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## **Energy Trust of Oregon board adds Dave Slavensky**

Bend businessman brings manufacturing experience, Central Oregon perspective to the nonprofit

BEND, Ore. — March 28, 2013 — Energy Trust of Oregon has added four new members to its board of directors, including Dave Slavensky of Bend.

Slavensky is chief operating officer for Structus Building Technologies, a Bend manufacturing company specializing in construction products. Prior to Structus, he worked as a manufacturing consultant with the Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and with Aircon Energy, an energy management and heating, ventilation and air conditioning company founded by Slavensky's father.

In 2007, Slavensky co-founded the High Desert Enterprise Consortium, a group of companies in Central Oregon committed to employing lean manufacturing principles to improve their businesses. He has been a member of the Bend Economic Development Advisory Board since 2009 and was president of the Cascades Mountaineers club in Bend from 2008-2010.

"We are privileged to engage Dave's expertise in efficient manufacturing processes and his passion for economic development in Central Oregon and statewide," said John Reynolds, board president, Energy Trust.

In addition to Slavensky, others recently named to Energy Trust's board include Anne Warrington Donnelly, a nonprofit executive from Coos Bay; Anne Haworth-Root, an entrepreneur and agribusiness leader from Medford; and Mark Kendall, an energy consultancy owner from Salem.

Drawn from communities around the state, Energy Trust directors represent a broad spectrum of expertise from the private sector and public institutions. Board members, all volunteers, provide strategic and policy direction for the nonprofit, which designs and delivers programs that help residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers save energy and generate renewable power. The 15-member board approves the organization's annual budget and major expenditures. Board members bring independent viewpoints to their oversight of Energy Trust, which invests in energy efficiency and renewable energy for the benefit of utility customers and operates under a grant agreement with the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

The Energy Trust board elected officers at its first meeting of 2013. Reynolds, a University of Oregon professor of architecture emeritus who lives in Eugene, was re-elected to a sixth one-year term as president. He has served on the Energy Trust board since the organization was established 11 years ago.

Debbie Kitchin, a Portland business owner, was elected to a second term as vice president. Alan Meyer, a Salem resident and director of energy management for Weyerhaeuser Company, was newly elected as secretary. Serving his second full term as treasurer is Dan Enloe, a Washington County resident and supply chain manager at Intel Corporation in Hillsboro.

Other members currently serving on Energy Trust's board include Rick Applegate, Applegate Consulting, Portland; Julie Brandis, Oregon State University Foundation, Corvallis; Ken Canon, Canon and Hutton law firm, Myrtle Creek; Roger Hamilton, Western Grid Group, Eugene; and Jeff King, Northwest Power & Conservation Council (retired), Portland. Representatives from the OPUC and the Oregon Department of Energy serve as non-voting board members. Nine of the 13 voting board members are from outside the Portland region. All but three are employed in private sector enterprises.

All board meetings are open to the public. View board meeting dates, agendas and materials online at www.energytrust.org/About/public-meetings/BDMeetings.aspx.

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