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In the increasingly complicated realm of climate change, renewable energy and energy offsets, Erin Meezan is Interface, Inc.'s resident expert, helping to navigate the company's global energy policy while staying abreast of the latest research and trends. As the Director of Sustainable Development for Interface, Erin provides technical assistance and policy support to the company's global business units to manage the company's aggressive energy and climate goals. She helps the company address its global warming impacts at all levels, in operations and management, with employees and customers, and in policy forums. She advises global businesses on renewable energy solutions including renewable energy purchases, on-site renewable projects and purchase of carbon offsets, which includes identification of offset projects and development of credible standards in the voluntary carbon market. She advises Interface's Global Sustainability Council, as Chair of the renewable energy front, in keeping with the corporation's Mission Zero promise to reduce any negative environmental impact by 2020.

Erin also has an external role working with NGOs as an advisor on Boards and steering committees to develop standards and market guidance for renewable and GHG offset markets. She develops Interface's external partnerships with environmental stakeholders including the Climate Group, the Chicago Climate Exchange and the EPA Climate Leaders program. She is currently part of the steering committee for the Voluntary Carbon Standard, an international committee of experts working to craft a standard for offsets; the committee includes IETA, the World Economic Forum and the Climate Group. She is on the national Board of Green-e, the third-party organization that verifies green energy projects and sets standards for renewable energy, and has been on the advisory Committee for the Center for Resources solutions GHG Offset certification standard. She also works with NGOs including the Pew Center on Global Climate Change and the World Resources Institute to develop case studies highlighting Interface's path to sustainability.

Erin has dedicated her career to working on environmental issues from a variety of different perspectives. Early in her career, she worked as a lobbyist for a variety of environmental and conservation organizations. Prior to joining Interface, Erin worked as the Director of Energy and Environment for the Georgia energy office. In this capacity, she helped the state of Georgia develop and implement renewable energy projects in the state.

Because of Interface's mission to educate and engage others, Erin is a frequent lecturer on the Interface story and sustainable business. Locally, she has lectured to Emory University's Law School and undergraduate classes and has presented to the Georgia Bar Association's Environmental Section. She has also presented on Interface's climate and energy program to a variety of business conferences and NGO forums including the Ethical Corporation Conference, the Carbon Markets Forum and the NeoCon World Trade Fair, the contract furnishings industry's annual conference. Erin has authored a chapter in a book about Voluntary Carbon Markets and has published articles highlighting Interface's climate programs (*Environmental Design + Construction, Green Trading Markets*). She holds a Masters Degree in Environmental Law and a Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School. Erin's dedication to the environment runs deep, she and her husband were married in a sustainable community just outside the city of Atlanta, and their wedding was third-party certified as climate neutral.



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