

Candidate for Corporation Commissioner

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Vocation: Currently serving as Corporation Commissioner (elected in 2008, began serving January 2009 to complete the unexpired term of Denise Bode, now running for a full 6 year term)

Question #1: List your academic and professional credentials, specific accomplishments and volunteer activities. State why you are running and what qualifies you for this office. (100 words total)

Education: Central State University: Best All-Around Freshman Athlete; Oklahoma State University: B.S. in geology, top ten percent of class; Oklahoma City University: J.D. cum laude. Professional Experience: 10 years - petroleum geologist; 12 years - oil and gas law practice; Six years - Corporation Commission administrative law judge; Farmers Royalty Company, first woman director (resigned when elected to Commission); Corporation Commissioner since 2009. Memberships/Volunteer Activities: National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, serving on Energy Resources and Environment Committee; OSU Water Research Advisory Board; Oklahoma Bar Association; American Association of Petroleum Geologists; Oklahoma City Geological Society; Energy Advocates, 2007 outstanding woman

Question #2: What do you see as the most important issues facing your office and staff? (200 words or less)

Significant issues are now in front of the Corporation Commission and the agency will continue to face even more in the future. Funding challenges for the agency continue in the backdrop of the current economy and state budget situation. Energy issues will continue to remain at the forefront of the issues facing the Commission. Such issues include providing affordable, reliable electric and natural gas service by utilities regulated by the Commission while such utilities deal with proposed federal environmental regulation and upgrading and maintaining electricity infrastructure and transmission, including the expansion of wind power and smart meters. Other energy issues involve regulation in oil and gas development across Oklahoma as technology continues to evolve and horizontal wells become the primary method of drilling instead of vertical drilling. Keeping regulation of oil and gas development on a state level in lieu of one size fits all federal regulation will continue to be a challenge. Telecom issues include the current exhaust of the 918 area code telephone numbers where an overlay will be implemented and the future exhaust of telephone numbers in the 580 and 405 area codes also lie on the horizon.