

# **SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

February 9, 2015  
03:00 PM

Hearing Room C

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Chris Edwards, Chair  
Sen. Alan Olsen, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Michael Dembrow  
Sen. Floyd Prozanski  
Sen. Chuck Thomsen

**STAFF PRESENT:** Beth Reiley, Committee Administrator  
Samantha Koopman, Committee Assistant

**EXHIBITS:** Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** Informational Meeting  
Overview of the Siting Process for Energy Facilities  
SB 258 – Public Hearing  
SB 259 – Public Hearing

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**00:00:07** Meeting Called to Order  
**00:00:08** Chair Edwards

**00:01:08** **Overview of the Siting Process for Energy Facilities - Informational Meeting**  
**00:01:08** Chair Edwards  
**00:01:24** Sen. Thomsen  
**00:01:33** EXHIBITS 1-7: Todd Cornett, Siting Division Administrator, Oregon  
Department of Energy  
**00:16:17** Sen. Dembrow  
**00:33:38** Sen. Prozanski

**00:43:45** **SB 258 & SB 259 - Public Hearing**  
**00:44:00** Chair Edwards  
**00:44:08** EXHIBITS 8-9: Todd Cornett, Siting Division Administrator, Oregon  
Department of Energy  
**00:51:51** Sen. Dembrow  
**00:53:56** Sen. Thomsen  
**00:56:19** Vice-Chair Olsen

**01:03:56** EXHIBITS 10-11: Commissioner Larry Givens, Vice-Chair, Umatilla County Commission

**01:11:12** Tamra Mabbott, Planning Director, Umatilla County Department of Land Use Planning

**01:28:50** Sen. Bill Hansell, Senate District 29

**01:31:27** EXHIBIT 12: Dave Price, Member, Blue Mountain Alliance

**01:34:28** EXHIBIT 13: Cindy Severe, resident, Oregon

**01:39:16** EXHIBIT 14: Irene Gilbert, Legal Research Analyst, Friends of the Grande Ronde Valley

**01:49:55** EXHIBIT 15-17: Richard Jolly, President, Blue Mountain Alliance

**01:55:55** Bob Levy, Northeast Oregon Water Association

**01:58:20** EXHIBIT 18: J.R. Cook, Northeast Oregon Water Association

**02:00:16** Mary Anne Nash, Public Policy Counsel, Oregon Farm Bureau

**02:03:02** Mark Nystrom, Association of Oregon Counties

**02:03:45** Gary Bauer, Northwest Natural

**02:05:09** Varner Seamon, Portland General Electric

**02:12:11** EXHIBITS 19-20: Witness Registration

**02:12:12** The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:  
EXHIBIT 21: Tom and Maureen Rugg, residents, Oregon  
EXHIBIT 22: John Silvertooth-Stewart, resident, Oregon  
EXHIBIT 23: Robin Severe, resident, Oregon  
EXHIBIT 24: Robin Freeman, Oregon Department of Energy  
EXHIBIT 25: Granella Thompson, resident, Oregon  
EXHIBIT 26: Suni Danforth, resident, Oregon  
EXHIBIT 27: Robin Freeman, Oregon Department of Energy  
EXHIBIT 28: Gary Burke, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

**02:12:13** Meeting Adjourned