

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, 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; after the facility is built, the Council monitors its operation.

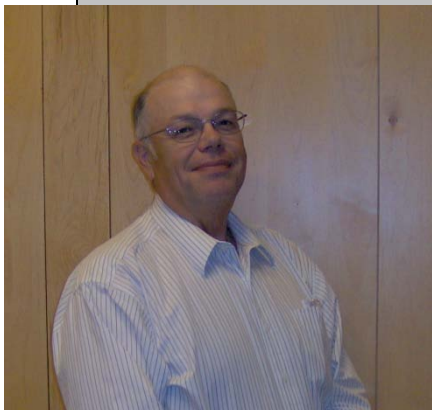
Who Serves on the Council?

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.

Oregon 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



W. BRYAN WOLFE, Chair: Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski appointed Mr. Wolfe to the Energy Facility Siting Council. His term began September 25, 2006 and was extended for a second term, ending June 30, 2014.

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's 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.



LORI BROGOITTI, Vice Chair: Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski appointed Mrs. Brogoitti to the Energy Facility Siting Council. Her second term began June 30, 2008 and will end June 30, 2012.

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.

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 was extended for a second term, ending June 30, 2014.

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 helps 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.



ROBERT R. (BOB) SHIPRACK: Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski appointed Mr. Shiprack to the Energy Facility Siting Council. His second term began on June 30, 2007 and will end June 30, 2011.

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.

TREY SENN: Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski appointed Mr. Senn to the Energy Facility Siting Council. His term began March 30, 2010 and will run through June 30, 2013.

Mr. Senn has served as Executive Director of the Klamath County Economic Development Association (KCEDA) since 1993 and serves as professional staff to TEAM Klamath--a public private partnership (City, County, Chamber, Oregon Institute of Technology, etc.) dedicated to enhanced economic development.

An early advocate of sustainability, especially concerning Economic Development, he is serving his second term on The Oregon Sustainability Board and his first on the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council. He is a past president of the Oregon Economic Development Association (OEDA)

A native South Carolinian, he has held similar positions in North & South Carolina, the Tri-State Area of West Virginia, and Washington, D.C. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master's in City and Regional Planning from Clemson University in South Carolina.



BARRY BEYELER: Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski appointed Mr. Beyeler to the Energy Facility Siting Council. His term began May 4, 2010 and will run through June 30, 2011.

Mr. Beyeler graduated from Fort Collins High School in Fort Collins, Colorado and worked in the construction field in Wyoming and Idaho.

Former positions include:

Community Development Director, City of Boardman; Utilities & Natural Resources Manager, City of Boardman; Utilities Services Manager, City of The Dalles, OR; and Public Works Director, City of Boardman .

Professional Organizations: Oregon City Planning Directors Association, League of Oregon Cities

Mr. Beyeler's professional involvements include:

Appointed to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board by Oregon Governor Kulongoski; appointed to the Hanford Advisory Board as the Representative of the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board; member of National Water Research Institute Independent Panel to Review Kennewick, WA, River Bank Filtration Compliance Program for Washington Department of Health; speaker at International Riverbank Filtration Conference sponsored by National Water Research Institute; former Member Oregon Water Resources Department Ground Water Advisory Committee; former Member of Oregon DEQ Underground Injection Control Task Force; former Member of the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture Pesticide Use Reporting Work Group; former member Oregon DEQ Wellhead Advisory Committee and Wellhead Rules Guidance Committee; and former member of Oregon DEQ Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Committee

Professional Awards: NE Oregon Sub-section AWWA Activities Award 1992 & 1995; PNWS/AWWA Subsection Activities Award 1992; PNWS/AWWA Public Education Competition (Small Systems) 1994, 1995, 1996

VACANT: There are currently only six members serving on the Energy Facility Siting Council. There is one position to be filled. Members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate.