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# **Commission Turns To Proven Leader To Head Largest Division**

*Names Lori Wrotenbery to head Oil and Gas Conservation Division*

**The Oklahoma Corporation Commission has named Lori Wrotenbery to the position of Director of the Commission's Oil and Gas Conservation Division, the agency's largest division.**

**Commission Chairman Denise Bode called Wrotenbery "an outstanding individual with a proven track record."**

**"In positions in Texas, New Mexico and with regional and national groups, Ms. Wrotenbery has proven to be an outstanding leader with the ability to work with America's oil and gas producers and royalty owners to ensure the industry's survival while protecting public health, safety, and the environment," said Bode.**

**Commission Vice-Chair Bob Anthony said Wrotenbery brings a wealth of experience and credentials to Oklahoma.**

**"Ms. Wrotenbery is well-known for her work not only in New Mexico, where she served as both Chairman of the Oil Conservation Commission and Director of the state Energy Department's Oil Conservation Division, but also with such groups as the Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC). She was GWPC President, and a founding member of the State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations, Inc. (STRONGER). Both government and industry has recognized her efforts; she received the 2002 Public Outreach Award from the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, and was recognized this year by the New Mexico State Senate for her contributions to the State of New Mexico."**

**Commissioner Jeff Cloud said with Oklahoma's largest industry - the oil and gas sector - experiencing a much-welcomed resurgence, Wrotenbery will be an invaluable asset.**

**"New Mexico's loss is Oklahoma's gain," said Cloud. "Ms. Wrotenbery has a record in New Mexico of trying to reduce oil and gas industry paperwork and costs by encouraging the use of the Internet for electronic filing of required documents and public access to information. That knowledge and experience will be valuable as this commission strives to make greater use of such technologies for the benefit of Oklahomans.**

**"The Corporation Commission's Oil and Gas Conservation Division has faced some of the most challenging times in its history," added Cloud. "Our employees are going above and beyond to meet both the needs of the general public and a revitalized energy industry that pumps millions into the state's economy. It is wonderful to know that there will be someone of Ms. Wrotenbery's caliber and proven expertise at the helm to work as a partner with industry, Division staff, and with the general public."**

**Wrotenbery is scheduled to begin her job with the Commission in about four weeks. She will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Larry Fiddler, who accepted a position in the private sector.**

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