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Board and Commission Application

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Travis _____ O _____ Gibson _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address Suite or Apt

City State Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

Democrat

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

Yes No

A friend (Clay Mosley) sent me an email.

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?

Yes No

If yes, which one? (Los Alamos County law prohibits residents from serving concurrently on more than one County board except as expressly approved in writing by the County Council before the appointment is made.)

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

Why would you like to serve on this particular Board or Commission?

I am interested in this board because I have a background in Chemical Engineering and my past work experience exposed me to wastewater treatment plants and other utilities in manufacturing facilities. I want to do my part as a citizen to help our community.

What volunteer or professional activities have you participated in that could apply to this appointment?

As an engineer in manufacturing facilities I have some experience working with wastewater treatment, steam/electricity co-generation, storm-water management and environmental reporting.

The time involved may be 10-15 hours per month or more. Are you able to serve the volunteer hours and attend training needed to perform your duties as an appointee?

Yes.

What would you like to accomplish during your tenure on this Board or Commission? (Please identify any special interests you have that led you to become interested in serving on this Board or Commission.)

I would like to help the Board to make decisions that are in the best interest of the community.

Have you had any direct or indirect involvement with this Board or Commission or with the County staff supporting this Board or Commission or County Councilors? If so, please explain.

I am a friend of Clay Mosley, who is an engineer in the utilities department. Other than that, I have not had any involvement.

Are there any issue or matters, financial or otherwise, that you are now or might become involved in that may come before the Board or Commission for which you seek appointment?

No.

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Michele _____ M _____ Poling _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address Suite or Apt

City State Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

Democrat

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

Yes No

LA Daily Post
How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?

Yes No

Utilities

If yes, which one? (Los Alamos County law prohibits residents from serving concurrently on more than one County board except as expressly approved in writing by the County Council before the appointment is made.)

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

Why would you like to serve on this particular Board or Commission?

My background and experience are a fit. I have the time now that I retired.

What volunteer or professional activities have you participated in that could apply to this appointment?

27 years LASL/LANL. 25 years technical staff member 15 years construction project manager. 02 years Construction Project Liaison to Weapons Directorate 08 years Site Planning & Land Use 02 years Health Physics support for nuclear facilities throughout Lab MS Urban Planning U of A Tucson Undergraduate degree Wittenberg University

The time involved may be 10-15 hours per month or more. Are you able to serve the volunteer hours and attend training needed to perform your duties as an appointee?

Yes

What would you like to accomplish during your tenure on this Board or Commission? (Please identify any special interests you have that led you to become interested in serving on this Board or Commission.)

Equatable rates.

Have you had any direct or indirect involvement with this Board or Commission or with the County staff supporting this Board or Commission or County Councilors? If so, please explain.

No

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Stephen _____ J _____ Tobin _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address Suite or Apt

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Email Address

Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

Democrat

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

Yes No

word of mouth

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Why would you like to serve on this particular Board or Commission?

I would like to participate in my community in an activity where I have a genuine interest. I think the manner in which our community operates the water, electrical, gas and waste systems is important. These activities are at the interface between people and environment. It involves economics and technology. I know I have a lot to learn and would enjoy the process of becoming educated so as to help formulate good decisions for our community.

What volunteer or professional activities have you participated in that could apply to this appointment?

I am an experienced researcher, having worked at LANL for 20 years as a technical staff member. I have also been employed as a university lecturer in physics and a high school teacher. I lived in France for 4 years and Sweden for 2 years. I mention these re-locations because I gained first hand experience with how these countries, and the local municipalities within which I lived, managed the utility needs of their communities including how they heated their homes, managed waste, compost, internet service, public transport, electricity generation, gas, etc. The case of Sweden is particularly interesting because the Swedes have the lowest carbon footprint per capita among the developed economies of the world. In the past year I have been active in utility related matters. Of note, I participated in the March 3, 2019 informational meeting in Taos that was focused on learning how Kit Carson Electrical Cooperative and Guzman Energy managed to transition the energy supply in the Taos region from coal to solar. Furthermore, I have participated in small group meeting with individuals at both the LA County and at LANL who participate in the day to day running of our electricity infrastructure.

The time involved may be 10-15 hours per month or more. Are you able to serve the volunteer hours and attend training needed to perform your duties as an appointee?

Yes, I will be able to dedicate the necessary time.

**What would you like to accomplish during your tenure on this Board or Commission?
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I am particularly impressed with the county goal of designing the operations of our county to be net carbon neutral by 2040. It is a very important goal given worldwide human impact on the climate and a very challenging one. I am generally interested in technological solutions, economics, communal decision making. Many factors need to be considered to responsibly meet our basic needs while respecting the environment and the pocketbook of our fellow citizens.

Have you had any direct or indirect involvement with this Board or Commission or with the County staff supporting this Board or Commission or County Councilors? If so, please explain.

I have attended several meetings of the Public Utility Board in 2018 as discussions of the small modular reactor electricity option have advanced. I also was a member in a group that meet with Steve Cummins as a follow up to the March 3, 2019 Taos meeting.

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Greg _____ C _____ White _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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City

State

Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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Democrat

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Yes No

Ad in the LA Daily Post

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Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

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I have a very diverse background both in work experience and places lived. I will explain work experience in the next section of this application. I have lived in 8 states in towns as small as 4,000 people to large cities including Los Angeles and Houston. I lived in the Phoenix Metropolitan area (Mesa) when that state first deregulated electricity and Las Vegas, NV and Houston, TX when deregulation was being debated. Living in all these places has exposed me to various rate structures and pricing for utilities as well as when smart meters first came to Phoenix, Las Vegas, NV and Houston. All in all I feel very qualified to represent the citizens, as well as to be able to explain to the citizens any and all decisions the Board makes.

What volunteer or professional activities have you participated in that could apply to this appointment?

I have been a contract specialist in the U.S. Air Force which required the knowledge of a 52 volume set of regulations (in the pre computer age) as well as writing, soliciting, reviewing bids, awarding contracts, managing contracts, administering the Zero Overpricing and Construction Supply offices at Nellis AFB NV. Also researching and advising the base attorneys and superiors up to and including the base General. I have worked 10 years in construction. 4 years as a Sheet Metal worker in construction of casinos in Las Vegas, NV and 6 years as an Electrician in residential, small commercial and casinos in both Las Vegas, NV and Phoenix, AZ. I worked 5 years as a Stationary Engineer (building maintenance) at the Sahara Hotel/Casino and Caesars Palace. This work experience has given me an in depth understanding of not just electrical distribution and loads but also by seeing and asking questions of the other trades the basics of water supply, wastewater removal, and gas lines and regulators including working on gas lines in the kitchens at the Sahara.

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I am retired and have nothing better to do 24/7/365 than to serve the citizens of Los Alamos.

**What would you like to accomplish during your tenure on this Board or Commission?
(Please identify any special interests you have that led you to become interested in serving
on this Board or Commission.)**

My 2 objectives would be 1) to get the public more engaged with the BPU and DPU and 2) to better communication between the BPU and DPU and the public. I would follow the lead of the County Council and be present myself and encourage other members of the BPU and DPU to attend Farmer's Markets, have Town Hall meetings, be at other events like the Rodeo Parade and Friday Night Concerts, and work for citizens to have more than 3 minutes at meetings of the BPU and County Council to adequately express themselves and their questions and frustrations or problems. As well as as discuss those at the same open meeting which is allowed under the Open Meetings Act as long as no action is taken on anything not already on the published agenda.

Have you had any direct or indirect involvement with this Board or Commission or with the County staff supporting this Board or Commission or County Councilors? If so, please explain.

I communicate frequently with Mr. Westervelt about general public matters as well as my personal utility bill (being disabled and on limited income it sometimes is hard to make ends meet especially in the summer months). I also on occasion have talked with Mr. Glasco and Mr. Alarid in regards to general public matters. I also frequently email and speak in person with members of the County Council in regards to various public matters. I do not know any of the mentioned people personally, nor do I associate with them outside of public matters except for the mentioned personal utility bill payment plans.

Are there any issue or matters, financial or otherwise, that you are now or might become involved in that may come before the Board or Commission for which you seek appointment?

The only one I can think of is if the BPU makes any decisions on who and/or how much public assistance citizens may get for their utilities bill. I would make known my limited income and past need for help and recuse myself from any votes. However as allowed by NM Statute 10-16-4 (B) I would participate in discussions as a board member being a representative and advocate for the low income citizens.

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Steven _____ J _____ Russell _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address Suite or Apt

City State Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

Democrat

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

Yes No

Word of mouth

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?

Yes No

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

Why would you like to serve on this particular Board or Commission?

This is a chance to serve the community and I am interested in learning more about the community infrastructure this board oversees.

What volunteer or professional activities have you participated in that could apply to this appointment?

None

The time involved may be 10-15 hours per month or more. Are you able to serve the volunteer hours and attend training needed to perform your duties as an appointee?

Yes

What would you like to accomplish during your tenure on this Board or Commission? (Please identify any special interests you have that led you to become interested in serving on this Board or Commission.)

I have not particular goals for my tenure.

Have you had any direct or indirect involvement with this Board or Commission or with the County staff supporting this Board or Commission or County Councilors? If so, please explain.

I have talked with Councillor Sarah Scott about serving on this board.

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Robert _____ B _____ Gibson _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address Suite or Apt

City State Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

Republican

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

Yes No

Multiple sources

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?

Yes No

N/A

If yes, which one? (Los Alamos County law prohibits residents from serving concurrently on more than one County board except as expressly approved in writing by the County Council before the appointment is made.)

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

Why would you like to serve on this particular Board or Commission?

To help provide the community with the best possible representation in the more-than-usual number of very major long-term decisions facing BPU and Council soon (e.g., UAMPS SMR project, replacement power for San Juan Generating Station, ECA follow-on relationship with LANL) as the (especially electric) utility industry evolves much more rapidly than in the past.

What volunteer or professional activities have you participated in that could apply to this appointment?

Professional: Physicist and engineer – familiar with fundamental technical aspects of utilities. Project manager – experienced in oversight of technical and construction projects. Semi-professional: Member of County Council (1997-2000; 2006-10) Council Liaison to BPU (1998). Volunteer: Member of BPU (2001-6; vice-chair 2 yrs; chair 2 yrs) Member of ad hoc Energy Independent Los Alamos group (2005-7; chair) Member of Future Energy Resources (FER) Committee (2015; chair) Member of numerous other County bodies, incl. Transportation Board (1992-1996; chair 3 yrs); Charter Review Cmte. (1994-5; chair); County Audit Cmte. (most years 1997-2010 as Council or BPU rep.)

The time involved may be 10-15 hours per month or more. Are you able to serve the volunteer hours and attend training needed to perform your duties as an appointee?

Yes

What would you like to accomplish during your tenure on this Board or Commission? (Please identify any special interests you have that led you to become interested in serving on this Board or Commission.)

During the next five years, I hope to help BPU (and Council, as appropriate): Refine its financial policies to improve reserve sustainability and rate stability; Develop post-2025 (expiration of ECA) contractual relationship with DOE; Implement policies, including major resource decisions, to pursue the goal of being a carbon neutral electrical provider by 2040; Establish and begin implementing strategic policies to reduce use of natural gas, another major source of greenhouse gas emissions; Complete WR sewer plant replacement in timely and cost-effective manner; Protect LA's San Juan-Chama water right at minimum cost; Continue to improve reliability of all aspects of utility services.

Have you had any direct or indirect involvement with this Board or Commission or with the County staff supporting this Board or Commission or County Councilors? If so, please explain.

Participation on or frequent interaction with Councils, BPU's, and DPU staff past 25 years, incl. substantive interactions with BPU and DPU staff on FER Committee in 2015 and subsequent BPU consideration of FER recommendations.

Are there any issue or matters, financial or otherwise, that you are now or might become involved in that may come before the Board or Commission for which you seek appointment?

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Aaron _____ D _____ Walker _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

Independent

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

Yes No

County Website/Los Alamos Reporter

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?

Yes No

CDAB

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Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

Why would you like to serve on this particular Board or Commission?

I believe I can benefit this board by providing insight as to what the community wants to hear from the board. I believe I can make a positive impact on the board with my opinions and thoughts.

What volunteer or professional activities have you participated in that could apply to this appointment?

I have served on the CDAB for over 6 months now and am versed in operating procedure for boards.

The time involved may be 10-15 hours per month or more. Are you able to serve the volunteer hours and attend training needed to perform your duties as an appointee?

Yes

What would you like to accomplish during your tenure on this Board or Commission? (Please identify any special interests you have that led you to become interested in serving on this Board or Commission.)

-A focused and planned timeline for system upgrade/renovations. This would allow the public to see what is planned, and if rates need to be raised for a specific project allow them to see the why. This improves transparency and communication between the utilities and the public, rather than just "rates need to go up". -A change in approach to upgrades. Prioritize NEEDS (water main upgrades, water treatment plant) over WANTS (AMI system). Once the needs are funded and prioritized, identify the wants that we are able to implement.

Have you had any direct or indirect involvement with this Board or Commission or with the County staff supporting this Board or Commission or County Councilors? If so, please explain.

Public comment at BPU and county council meetings. Direct communication with several councilors with my concerns regarding board decisions.

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David _____ E _____ Hampton _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address _____ Suite or Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Email Address _____

Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

Republican

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

Yes No

Los Alamos Reporter _____
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Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

Why would you like to serve on this particular Board or Commission?

I decided that I would like to represent my community by serving on one of the various boards, and this is the first one to come available.

What volunteer or professional activities have you participated in that could apply to this appointment?

I worked at LANL in project management and scheduling for about 20 years. My last project before retirement was the Low Level Waste Treatment Facilities. I'm currently volunteering with Bandelier and the Forest Service doing trail maintenance and biological restoration.

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Yes. I'm retired.

What would you like to accomplish during your tenure on this Board or Commission? (Please identify any special interests you have that led you to become interested in serving on this Board or Commission.)

I'd like to make sure that all of our DPU facilities are well maintained, safe and reliable, and that the DPU's employees are adequately compensated so that they are competitively compensated with respect to other municipalities and LANL.

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