

Oregon Energy Planning Council formed

Bob Shiprack will be part of group charged with forecasting state's energy needs, supply, and to map transition to renewable energy future

SALEM — Bob Shiprack, chair of the Energy Facility Siting Council, has been appointed an ex-officio member of the newly created Oregon Energy Planning Council.

Shiprack is executive director of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council.

The new 11-member Oregon Energy Planning Council was created late last month by Executive Order of Gov. Ted Kulongoski. The council is charged with providing proactive analysis, advice and assistance on energy planning. It will issue an energy planning report to the governor and the Legislature before Dec. 31, 2010, that will include information on Ore-

gon's current energy use and supply. The report will also include analysis of future energy needs, challenges to price and supply stability for Oregon citizens and businesses, analysis of any energy supply gaps, alternatives to meet Oregon's energy needs and short, medium and long range energy plans for meeting Oregon's energy demands.

"Demands on Oregon's energy supply are going to increase in the future, whether it's from a growing population or a growing economy," Kulongoski said. "We have set Oregon on a path to a renewable energy future but also need to make sure we address stability and supply concerns as we help us chart that course."

The 11 members of the Oregon Energy Planning Council are: Chair Ron Adams, Oregon State University College of Engineering; Mark Maher, Western Energy Coordinating Council; Stephen Grover, ECO Northwest; Marty Sedler, Intel; Bob Jenks, Citi-

zens' Utility Board; Rachel Shimshak, Renewable Northwest Project; Steve Wright, Bonneville Power Administration; Gregg Kantor, NW Natural; Peggy Fowler, PGE; Pat Reiten, PacifiCorp; and Mark Edlen, Gerding Edlen.

In addition to Shiprack, officials from nine boards and commissions (Agriculture, Forestry, Economic Development, Environmental Quality, Fish and Wildlife, Transportation, Public Utilities, Oregon Global Warming, the Oregon Investment Council, and Land, Conservation & Development) will serve as ex-officio members to the new council.

The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 12, 2009.

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Oregon AFL-CIO, said the appointment "represents the first positive step toward change that will benefit average, hard-working Americans who are the backbone of our nation's struggling economy and a return to shared prosperity nationwide."

"Historically, it has only been when workers are protected, trained and fairly compensated, that our nation prospers," Chamberlain said.

(Editor's Note: Press Associates Inc. contributed to this report.)

Labor Law Conference slated Feb. 27

The 13th annual Oregon Labor Law Conference will be held Friday, Feb. 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the IBEW Local 48 union hall, 15937 NE Airport Way.

The event is sponsored by Local 48, the Oregon AFL-CIO, the Oregon State and Columbia-Pacific Building Trades Councils, and the Northwest Oregon Labor Council.

The conference organizer is Norm Malbin, in-house attorney for Local 48.

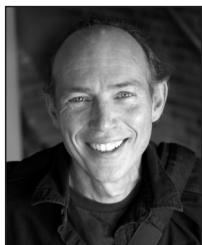
The conference is for business managers, business agents and officers. The goal is to provide information that will help them do their job better and to help avoid legal liability.

The number of participants is limited to 230. Registration is \$85 and includes lunch and all materials. The deadline to register is Jan. 30.

For more information, call Kristi Straight at 503-889-3660 or Malbin at 503-889-3669.



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