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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of New Mexico, 1993

Dissertation “A Dynamic Analysis of Optimal Groundwater Pumping and Investment in Water-Saving Technology”

Specialization Econometrics
Natural Resource Economics

Utah Department of Commerce Experience

2005-present Technical Consultant, Division of Public Utilities (DPU)

Managed the 2006, 2007, and 2008 Rocky Mountain Power general rate cases for the Division. Managed the PacifiCorp Request for Proposals (RFP) dockets for the Division, as well as the involvement of the Utah Independent Evaluator with the RFP. Also worked on a wide range of utility issues, including PacifiCorp’s IRP.

Utah Department of Natural Resources Experiences

2002-2005 Director, Utah Energy Office (UEO)
Utah Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Salt Lake City, Utah

Appointed Director in April 2002 with a charge to clean up UEO financial practices and respond to an internal DNR financial audit.

2001-2002 Research Team Leader, Utah Energy Office (DNR)

Directed work on a variety of natural resource research and analysis projects for DNR Administration.

1996-2001 Senior Economist, Office of Energy and Resource Planning (DNR)

Responsible for quantitative economic modeling of energy and natural resource issues. Used statistical forecasting for natural resource projections and energy demand and supply analysis. Used economic impact models to analyze oil/gas drilling and coal and electric generation industries.

Responsible for media inquiries on energy issues.

1994-1996

Economist, Office of Energy and Resource Planning (DNR)

Responsible for the Utah Energy Data Information System and the Utah Petroleum Monitoring System. Worked on a variety of natural resource issues for DNR Administration.

Previous Work Experience

1988-1993

Research Analyst, Department of Economics
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Worked on two funded contracts with the Department of Economics. Developed a dynamic optimization model to analyze groundwater pumping and irrigation investment (for the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute). Prepared economic analyses of natural gas markets (for the New Mexico State Land Office/Oil Conservation Division). Also taught Mathematical Economics for the Department of Economics at the University of New Mexico.

1981-1988

Petroleum Specialist, National Energy Information Center
Energy Information Administration (EIA), Albuquerque, New Mexico

Responded to statistical and analytical inquiries to the EIA, including controlled correspondence for the Administrator of the EIA.