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Governor appoints Robert Simmons as the new energy advisor and executive director for the Office of Energy Development

SALT LAKE CITY (March 16, 2020) – Gov. Gary R. Herbert has announced the appointment of Robert Simmons as the new energy advisor and executive director for the Office of Energy Development (OED).

“I am pleased to have Robert serve in this new role.” said Gov. Herbert “I am confident that he is well-qualified for the position and will effectively maintain and help grow this division because of his wealth of experience and skills.”

As OED’s Deputy Director, Simmons achieved lasting results in advancing the Governor’s energy vision, State Energy Policy and key legislation that supports Utah’s energy economy, and more affordable, reliable and cleaner energy options for Utah’s households and businesses.

Prior to OED, Simmons was associate director of the Utah Technology Outreach & Innovation Energy Program, where he supported Utah’s research universities in developing and commercializing critical energy technologies.

“I’m honored to serve Governor Herbert in advancing his vision for a vibrant energy economy and efficient energy markets that support Utah’s top-rated economy and high quality of life,” said Robert. “Governor Herbert has laid an energy foundation that will fuel Utah’s energy success for decades to come.”

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Utah Senate.

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