

# Energy Facility Siting Council

## Energy Facility Siting in Oregon

State-level oversight of energy facilities helps ensure that Oregon has an adequate energy supply while protecting Oregon's environment and public safety. Before any new energy facility is built in Oregon, the proposed development must undergo a thorough review process. The proposed facility must meet standards to assure that construction, operation, and retirement of the facility protect the public interest and conserve the natural resources of the state.

## The Siting Council

In 1975, the Oregon Legislature established the Energy Facility Siting Council. The Council has the responsibility to make sure that large energy facilities are located, built and operated in ways that protect the environment and public health and safety.

No one may build a large energy facility in the state until the Council has issued a site certificate for the facility. The facility must meet the Council's siting standards. The site certificate binds state and local jurisdictions to the Council's action and requires them to issue permits, licenses and certificates for construction and operation of the facility. The Council monitors the construction of the facility, and, after the facility is built, the Council monitors its operation.

## Who Serves on the Council?

The Energy Facility Siting Council has seven members. They are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate. Its members may not be employed by a company that has a facility under the Council's jurisdiction; nor can they have ever worked for a company that owned a large energy facility.

Council members are volunteer citizens. They receive only reimbursements for travel expenses and \$30 per day for meals when they are performing Council business.

Department of Energy employees serve as staff members for the Council, handling the ongoing work required in the regulation of energy facilities. Staff members are energy experts who research the issues involved with locating, building and operating large energy facilities. They make recommendations to the Council based on their research and analysis, but the Council is responsible for making the final decisions.

## Energy Facility Siting Council Members



**DAVID RIPMA, CHAIR:** Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski reappointed Mr. Ripma to the Energy Facility Siting Council. His second term runs July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2007.

Mr. Ripma was born in Michigan and graduated from Hempfield High School in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He received a BSEE from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Ripma moved to Oregon in 1989 and lives in Troutdale, where he is a patent lawyer. Some of Mr. Ripma's community and civic activities include serving on the Troutdale City Council; president of the Troutdale Historical Society; board member of the Mount Hood Repertory Theater Company; Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC); East Multnomah County Transportation Committee; Troutdale Planning Commission; Public Safety 2000; Mount Hood Parkway Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC); and the Metro Greenspaces CAC.

Mr. Ripma is pleased to serve the Governor and Oregon as an EFSC councilor, using his experience as an engineer, lawyer, and local government representative to make fair and unbiased decisions.

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**MARTHA DIBBLEE, VICE-CHAIR:** Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski reappointed Ms. Dibblee to the Energy Facility Siting Council. Her second term runs July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2009.

An Oregon native, Ms. Dibblee graduated from Washington High School in Portland. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from Portland State University and completed health physics studies through the AEC. She lives in the Portland-Metro area.

Ms. Dibblee is a private consultant and a former Board Member of the Climate Trust. She spent more than 20 years with the Oregon Health Division, where she first was a radiochemist, then the manager of the Radioactive Materials Program. She previously worked at the Oregon Health Sciences University as a research assistant at both the medical and dental campus facilities and at the Reed College reactor facility. Ms. Dibblee has significant experience in environmental assessment, industrial facility clean-up, and public health and safety evaluation. She adds a valuable set of skills to address the Council's board responsibilities.

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**LORI BROGOITTI:** Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski appointed Mrs. Brogoitti to the Energy Facility Siting Council. Her term began November 22, 2004, and will end June 30, 2008.

Lori is the fourth generation of an eastern Oregon farming family and has been involved in production agriculture and other natural resource based industries for most of her life. She has background in irrigated and dry-land crop production and cattle ranching.

Lori is a founder and officer of Northwest Agricultural Services, Co., a crop insurance agency and agricultural consulting firm located in Pendleton, Oregon. She is an insurance agent licensed in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho specializing exclusively in crop and livestock insurance products.

Lori is a member of the National Environmental Conflict Resolution Advisory Committee. Lori also serves on the board of directors to the Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association (PNDSA). Lori has just completed her term limit chairing the Environment and Regulations committee for the Oregon Wheat Growers League. In 2003 she received the award for Outstanding Committee Chair.

Lori is committed to bringing the environmental and agricultural communities together to find common ground and workable solutions to economic and social issues associated with complex and controversial environmental policies.

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**JACOB S. (JAKE) POLVI:** Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski appointed Mr. Polvi to the Energy Facility Siting Council. His term began on September 25, 2006, and will end June 30, 2010.

Mr. Polvi graduated from Amity High School in Amity, Oregon. He then received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, from Oregon State University.

Mr. Polvi lives in Bend, Oregon where he is owner of Sustainable Engineering, LLC, a consulting firm providing services in water resources management, green design, and renewable energy. His sustainable development work experience with Bechtel Infrastructure, the Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State University, local cities, Irrigation Districts, and nonprofit organizations will provide a unique set of tools for resolving issues involved in facility siting.

As a LEED accredited consultant, Mr. Polvi attempts to approach all of his projects from the perspective of balancing the needs of the community, the economy, and the environment. This sustainable perspective provides a layered evaluation criteria that help to provide designs and approaches that work in the real world while respecting our need to conserve natural resources, provide economically feasible solutions to fit design challenges, and serve the needs of the community. The ability to consider and balance the multiple stakeholder viewpoints is critical to energy facilities siting.

Mr. Polvi's extensive knowledge in the environmental, social, and economic factors related to the design and construction of large infrastructure projects gives him valuable insight into some of the issues involved in facility siting.

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**ROBERT R. (BOB) SHIPRACK:** Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski appointed Mr. Shiprack to the Energy Facility Siting Council. His term began on January 22, 2004, and will end June 30, 2007.

Mr. Shiprack graduated from John Marshall High School in Portland. He attended Grays Harbor Junior College and Mount Hood Community College, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from Portland State University. He then earned an electrical journeyman's license from the International Brotherhood of Electrical

Workers Local #48.

Mr. Shiprack lives in the Portland-Metro area, where he is the executive secretary for the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council. Some of Mr. Shiprack's community activities include: co-chair of the Worker's Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee; member of the Columbia River Channel Coalition Leadership Advisory Council; and a member of the Employment Advisory Council. Mr. Shiprack was a member of the Oregon State Legislature for 12 years, serving six years as the chair of the House Labor Committee.

Mr. Shiprack's current occupation and extensive knowledge of transmission lines and the construction of power generation facilities gives him a unique understanding of the functions and responsibilities of the Siting Council.

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**DAVID TEGART:** Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski reappointed Mr. Tegart to the Energy Facility Siting Council. His second term is July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2007.

Mr. Tegart graduated from Reynolds High School in Troutdale. He then received his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Beloit College in Wisconsin, and later received an MBA degree in marketing and transportation from Northwestern University Graduate School of Management in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Tegart lives in the Portland-Metro area. He is owner of Tegart & Associates, a consulting firm providing services in business and economic planning, information services, and market research.

Some of Mr. Tegart's community and civic activities include: service on the State of Oregon Small Scale Energy Loan Advisory Committee; American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter Board; Portland Ballet Society Board; Western Environmental Trade Foundation; Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission Estuary Advisory Committee; Governor's Coastal Zone Management Advisory Committee; Secretary of State's Voter Advisory Committee; Associated Oregon Industries, Land Use Committee; director of the Oregon Industrial Waste Exchange; and a soldier in the U.S. Army who served in Vietnam.

Mr. Tegart welcomes the opportunity to use his experience in energy, economics, and marketing to serve as a member of the Siting Council.

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**W. BRYAN WOLFE:** Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski appointed Mr. Wolfe to the Energy Facility Siting Council. His term began September 25, 2006, and will end June 30, 2010.

Making his home in Hermiston, Bryan Wolfe, farmer and feedlot owner-operator, is known in business and political circles as a civic-minded individual. He is as at home conferring on agricultural, water, power, or political issues as he is on a tractor.

Bryan has or is serving on many boards and committees taking him from his fields to Washington, D.C. currently he serves his electric co-op as board secretary-treasurer, as Oregon's Director on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and is immediate past-president of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative. He is serving Oregon State University, his alma mater, as a member of several committees and has been honored in the OSU Agricultural Hall of Fame and as a Withycombe Club Charter Member. Umatilla County has just completed their budget process with Bryan as committee chair. He also continues to serve his Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, Hermiston Elks, FFA Alumni, and American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

His years of service to Umatilla County in the Wheat League and Cattlemen's Associations and statewide associations serving as president, vice-president and/or committee chair, as well as having served on the Oregon State Board of Forestry, speak well of his commitment to a broad range of interests.

"There is no project too large or too small, just an opportunity for action," says Wolfe.