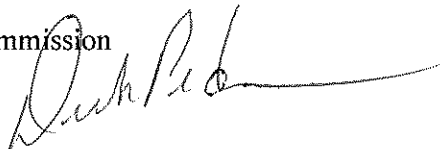


State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: Nov. 19, 2012
To: Environmental Quality Commission
From: Dick Pedersen, Director 
Subject: Agenda item M, Informational item: Commissioner recognition
Dec. 6-7, 2012, EQC meeting

Purpose of item This item recognizes the service of Judy Uherbelau, EQC commissioner. The December 2012 meeting is, officially, her last commission meeting.

Background Judy Uherbelau began her service on the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission March 1, 2005. During her eight years of service, the commission has taken many actions, heard and made final orders for many contested cases, passed dozens of rules and strengthened Oregon's regulations to protect human health and the environment.

Commissioner Uherbelau's extensive legal expertise and deep commitment to outreach to all parts of the state has been integral to the commission's successes in advancing regulations and agency policy that protects the environment for all Oregonians. Her dedication to detail, including her commitment to accurate and complete minutes of all commission meetings, has been a major asset to the commission and to DEQ. The skills, inquiry and perspectives that Commissioner Uherbelau brought to EQC will be missed by commissioners and staff.

The commission is a five-member volunteer body, and DEQ sincerely appreciates the work and commitment of the commissioners. A new commissioner will be appointed by Governor Kitzhaber this winter, and, pending Senate confirmation, will join EQC for its 2013 commission meetings.

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