

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: O' Brien, Beth

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Beth O'Brien talks about her career in wind energy, aspects of wind energy, and some of her company's wind energy projects.

ABSTRACT:

Lights on wind farms	00:00
Visual aspects of wind turbines	
Complaints on transmission lines	
Negotiations on land	
Arguments over eminent domain	
Lump sum payments with eminent domain	
Prior experiences	
Promoting renewable resources	
Working for public citizen	
Educational background	
Working with communities	00:10
Public and policy relationships	
Addressing the public's concerns	
Giving information on wind energy	
Registering as a lobbyist	
Project locations	
Megawatt wind farms	
Work travel	
Public meetings on projects	
Finding project locations	00:20

Visual analysis on locations	
Differences in projects	
Discussion between cooperate energy	
Public's questions	
Economics on wind farms	
Technical issues with power grid	
Losing efficiency over long lines	
Fundamental problems with grids	00:30
Becoming more sustainable	
Sense of urgency with storage	
Storage for future energy	
Interests in solar energy	
Transmission line interests	
Conflicts between different energy sectors	
Offsets with coal	
Wind energy helps lower energy costs	
Conflicts between personal passions and corporate agendas	
Building environmentally sound projects	
Public myths	00:40
Getting involved with the community	
Competitive renewable energy zones	
Money to create wind farms	
Costs of sending wind energy to other locations	
Transmission capacity	
Wind development	
Finding suitable areas for energy zones	
Transmission service provider	
Conservation and the use of water	00:50
Constructing transmission lines	
Texas political environment	
Private property rights	
Investing dollars	
Positive impacts on economy	
Working for Pattern energy	
Jobs created	
Case studies conducted	01:00
Speaking with local opposition groups	
Eminent domain issues	
Addressing fundamental issues	
Benefits from wind energy	
Turbines more efficient	

Projects new capacity
Environmental groups
Post construction surveys
Building responsibly
New projects at Pattern Energy

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Interview ended

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Female

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: