design specialization in switch-mode and linear power conversion, power control, magnetic components, AF analog, high-reliability, consideration for US and off-shore manufacture needs, microcontrollers.

Feb 1994–Nov 1999 EchoStar Communications Englewood, CO

### Power Systems Design Engineer II

- Solely responsible for design and development of all switch-mode power supplies used in all models of Dish Network satellite receivers.
- Solely responsible for design and development of all other power control or conversion sections used in all models of Dish Network satellite receivers.
- Set new standards for low-cost and high-reliability consumer-grade off-line power supplies by introducing many novel and innovative circuit techniques and topologies.
- Responsible for continual monitoring of product power system related fieldfailure rates and trends; extensive foresight has resulted in ongoing design improvements to address potential problems before they become serious.

Dec 1990–Feb 1994 EchoStar Communications Englewood, CO

### Power Systems Design Engineer I

- Solely responsible for all aspects of the design and development of a 20W universal-input (85V to 265V) flyback power converter for use in two different European C/Ku-band satellite receivers.
- Developed and introduced novel circuit for managing power supply hold-up time during power failure. Circuit offers extended hold-up time with reduced system cost.
- Responsible for the optimization and re-design of a hybrid switch-mode power supply used on older C/Ku-band satellite receivers to improve field reliability and reduce production cost.
- Established improved methods of test and design qualification for new power supply development.
- Gained extensive knowledge of UL, FCC, CSA, VDE, and CE agency requirements for consumer electronic products. Most subsequent power supply designs attained first-pass approval and certification.

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#### **Experience (cont)**

Sept 1987–Dec 1990 Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO

#### Laboratory Technician

- Teaching assistant for lab class in Biomedical Instrumentation.
- Repaired electronic test equipment and instruments.
- Designed and constructed various printed circuit boards to aid in specific experiment set-up.
- Heavily involved in the design and construction of a high-speed A/D conversion board for the Macintosh NUBUS.
- Designed and constructed a nanoampere constant-current source for physiological stimulation experiments.

#### Computer Skills ■

- Software: Word, Excel, Orcad, Protel 99, AutoCad, Electronics Workbench.
- Operating Systems: MSDOS, Windows 95 thru Windows XP.
- Hardware: PC and PC-clones from XT to Pentium-Class.

#### **Education**

- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, December 1990, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado; emphasis in power electronics and conversion, and biomedical electronics and instrumentation.
- Applied Power Electronics Conference (APEC) 1993 and 1994.
- Unitrode Power Supply Design Seminars 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998,2001
- Various technical seminars and symposiums.

#### **Publication**

R. J. Morgan, T. P. Karnowka, and T. N. Solie, 1989. <u>An Analog Data Acquisition Board for the Macintosh II</u>. Proceedings of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Bioengineering Symposium and the 26<sup>th</sup> International ISA Biomedical Sciences Instrumentation Symposium, Vol. 25, pages 261-265.

#### **Interests**

Electronics, automobiles, computers, four-wheeling, outdoor / mountains.

## References

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- Dave Easter, Easter-Owens, Arvada CO, (303)-431-0111
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