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Strengths: Proven leader of corporate, state agency, and not-for-profit boards. Experienced at taking organizations to a more profitable or more effective level. Keen understanding of oil, natural gas, geothermal, and electricity industries and markets.

Current Positions:

Mr. Smitherman teaches 'Texas Energy Law' at The University of Texas School of Law ([www.law.utexas.edu/faculty/barry t smitherman/](http://www.law.utexas.edu/faculty/barry_t_smitherman/)). Over the last decade, the course and instructor ratings have been 'Very Good' or 'Excellent.'

Mr. Smitherman is also the Co-founder, Chairman, and President of the Texas Geothermal Energy Alliance (www.txgea.org), an Austin-based alliance of geothermal related companies.

Managing Partner of Smitherman + Associates, an energy consulting firm that advises clients on electricity, natural resources, and energy infrastructure related issues.

Past Positions:

Corporate: Independent Director at Centerpoint Energy, Inc. (www.centerpointenergy.com), a publicly traded electric and gas transmission and distribution utility headquartered in Houston, Texas, 2020-2024.

Independent Director of NRG Energy, Inc. (www.nrg.com), a

publicly traded power generation and retail electric company headquartered in Houston, Texas, 2017-2018.

Partner at Vinson & Elkins, LLP, (www.velaw.com) an international law firm, specializing in energy, headquartered in Houston, Texas, 2015-2017.

Not-for-Profit: Former Chair of the Board of Brookwood in Georgetown, Texas, (www.brookwoodingeorgetown.org), a not-for-profit with the mission of providing work, artistic, and housing opportunities to special needs adults in Central Texas, 2018-2023.

Texas State Agencies: Past Chairman of both the Texas Railroad Commission (www.rrc.state.tx.us) and the Public Utility Commission of Texas (www.puc.texas.gov). Led both state agencies through challenging times; cumulatively, 2004 through 2014.

Other NGOs, ISO, etc.: ERCOT, Southwest Power Pool, NARUC, NARUC gas committee, Southern States Energy Board, Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission, UT Board of Economic Geology, Texas Public Finance Authority, Texas Advisory Board on Federal Regulations, The Bond Market Association PAC.

Wall Street: Public finance investment banker with Banc One Capital Markets (Managing Director and National Head), J.P. Morgan Securites (Vice President and Head of the Texas region) and The First Boston Corporation (Vice President, Co-Head of the "sunbelt" group), cumulatively, 1986-2002.

Education: Mr. Smitherman holds degrees from Texas A&M University (summa cum laude), The University of Texas School of Law, and Harvard University.

Publications: Three (soon to be four) articles related to the

fall of *Chevron deference*, published in the Texas Journal of Oil, Gas and Energy Law (www.tjogel.org).