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Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Fact Sheet

Board: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Board identification number: 070

Department: ADMINISTRATION

Authority: AS 31.05.005

Status: Active

Sunset date:

Requirements: Legislative Confirmation and Financial Disclosure

Prohibitions: Conflict of Interest (see AS 31.05.025)

Term: 6 Years

Chair: Governor selects.

Description: 3 members of the board are appointed by the Governor. 1 member shall be a petroleum engineer who holds a certificate of registration as an engineer under AS 08.48 and, under regulations adopted to implement that chapter, has qualified as a petroleum engineer, or has earned a degree from a university in the field of engineering and has at least 10 years of professional subsurface experience in the oil and gas industry in drilling, well operations, production process operations, reservoir engineering, or a combination thereof; 1 member shall be a geologist who holds a certification as a professional geologist under AS 08.02.011 and has professional experience in the field of petroleum geology or has earned a degree in the field of geology from a university accredited in the field of geology and has a minimum of 10 years professional experience in the field of petroleum geology; and 1 member who shall have training or experience that gives the person a fundamental understanding of the oil and gas industry in the state.

Function: To regulate oil and gas drilling, development and production, reservoir depletion and metering operations; to prohibit physical waste of hydrocarbons, protect correlative rights of mineral interest owners and assure maximum ultimate recovery of hydrocarbon resources; to administer Alaska's Class II Underground Injection Control Program and determine well categories under Federal Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.

Special facts: The board serves as an independent quasi-judicial agency. Members may be removed for cause with notice and opportunity to be heard. A quorum consists of 2 members. The Department of Law provides legal counsel.

Compensation: Salary is approximately \$140,000 annually.

Meetings: Not applicable.

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EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, Cornell Law School – awarded May 1995.
- B.A. in English, University of Alaska, Anchorage – awarded June 1990.

HONORS

- Graduation speaker for Cornell Law Class of 1995.
- Winner of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for the 1994-1995 academic year.
- Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Outstanding Legislative Effort Award, 2004.
- Senate Minority Leader, 2014.

EXPERIENCE

- Commissioner, Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Public member appointed July 2016.
- Alaska State Senator – 2002-2014. First elected in November 2002. Re-elected in 2004, 2008, and 2012. Represented 30,000 Alaskans in the state senate. Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee 2006-2012.
- Assistant District Attorney – 1996-2002. Served in a variety of capacities, including assignments in the Special Assault Unit, Violent Crimes Unit, and Narcotics Unit. Supervising attorney of the Misdemeanor Unit. Performed thirty-five jury trials on charges ranging from DWI to Murder in the First Degree.
- Superior Court Law Clerk – 1995-1996.
- Lead Operator and Production Operator – 1980-1992. North Slope (ARCO) and Cook Inlet (Shell Oil Co.). A production operator is responsible for the flow of oil and gas through separators and related oil processes, including gas compression and re-injection, power generation, safety systems, and volume balance and analysis.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Alaska Board of Directors Member – 2006 to present.
- Alaska Legal Services pro bono attorney volunteer – Housing Court and Veterans' Clinic.

PERSONAL

- I'm married and we have one child. I have lived in Alaska since 1978. My hobbies include reading, hiking, skiing and camping. I have twice climbed Denali to the summit.

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EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO AS 31.05.009(3): "training or experience that gives the person a fundamental understanding of the oil and gas industry in the state."

I began work in Alaska's oil industry in 1979, when I was hired as a bullcook on Shell Platform A in Cook Inlet. I worked continuously on that platform for five years. I was promoted from bullcook to roustabout in 1980, and a year later Shell Oil Company hired me and trained me to be a production operator.

I became familiar with all aspects of offshore oil production including water injection, power generation, gas compression and oil separation and shipping. We worked closely with drilling crews when the rotary drill rig was running. We shipped pigs in the oil transport line and proved custody transfer meters. Every member of the crew was a firefighter as well.

In 1984 I was hired by ARCO Alaska Inc. as a production operator at the Kuparuk River Field on the North Slope. ARCO had an aggressive training program in place that moved operators through a half-dozen positions at roughly six month intervals. I became qualified to work every station in the plant: waterflood, oil separation and shipping, gas lift and compression, power generation, diesel production, natural gas liquids handling and waste injection. I was also assigned to Drill Sites, which entailed monitoring and testing wells, and coordinating work with wireline operations and drilling. I became versed in one of AOGCC's primary missions by conducting witnessed tests of each well's surface and subsurface safety valves for AOGCC field inspectors. The top job at that time for operators was to be assigned to the control room as Board Operator. I worked approximately fifty week-long shifts, at ninety hours per week, as a Board Operator.

The performance reviews I received from ARCO were all positive. Here is an example from 1991, just prior to my being promoted to Lead Operator, a position created that year to replace the company's foremen: "Hollis exceeds expectations. Hollis' technical expertise, maturity and leadership abilities make him uniquely qualified for advancement into supervision."

In addition to my operator duties I was a member of the Kuparuk Fire Brigade.

In 1992 I left the oil industry to go to law school.

RESUME

DANIEL TAYLOR SEAMOUNT Jr.

State of Alaska Professional Geologist License #507

AIPG Certified Professional Geologist #10425

State of Texas Professional Geologist- #3182 (expired)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC), 2/14/00 to Present

Title: **Commissioner (Geologist Seat), Anchorage, Alaska**

Duties: Help manage and provide geological experience to the AOGCC that regulates drilling, reservoir management, and other oil, gas, and geothermal operations in the State of Alaska as well as the protection of drinking water. Associated with full range of petroleum geology, reservoir engineering, and drilling engineering of the State's exploration areas and oil and gas fields. Participate in numerous hearings and incident investigations. Write conservation, disposal injection, area injection, and storage injection orders. Periodically advise and make presentations to State & Federal Legislators and the Governor's office concerning energy legislation and policy. Chaired the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission's (IOGCC) North American Coastal Alliance, Safety and Environment, and Public Lands Committees. IOGCC representative of five consecutive governors. IOGCC Vice-chair in 2008. 2007 Vice-chair of DOE's Ultra-deep Water Advisory Committee.

Seamount International Exploration, 2004 to 2015

Title: **Geological Consultant (part time), Eagle River, Alaska, Kenedy, Texas, and Fullerton, CA**

Duties: Advised investors on oil and gas prospects in Kazakhstan and Texas

Union Oil Co. of Ca., 2/8/93 to 2/14/00

Title: **Senior Advising Geologist, Anchorage, Alaska**

Duties: Team geologist with geophysicists, reservoir engineers and drilling engineers to redevelop the tightly folded offshore Cook Inlet Fields. Planned highly deviated and sidetracked wells and directed drillers to the targets. Also, for 3½ years explored for hydrocarbons in Cook Inlet Basin on both regional and specific prospect levels. Worked on prospects in the offshore, Matanuska Valley, South Cook Inlet, Susitna Basin and west side and east side areas. For 3 ¼ years was project manager and Team leader of a group, which exploited development, exploration, and business opportunities in Cook Inlet and Alaska North Slope. Was project manager of the Matanuska Valley Coal Bed Methane project (Pioneer Unit). Heavily involved in planning and budgeting wells and forming partnerships. Made numerous written and oral presentations to management and partners to update them on project progress and presented to state agencies (DNR & AOGCC) to form units, drilling PA's, spacing exceptions, and plans of operations.

Union Oil Co. of Ca. (UNOCAL), 5/16/88 to 2/8/93

Titles: **District Development Geologist: 8/89 to 2/93, Farmington, New Mexico**
Geologist: 5/88 to 8/89, Casper, Wyoming

Duties: Supervised and worked development and exploration geology of UNOCAL operated properties in the San Juan, Paradox, and Piceance Basins. Exploited tight sandstone reservoirs (27 wells), coal seam gas (57 wells), and conventional sandstone and carbonate oil and gas reservoirs. Horizontal, deviated, and vertical well bores were utilized. Additional work included managing geological contractors; progress reporting of drilling programs and field mapping. Presented San Juan Dakota reservoir characterization results to NM State O&G Commission in approval process of tight gas sands designation. Worked with Utah O&G Commission in forming Lisbon Field Unit.

Presented to numerous potential partners and was on a team which sold Unocal's alternative fuel tax credit to outside investors.

Marathon Oil Co., 7/13/81 to 5/16/88

Titles: **Staff Geologist: 1986 to 1988, Casper, Wyoming**

Project Supervisor: 1984 to 1986, Casper, Wyoming

Geologist: 1981 to 1984, Casper, Wyoming

Duties: Oil and gas prospecting in the D-J Basin (one Paleozoic discovery), the Green River Basin (assisted in two Moxa Arch Frontier and Dakota gas discoveries and one sub-economic oil well), the Las Animas Arch (Morrow ss), and the central Kansas uplift (Pennsylvanian basal ss and Lansing- Kansas City Fm.). Work included regional & local mapping of structures, thickness', and facies of Rocky Mountain petroleum reservoirs and presentation of prospects to management. Was expert witness in Nebraska lawsuit between Marathon and KN Energy concerning underground gas storage.

Chevron U.S.A. Inc., 8/18/73 to 1/3/79

Titles: **Geologic Assistant: 1975-1979, Bakersfield, California**

Computer Analyst: 1973-1975, San Francisco, California

Duties: Utilized geologic and geophysical computer programs. Performed well site work and prospect generation in California onshore and offshore. Correlated logs and generated structure and isopach maps. Witnessed logging runs, DST's, production tests, coring, and fracture stimulations.

EDUCATION:

M.S. - Geology, 6/81, University of CA, Riverside, CA.

Emphasis on geothermal development and exploration. Thesis titled, " Well Log Study of the Hydrothermally Altered Sediments of Cerro Prieto Geothermal Field, Baja California, Mexico".

B.S. - Geology, 5/73, University of CA, Riverside



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February 23, 2017

Governor Bill Walker
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Re: Daniel T. Seamount, Jr.
AOGCC Reappointment

Dear Governor Walker:

I am honored that you have decided to reappoint me as a Commissioner of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) and I sincerely thank you for providing me with the opportunity to continue my service to the people of the great State of Alaska as I have for the past 17 years. I believe that our State has a very bright future in petroleum and geothermal exploration and development; especially considering the recent announcements of discoveries on the North Slope and the AKLNG Project. I also believe there are many big discoveries yet to be made in the 20+ basins throughout Alaska. It will be very fulfilling to have a part in protecting Alaska's interests by ensuring that the mission of the AOGCC is carried out.

Also, I am looking forward to continue working on a great team with Hollis French and Cathy Foerster. I assure you that I will apply my highest effort in working for the AOGCC and the people of Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Seamount Jr.", written over a faint circular stamp.

Daniel T. Seamount Jr.
Commissioner

cc: Mr. Scott Kendall, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
Mr. John Hozey, Director, Boards and Commissions

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October 7, 2016

Governor William Walker
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Re: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Reappointment to Geologic Commissioner

Dear Governor Walker:

For the last 16+ years I have been honored to have served as a member of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC). It has been exciting and fulfilling to serve the people of the State of Alaska in protecting their interests in oil and gas exploration and development. My third term will end at the end of February 2017. I am requesting to be reappointed for another six-year term.

As you can see by the biography and resume I posted in the on-line application a few weeks ago I feel that I am more than qualified to continue carrying out the duties as the Geologic Commissioner.

Continuity and consistency are very important to this quasi-judicial and independent agency, especially during times of change to the oil and gas industry. At such times, the AOGCC functions best with three fully contributing members. Since my first appointment to the AOGCC, I have worked with the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), as a member and an official representative for the Governor. In 2007 and 2008, I was a member of the US Department of Energy's Ultra-deepwater Advisory Committee. Also for the last 16 years the AOGCC has made important decisions regarding statutory and regulatory modifications, serious incident investigations, Cook Inlet Energy supply, North Slope gas offtake, and development of new fields, including Pt. Thomson, Colville River and Northstar.

I look forward to continuing the work of the AOGCC and I will apply my highest effort in working for it and the people of Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Daniel T. Seamount, Jr.

cc: Mr. John Hozey
Director of Boards & Commissions
Office of the Governor

Daniel T. Seamount, Jr. Biography

I have been the geologist commissioner for the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) since 2000. The AOGCC is an independent-quasi judicial agency whose mission is to protect the public interest in exploration and development of Alaska's valuable oil, gas, and geothermal resources through the application of conservation practices designed to ensure greater ultimate recovery and the protection of health, safety, fresh ground waters and the rights of all owners to recover their share of the resource. Other than ensuring that produced oil and gas measurements are accurate, the AOGCC's main duties are to regulate underground oil, gas, and geothermal operations.

I have worked on many Alaskan issues including the development of all 53 Alaska oil and gas fields, North natural gas, the evolving Cook Inlet energy supply challenges, hydraulic fracturing, regulation and statute modifications, investigations of several major incidents, and the advances of energy sources such as coal bed methane, geothermal and underground coal gasification, and much more.

For 27 years prior to that I worked in oil, gas, and geothermal exploration and development geology at different times for Chevron, the University of California, Marathon Oil Company, and Unocal in California, the Rocky Mountains, the Mid-continent, and Alaska. Please see my resume' for details.

I have resided in Eagle River for over twenty years and thrive on the outdoor activities Alaska provides. I have many family members who live in south central Alaska and Juneau.

The job is extremely challenging, interesting, and I am honored to serve the people of the State of Alaska.