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Robert N. Christenson

15800 Southpark Loop, Anchorage, AK 99516

EXPERIENCE

STRATEGIC PLANNING - VECO Corporation

Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning, Current

Responsible for long range planning for the corporation which includes Engineering, Construction, Operations and Maintenance, Drilling and international activities in the oil and gas sector.

VECO ENGINEERING (FORMERLY CHRISTENSON ENGINEERING)

President, 1993-1996

See below for responsibilities

CHRISTENSON ENGINEERING

President, 1986-1993

Responsible for the total operation of multi-disciplined petroleum service company of 1,000 personnel. Principal service areas are all facets of production facilities including well tie-ins, gathering, separation, produced water handling, gas handling, crude transport, various EOR methods-water flood and gas injection, gas compression and utilities. Coordination of these activities with drilling and reservoir to maximize production. Also maintenance and operations of existing fields and engineering alliance partner for the Alyeska pipeline.

HALLANGER ENGINEERS

Manager, 1976-1986

Same responsibilities as above and additionally serviced refineries in the Puget Sound area.

Discipline Engineer/Project Engineer, 1956-1976

During this time I served as a discipline engineer with progressively increasing responsibility and transitioned into project direction with increasing responsibility in various industries.

EDUCATION

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT LONG BEACH

Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering, 1963

REGISTRATION

- Mechanical Engineer in Alaska and Washington



BILL J. ALLEN
Chairman & CEO

May 2, 1997

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Representative Mark Hodgins
Chair House Oil & Gas Special Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capital
Juneau, AK 99801

MARK
Dear Representative Hodgins,

I understand that on Tuesday, May 6, the Legislature will act on the nomination of Robert Christenson to the Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission. Bob is currently a senior vice-president at VECO with a wide variety of responsibilities overseeing development and management of operations in the oil and gas sector. A licensed, professional engineer with a lifetime of accomplishment in the petroleum business, he has been associated with Alaska's oil scene since the early '80s. Bob was previously owner and president of the company which is now VECO Engineering, Inc.

Bob and his wife, Sara, along with their son and grandchildren, are valued Alaska residents and intend to retire here. Bob understands the critical role that the oil industry has in our state and the benefits that Alaskans receive from oil production. You can depend on Bob to use his experience, professional stature, and impeccable integrity to help the state get the maximum benefit from its petroleum resources.

Without reservation, I strongly recommend your confirmation of Bob Christenson to the Oil & Gas Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Allen

BA:js

April 29, 1997

Representative Scott Ogan
State Capitol
Room 128
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Ogan,

I understand the Governor has appointed or plans to appoint Mr. Robert N. Christenson to a position as Commissioner (Petroleum Engineer) on The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Mr. Christenson, while having an impressive resume, appears to be qualified as a mechanical engineer by registration and experience. I find the appointment to be curious since he apparently has not qualified by experience or degree in the discipline required.

I am a registered petroleum engineer currently working on the staff of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. I have been in this position for over six years. As a student I worked as a petroleum engineer intern with Great Northern Drilling Co., Shell Oil, Amerada Hess, and Chevron (summer college jobs during 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969). Since graduating from Montana Tech in 1970 with a BS in Petroleum Engineering I have worked for UNOCAL, BP Alaska, Standard Oil of Ohio, and Alaska Petroleum Contractors for over 19 years prior to joining the AOGCC. In addition, I served in the U.S. Army for 2 years (1970 - 1972). I became registered in 1977 by passing the petroleum engineers registration examination. I applied for the job of Commissioner in May 1996, however, I was not even interviewed for the job. There were at least 2 other registered Petroleum Engineers who also were not interviewed.

I must protest this appointment on the grounds of lack of petroleum engineering experience and registration in the discipline as required by statute. For example, if an employer was advertising for a petroleum engineer with experience in drilling, well completion, artificial lift design, stimulation design, reservoir engineering and such, would this man apply? Would he qualify? I would have to say no.

This is the second time the current Governor has appointed a non-petroleum engineer to this position. I can say that with as small a staff as we have, the Commission cannot afford to waste a position on a person who is not experienced in those issues which we deal with daily at the AOGCC. We need the experience and ability to tackle real petroleum engineering problems and an ability to work in the discipline as well. I would ask you share this letter with others on the Resources Committee.

Sincerely,


John D. Hartz
3104 Brookside Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99517



Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Date: 5/6/97

The Honorable Gail Phillips
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Special Committee on Oil & Gas has reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends that the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

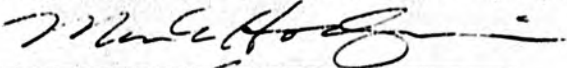
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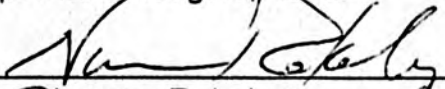
Robert N. Christenson - Anchorage

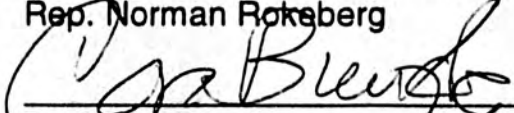
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(This appointment was also referred to the Resources Committee.)

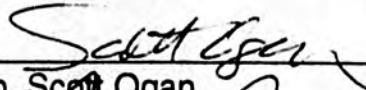
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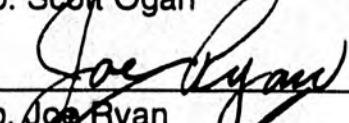

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Rep. Scott Ogan


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Rep. Tom Brice