



**NICK THOMAS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT,  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Nick served as Vice President of Business Development at Arista Midstream Services, LLC from 2007 to 2009. Nick's primary role at Arista was to develop and evaluate greenfield and acquisition projects. From 2002 to 2007 Nick was the Manager of Business Development for Canyon Gas Resources, LLC / Cantera Natural Gas, LLC. His primary duties were to develop and execute strategies to enhance shareholder profits.

Prior to joining Canyon Gas Resources, Mr. Thomas was the Director of West Origination of Aquila Merchant Services, Inc. (1999 to 2002). He was responsible for developing and advancing key relationships with natural gas and power clients and for assisting in the development, implementation, and operation of Aquila's producer services marketing function.

From 1997 to 1999, Mr. Thomas was a Business Development Representative for Western Gas Resources, Inc. His responsibilities included optimizing the profitability of WGR's South Texas and Louisiana midstream assets and coordinating gas supply and NGL marketing efforts at WGR's Louisiana processing and fractionation facility. Nick worked closely with WGR management in the divestiture of a gathering asset that sold for \$32 million.

Mr. Thomas began his career in 1995 with Monsanto Company where he held various engineering positions. Mr. Thomas received his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1995.

In his spare time, you'll find Nick on his mountain bike, in a trout stream with his fly rod, or on the baseball or softball field with his three kids. Nick and his wife Ronda are members of Flatirons Community Church. When asked what sets Meritage apart in the midstream marketplace, Nick responded this way: "We provide the highest level of service to our customers and constituents — we treat them as valued friends and partners. Our focus on the community and environmental and regulatory stewardship are truly unique attributes and a remarkable combination in any business."

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