

**3/30/07**

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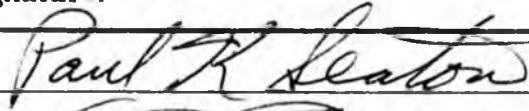
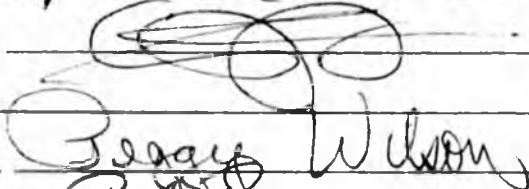

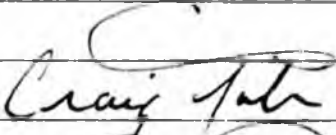
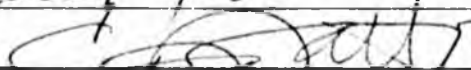
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## CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 03-30-07

The **Resources Committee** has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee(s) as shown on the attached Referral for Confirmation form(s) and recommends that the name(s) be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

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Signature:	Printed Last Name
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Co-Chair 	Johnson
Co-Chair: 	Gatt

Please attach appointee Referral for Confirmation form(s) and return to the Chief Clerk's office.



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### MEMORANDUM

Date: February 19, 2007

To: Representative Johnson, Co-chair  
Representative Gatto, Co-chair  
Resources Committee

From: Suzi Lowell *sl*  
Chief Clerk

Subject: Governor's Appointments

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**Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**

Ms. Cathy P. Foerster - Anchorage

Appointed: 3/23/2005      Reappointed: 1/23/2007      Term Expires: 3/1/2013

The Referral for Confirmation pages, resumes, and signature pages are attached for your use.

Attachments as noted.

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# Cathy P Foerster

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**Summary of qualifications**

Strong problem-solving and people skills, intelligence, and integrity. 25+ years of broad petroleum industry experience from technical to management, from research to operations, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the North Slope of Alaska.

**Education**

1973 – 1977 University of Texas Austin, Texas  
 Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with Highest Honors

**Professional experience**

2002 – Present PRA  
 Reservoir Engineer: Provide technical consulting on a variety of projects, including Kuparuk exploration evaluation for Pioneer Resources, Facilities Access study for DNR, and Lisburne redevelopment study for BP.

2000 – 2001 BP  
 Director, BP Energy Center: Managed construction and final design details, stressing safety, cost containment, and quality control. Coordinated development of energy education displays and presentations. Collaborated with community leaders, non-profits, and educators.

1999 – 2000 ARCO Alaska, Inc.  
 Government Relations Director: Represented ARCO's interests as lobbyist before Alaska state legislators and other public officials.

1994 – 1998 ARCO Alaska, Inc.  
 Planning and New Field Development Supervisor: Supervised engineers and geoscientists in developing new satellite fields on the North Slope of Alaska. Managed long range plan, budget, reserves reports, and performance analyses.

1992 – 1994 ARCO Alaska, Inc.  
 Production Superintendent: Managed non-rig wellwork and drillsite support operations with over \$100 million annual budget for the Eastern Operating Area of Prudhoe Bay Field.

1989 - 1992 ARCO Exploration & Production Technology, Inc.  
Research Director: Managed production engineering research and technical support efforts of engineers and scientists in well stimulation, rock mechanics, reservoir geochemistry, artificial lift, and profile modification. Served as liaison between R&D staff and operations clients. Represented ARCO's interests in various research consortia.

1987 - 1989 ARCO Oil & Gas Co.  
Reservoir Coordinator: Served as technical liaison between executives in company headquarters and technical personnel in operating districts on financial evaluations, engineering and exploration project proposals, competitor analyses, and acquisition evaluations.

1982 - 1987 ARCO Oil & Gas Co.  
Area Engineer: Led various production and reservoir engineering groups that developed and managed onshore South Texas and offshore Gulf of Mexico fields. Interacted extensively with Texas oil and gas regulatory agency officials.

1979 - 1982 ARCO Oil & Gas Co.  
Operations Engineer: Developed and managed various oil and gas fields onshore in South Texas.

1978 - 1979 Exxon Gas System, Inc.  
Facilities Engineer: Provided facilities engineering support for an intra-state gas pipeline system

1977 - 1978 Exxon Company USA  
Reservoir Engineer: Performed reservoir and surveillance engineering for oil and gas fields onshore in South Texas

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**Objective** Employment using my oil & gas, problem-solving, and business management skills and experience

**References** Provided upon request

# STATE OF ALASKA

SARAH PALIN, GOVERNOR

## ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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March 6, 2007

The Honorable Charlie Huggins  
Chairman, Senate Resources Committee  
State Capitol, Room 119  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Endorsement of confirmation of Ms. Cathy Foerster's  
reappointment to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Dear Chairman Huggins:

We have been copied with a communication to your Senate committee by Mr. Jerry McCutcheon voicing his objection to confirmation of Commissioner Foerster's reappointment to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("AOGCC").

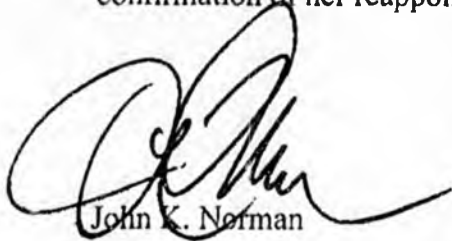
Because of Mr. McCutcheon's comments, we are taking the unusual step of asking to go on record with our strong endorsement of Ms. Foerster's reappointment and prompt confirmation thereof.

Ms. Foerster has more than 28 years of practical experience in petroleum engineering, including working in Alaska in industry and as a consulting engineer. She is smart, experienced, evenhanded in her approach to decision making, and exceptionally well qualified to hold the petroleum engineering seat on this commission. She holds an engineering degree from the University of Texas and last year was honored as a distinguished alumnus of that institution. Recently, she was a nominee for Engineer of the Year by the Alaska Society of Petroleum Engineers. Confirmation of her appointment will ensure that Alaska benefits from her considerable experience.

In the almost two years she has served with us on this commission, she has more than carried her share of the workload, and has undertaken numerous projects including taking a lead role in overseeing the commission's studies to update rules applicable to allowable gas offtake rates from North Slope reservoirs. We can assure you any issues that Mr. McCutcheon may have with the commission's work concerning gas offtake from these important reservoirs will be fully addressed in the course of the public process currently being carried out by the commission.

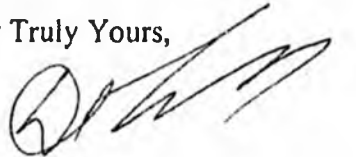
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We commend Ms. Foerster to you, and strongly urge your favorable action on confirmation of her reappointment.



John K. Norman  
Chair

Very Truly Yours,



Daniel T. Seamount, Jr.  
Commissioner

cc: Members, Alaska House of Representatives  
Mike Tibbles, Governor's Office Chief of Staff



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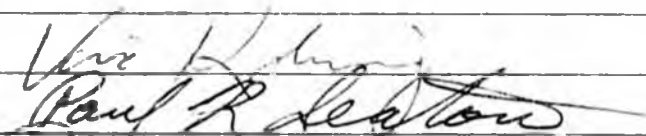
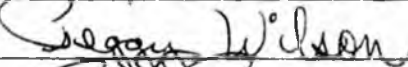
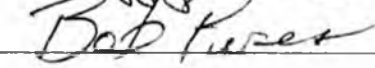


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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Tom Irwin joined GVEA in January 2006 as Vice President of Governmental and Public Affairs. Tom was most recently the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources for the State of Alaska from January 2003 to October 2005.

Tom received his Bachelor of Science in Mineral Engineering-Chemistry from the Colorado School of Mines in 1968. Since that time he has been active in mining in gold, silver, molybdenum, copper, tungsten and tin. Prior to moving to Alaska, he was General Manager of Amax Gold's Sleeper Mine in Nevada. From 1992 to 1996, Tom was Vice President of Operations for Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. and was directly involved with design, permitting and start-up of the Fort Knox Mine. From 1996 to 2001 he was Operations Manager and General Manager of the Fort Knox and True North Mines and in 2001 became Vice President of Business Development.

Tom has served on the Alaska Minerals Commission; President of the Council of Alaska Producers; Board Member of the Alaska Miners Association; and member of the Executive Board, Board of Directors and co-Chairman of the Resources Committee for the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce.

Tom and Sharon, his wife of 39-years, have two daughters, a son-in-law, and three Alaska born grandchildren who all reside in Fairbanks. Tom and Sharon both enjoy the outdoors. They feel very blessed to be living in Alaska.

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