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## General Information

All County Board and Commission members must be residents of Los Alamos County.

Once a resident fills out and submits this application, an interview is scheduled with the B&C's County Council liaison, the relevant staff liaison, and the B&C Chair. After the interviews, the applicants' names are presented to the full Council during a regularly scheduled Council meeting, where a vote is taken regarding the appointment of each applicant. Each applicant will be notified if they are appointed or not.

Only on-line applications will be considered.

*If you are interested in applying for the Board of Public Utilities, please contact Jamie Kephart at 505-662-8132.*

*If you are interested in applying for Labor Relations Board, please contact Denise Cassel at 505-662-8047.*

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## Profile

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### Board and Commission Application

Note: Please be aware that as a public entity, the County of Los Alamos, is obligated to furnish this information to the public if requested. Note also that current LANL employees, if appointed to a Board or Commission, may be required by LANL to complete a 701 form.

Stephen

First Name

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Middle Initial

McLin

Last Name

Street Address

City

Email Address

Primary Phone

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Alternate Phone

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

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☒ Republican

**Registered to vote in Los Alamos?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**BPU Announcement**

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How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

**Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**Board of Public Utilities**

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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.)

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**Interests & Experiences**

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

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Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

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

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I would like to continue my service on the Board of Public Utilities for a second term because there are a number projects and initiatives I would like to see completed. I was first appointed to the BPU in July 2014 for a four-year term expiring in June 2018. This was a replacement position for a previous Board member who resigned for personal reasons. If I am reappointed, I feel I can make positive contributions to the Board that will benefit the people of Los Alamos County.

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

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I have previously served on the Board of Public Utilities for the past four years (i.e., July 2014 to the present). During that time I have served as Vice Chairman twice. I previously served as chairman for a volunteer citizens committee for the Los Alamos County Utilities Department during the period of approximately September 1990 to July 1992. This committee was formed at the County's request utilizing recruitment advertisements in the Los Alamos Monitor, and voluntary membership consisted of County residents. The Committee's stated purpose was to provide citizen input to the Utilities Department for the municipal water supply system that was owned and operated by the Department of Energy for Los Alamos National Laboratory and Los Alamos County. I have also previously served as Committee Chairman for Troop 129, Boy Scouts of America; and as a soccer coach for the youth soccer league. I am currently serving on the Board of Elders at Redeemer Lutheran Church. During my professional life as a technical staff member at Los Alamos National Laboratory, I was a staff hydrologist in the Environmental Surveillance Group. Responsibilities included both ground and surface water assignments where I was exposed to municipal water well design, installation, testing, and maintenance operations, identification of new well locations, monitor well design, installation, testing, and sampling activities, evaluation of floodplain elevations using the Hydrologic Engineering Center models for all major drainages within the LANL boundary, and numerous other professional activities. This background has exposed me to many technical aspects directly related to this position, including water supply, electrical and natural gas power requirements, and public health and safety issues that are frequently brought before the Board. I am currently serving as the corrective action expert for the New Mexico Environment Department's Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau, Storage Tank Committee (see their web page at <http://nmenv.state.nm.us/ust/ustcom.html>). I was first appointed to this position by Governor Susana Martinez for the term beginning on November 28, 2012, and continue in that position to the present. These duties typically require approximately ten hours per quarter. I anticipate that my services will be discontinued after November 2018. Should I be selected to serve on the Board of Public Utilities, my other volunteer duties will not interfere with Board responsibilities. A brief summary of my professional education and experience will be provided at your request.

**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?**

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I do not foresee any problems with the time requirement for this position because I am currently retired and a resident of White Rock. I am both willing, physically and medically able, and actually excited about a possible reappointment to the Board.

**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.)**

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There are currently several important issues facing the Board of Public Utilities over the next five years. These include: (1) the Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Project with UAMPS; (2) completion of the San Juan Generating Station closure; (3) the White Rock wastewater treatment facility; (4) the Advanced Metering Infrastructure project; and (5) continuation of infrastructure upgrades in electrical, gas, water, and wastewater utilities. I would also like to see the Department of Public Utilities explore the possibility of acquiring 600-1200 acre-feet of new groundwater rights for the County, and possibly transferring ownership of 1200 acre-feet of surface water rights to the State Engineer's Office, Santa Fe County, or the City of Albuquerque.

**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.**

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During my professional career at LANL (1987-2008), I routinely interacted with members of the Laboratory's utilities contractor (JCI) on numerous issues related to the municipal water supply system, natural gas supply lines and routes, and electrical transmission lines. After the water system was transferred to the County in the late 1990s, my interaction continued because County-Laboratory coordination was needed during prolonged well and aquifer testing operations as part of the Laboratory's environmental surveillance program. After about 2005, these activities slowly declined until my retirement in 2008. After my appointment to the Board in July 2014, I routinely interacted with Department of Public Utilities staff on a regular and continuing basis. I have also visited the hydroelectric generating facilities at Abiquiu and El Vado, and toured many other County facilities related to utilities operations.

**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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As a County resident and taxpayer, any issue that comes before the Board may affect me, including potential utility rate increases or other related business matters. However, these issues affect all County residents and do not constitute a direct conflict of interest. Otherwise, I have no potential or real conflicts of interest with the County, including any financial or other interests, that might arise should I be selected to serve on the Board. Furthermore, I do not anticipate that any conflicts of interests, financial or otherwise, would arise should I be selected to serve on the Board.

If you have any questions, please contact Libby Carlsten at 505-662-8261 or [libby.carlsten@lacnm.us](mailto:libby.carlsten@lacnm.us)



# LOS ALAMOS COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (BPU) INTERVIEW PANEL QUESTIONS

April & May 2018

LOS ALAMOS

Steve McLin

Applicant's Name

JEFF JOHNSEN

Interviewer Name

BPU

Board or Commission

4-24-18 / 1:00 PM

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

☒ Personally

☐ Telephone

**NOTE TO INTERVIEW PANEL:** Please remember to use this interview as an opportunity to share Council's directives and guidance for B&C's.

#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <i>Hydrologist/Engineer Ground &amp; Surface water Hydrology Engineering w/ well Drilling Techniques - 4 years on BPU</i>
2	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.] <i>County - controlling spending w/RT changing Contract (LANL); Possibly Pension obligations. BPU - Determining future capital Improvements and Balancing w/ Revenue - interested in trading Surface H2O right for GW Right</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How should the BPU interact with other parts of local government, including county staff and the County Council? <i>Discussed issue About Policy Setting w/ From BPU - said we had good senior staff</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>He noted his technical Background. Need Prudent financial sense to help guide Decision - along w/ common sense</i>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU? <i>Steve thinks being on sub-committee (Council/BPU) has been beneficial, concerned about BPU setting policy for County</i>

6	As a board member, what actions would you take to make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County? Listen to Public <del>comment</del> comment; Read Public comments; Talk to people; . . .
7	Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure? on BPV for past four years. Best contribution is toward Drilling the SW right ~ would prefer to trade for GW right
8	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? Yes - he thinks so -
9	Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? Yes and indicates he has lot to learn
10	Are you aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to serve on this Board? No ~ has used to use private e-mail recently switched to County e-mail
11	Currently, a few boards or commissions are "live streaming" their meetings (for example, the T-Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.) In the future, this may be required of all boards. If you're applying for one of the boards currently streaming or if it becomes a requirement for all B&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve? Yes - No
12	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] Steve mentioned Public outreach concept of community 'Poster' session - to discuss utility Issues / concerns
13	Do you have any questions for the interview panel?

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# LOS ALAMOS COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (BPU) INTERVIEW PANEL QUESTIONS

April & May 2018

LOS ALAMOS

Steve McLin  
Applicant's Name

Utilities  
Board or Commission

Tim Glasco  
Interviewer Name

4-24-18 1:00 P.M.  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
X Personally  
\_\_\_\_ Telephone

**NOTE TO INTERVIEW PANEL:** Please remember to use this interview as an opportunity to share Council's directives and guidance for B&C's.

#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <i>Groundwater hydrologist. Worked at LANL, taught, and worked for a consulting firm, all in groundwater. Served on the BPU for past 4 yrs.</i>
2	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.] <i>County - controlling spending. We have had a lot of revenue loss. BPU - looking at long-term infrastructure projections and relating that to our revenue needs. Originally came on the Board over concern with the SJC water. Chromium problem has been an eye opener.</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How should the BPU interact with other parts of local government, including county staff and the County Council? <i>BPU sets policy, but feels that Council and public should be setting policy.</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>Technical skills are helpful, but most important is a commitment to prudent financial policies.</i>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU? <i>Being on the BPU/CC subcommittee has been very helpful in fostering collaboration. Meeting out of the public eye in these discussions makes for more open and honest discourse.</i>

6	As a board member, what actions would you take to make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County? <i>He listens to people and reads posts in the media and tries to get a sense of feelings and opinions.</i>
7	Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure? <i>BPU for last four years. Greatest contribution has been that we don't have the SSC wells.</i>
8	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>Yes. Feels there are a few areas of ignorance but generally yes.</i>
9	Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? <i>Yes, he has and will continue to do so.</i>
10	Are you aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to serve on this Board? <i>Yes he is aware and no, it is not a deterrent.</i>
11	Currently, a few boards or commissions are “live streaming” their meetings (for example, the T-Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.) In the future, this may be required of all boards. If you’re applying for one of the boards currently streaming or if it becomes a requirement for all B&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve? <i>No it is not a deterrent.</i>
12	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]
13	Do you have any questions for the interview panel?

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# LOS ALAMOS COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (BPU) INTERVIEW PANEL QUESTIONS

April & May 2018

LOS ALAMOS

Steve Mc Lin

Applicant's Name

BPU

Board or Commission

Christine Chandler

Interviewer Name

4/24/2018 / 1:00 PM

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

X Personally

       Telephone

**NOTE TO INTERVIEW PANEL:** Please remember to use this interview as an opportunity to share Council's directives and guidance for B&C's.

#	Question/Documented Response
1	<p>Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission.</p> <p><i>Currently on the Board</i></p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.]</p> <p><i>County - Controlling spending? Retirement Commitment? Board - trying to lay out projections for components - revenue stream. Excellent job on all utilities</i></p> <p><i>Chromi... problem</i></p> <p><i>Surface right-of-way</i></p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How should the BPU interact with other parts of local government, including county staff and the County Council?</p> <p><i>Setting policy - Board/Utilities should not set policies</i></p> <p><i>Interaction done through Utilities Dept. Quality of technical people</i></p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p><i>Proclint financial policy</i></p> <p><i>\$ options - verified #s - enough info - common sense - a little</i></p> <p><i>gaps can be filled in - Staff helpful</i></p>
5	<p>What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU?</p> <p><i>Utilities Subcommittee has been really good experience</i></p> <p><i>Come to appreciate different ideas -</i></p> <p><i>Setting policy. Carbon neutral policy - SMNR -</i></p>

6	<p>As a board member, what actions would you take to make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County?</p> <p><i>Tough question - see people at Bd meeting, posts, talk to people          It's been hard - accepted a limited role of representing          the people he associates with.          feels a part of the community -</i></p>
7*	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&amp;Cs - but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure?</p> <p><i>Other people judge my contribution.          No wells on Rio Grande River - Don't want surface          rights <del>stare</del> thrown away.</i></p>
8	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p><i>"I think so",          SRA 18U Problem - surtax 5% could go up -</i></p>
9	<p>Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity?</p> <p><i>Yes.</i></p>
10	<p>Are you aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to serve on this Board?</p> <p><i>No</i></p>
11	<p>Currently, a few boards or commissions are "live streaming" their meetings (for example, the T-Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.) In the future, this may be required of all boards. If you're applying for one of the boards currently streaming or if it becomes a requirement for all B&amp;Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve?</p> <p><i>Not deterrent - something we have to do.</i></p>
12	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p>
13	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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# LOS ALAMOS COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (BPU) INTERVIEW PANEL QUESTIONS

LOS ALAMOS

April & May 2018

STEPHEN G. MCCLIN  
Applicant's Name

PUBLIC UTILITIES  
Board or Commission

PETE SHEEHY  
Interviewer Name

4/24/2018 1 PM.  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
☒ Personally  
☐ Telephone

**NOTE TO INTERVIEW PANEL:** Please remember to use this interview as an opportunity to share Council's directives and guidance for B&C's.

#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <u>GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGIST, PH.D. WORKED AT LAB &amp; UNIVERSITIES. EXPERIENCED IN WELLS &amp; WATER RESOURCES, SERVED ON BPU FOR 4 YEARS. "TAKES 2 YEARS TO GET YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND IN BPU"</u>
2	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.] <u>COUNTY: CONTROLLING SPENDING; LAST CONTRACT GAVE A LOT OF GRT. NEVER ADEQUATELY PLANNED RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS. BPU; LAY OUT LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECTIONS (HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN THE LAST 4 YEARS; HELPED WITH WATER ISSUES.</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How should the BPU interact with other parts of local government, including county staff and the County Council? <u>JOINT COUNCIL-BPU SUBCOMMITTEE HAS EXPLORED POLICY SETTING, BPU SHOULD INTERACT WITH DPU, WHICH HAS EXCELLENT STAFF. POLICY ULTIMATELY SET BY COUNCIL &amp; OR CITIZENS VOTING.</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>GOOD ENGINEERING BACKGROUND HELPFUL. PRUDENT FINANCIAL POLICY OUTLOOK (EG WR. TREATMENT PLANT DISCUSSION). COMMON SENSE IMPORTANT, COMMUNICATE, STAFF DISCUSSIONS HELPFUL.</u>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU? <u>COUNCIL-BPU SUBCOMMITTEE VERY HELPFUL. IDEAS CAN BE AIRED &amp; DISCUSSED WELL THERE. POLICY SETTING (CFPP etc) STILL NEEDS PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE. LAB- COUNTY COMMUNICATION DETERIORATED, NEEDS TO IMPROVE.</u>



6	As a board member, what actions would you take to make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County? <i>LISTEN TO DISCUSSION, POSTS, LETTERS, IT'S NOT EASY. ACCEPTS LIMITED ROLE OF REPRESENTING PEOPLE I COME IN CONTACT WITH. 'I DO FEEL I BELONG TO THIS COMMUNITY.'</i>
7	Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure? <i>BPU. CONTRIBUTED TO NOT DRILLING WELLS NEAR RIO GRANDE (SAN JUAN-CHAMA). WE SHOULDN'T SQUANDER THOSE SURFACE WATER RIGHTS,</i>
8	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>YES. CONCERNED ABOUT CHANGES TO 5% COUNTY "PROFIT"</i>
9	Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? <i>YES, STILL A LOT TO LEARN</i>
10	Are you aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to serve on this Board? <i>NO, SWITCHED TO COUNTY E-MAILS,</i>
11	Currently, a few boards or commissions are "live streaming" their meetings (for example, the T-Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.) In the future, this may be required of all boards. If you're applying for one of the boards currently streaming or if it becomes a requirement for all B&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve? <i>NO. NECESSARY</i>
12	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] <i>THERE IS SOME PUBLIC BACK- &amp; FORTH ON RATES, BETTER COMMUNICATION TO PUBLIC IS NECESSARY. LAB USED TO HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE POSTER SESSIONS FOR COMMUNITY - DPU MIGHT DO SIMILAR THING</i>
13	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>TO COMMUNICATE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS (HENCE RATE INCREASE NEEDS). NEED MORE INFO ON WR SEWAGE PUMP,</i>

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