

December 30, 2020

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy  
Governor of the State of Alaska

Re: Application for appointment to the University of Alaska Board of Regents

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

I would like to express my interest in appointment to the University of Alaska Board of Regents. I have a deep-rooted interest in helping guide the University through its current issues and seeing it emerge stronger, more relevant to Alaska's needs and with a vision and strategy to remain viable for the long term.

As every Alaskan knows, the State must face the reality of less revenue to fund state services, including the University. Over the last nine years, I have served on the board of directors for the University of Alaska Foundation, including a two-year term as Chair. During my tenure on the Foundation, I have had the opportunity to learn much about the University system, meet its leaders and interact with the Board of Regents. I believe that I can help lead the University through the next few years to reach the goal of minimizing its dependency on state funds while providing higher education opportunities in areas critical to filling Alaska's workforce needs.

Since the early 1980's, I have seen a steady increase in the quality of graduates coming out of the UA system. The University now offers Alaskans a state option for quality higher education that competes on a national basis. I want to see this continue and I believe my unique combination of leadership, business acumen, familiarity with Alaska's issues and knowledge of the University system would make me a valuable addition to the Board of Regents.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Scott Jepsen

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# J. SCOTT JEPSEN

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Executive leader with well-rounded background in business, government relations, stakeholder relations and media relations. Over 39 years in oil the oil and gas business (31 in Alaska) with twelve years in executive leadership. Have served in leadership positions on multiple boards including the University of Alaska Foundation. I have a keen interest in bringing my skillset to the University of Alaska Board of Regents to deal with the challenges facing the University and position it for long term success.

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## SKILLS

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- Executive leadership
- Commercial negotiations
- Collaboration
- Strategy development
- Government relations
- Business/financial acumen

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## WORK HISTORY

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**VP External Affairs and Transportation, 07/2011 to Current**

**ConocoPhillips Alaska – Anchorage, AK**

- President of ConocoPhillips Alaska Transportation, Inc. (2016-current) - Responsible for ConocoPhillips' North Slope pipelines. Manage the company's interest in the Trans Alaska Pipeline System. Serve on the Owners Committee which oversees all of Alyeska Pipeline Service Company's operations.
- External affairs - Provide leadership for a team of professionals that manage government relations, stakeholder relations, philanthropy, media and advertising.

**VP External Affairs/Business Services, 08/2008 to 07/2011**

**Denali - The Alaska Gas Pipeline, LLC. – Anchorage, AK**

- Managed the government relations effort to build political support for the Denali pipeline project in Alaska, Canada and with the U.S. federal government.
- Managed public and media strategy to build stakeholder support in Alaska and Canada.
- Managed IT, regulatory affairs and commercial negotiations. (2010 – 2011)

**Cook Inlet Manager, 06/2001 to 08/2008**

**ConocoPhillips Alaska – Anchorage, AK**

- Responsible for managing the Cook Inlet business unit. Assets included the North Cook Inlet Unit, the Beluga River Unit and the Kenai LNG plant.
- Led the successful effort to extend the federal export license for the Kenai LNG plant.

**Greater Kuparuk Area Development Manager, 03/1997 to 05/2001**

**ARCO Alaska, Inc. – Anchorage, AK**

- Responsible for managing the drilling, projects and production/reservoir engineering groups for the Greater Kuparuk Area.
- Led the team responsible for the technical sales effort to divest ARCO Alaska as a condition of BP's acquisition of ARCO.

**Rockies/Hugoton Area Manager, 01/1994 to 03/1997**

**Vastar Resources, Inc. – Houston, TX**

- Manager of Vastar's oil and gas assets in the San Juan Basin, NW Oklahoma and the Hugoton Basin of southwest Kansas.
- As part of the team at the formation and IPO of Vastar, played a key role in establishing the culture and direction of the company.
- Successfully led a number of acquisitions.

**Rockies Asset Manager, 10/1991 to 12/1993**

**ARCO – Midland, TX**

- Responsible for managing ARCO's oil and gas fields in Wyoming and the San Juan Basin.
- Led the development efforts of ARCO's coal bed methane assets and provided the leadership to keep the focus on safety and asset management during a major downsizing and divestiture initiative.

**TAPS Operations and Engineering Manager, 11/1990 to 10/1991**

**ARCO Transportation Company – Anchorage, AK**

- Provided owner company oversight of Alyeska operations of TAPS and the Valdez marine terminal.

**Engineer/Engineering Supervisor, 03/1982 to 11/1990**

**ARCO Alaska, Inc. – Anchorage, AK**

- Worked as a facility and reservoir engineer on the West Sak pilot project.
- Supervised reservoir engineering groups for the West Sak and Kuparuk fields.
- Led the team that negotiated the final ownership decimals of the Kuparuk River Field.
- Supervised engineering for ARCO's Cook Inlet fields.

**Engineer, 04/1980 to 03/1982**

**ARCO Coal Company – Denver, Colorado**

- Responsible for the design and construction of an in-situ coal gasification air acceptance test.

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**EDUCATION**

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**Bachelor of Science: Chemical Engineering**

**The University of Texas at Austin - Austin, TX**

**Master of Science: Chemical Engineering**

**The University of Texas at Austin - Austin, TX**

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## AFFILIATIONS

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President of the board of directors for Commonwealth North

Sr. VP of the board of directors for the Resource Development Council

Past member and chair of the board of directors for the University of Alaska Foundation

Past President of the Petroleum Club of Anchorage

Past board member of the board of directors for Alaska Public Media

**References upon request.**