

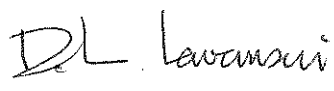

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**between**  
**The Public Utility Commission of Oregon,**  
**United States of America**  
**and the Energy Regulatory Commission, Thailand**

The Energy Regulatory Commission of Thailand (ERC) is responsible for the regulation of power and gas utilities in Thailand. The ERC was established by the Energy Industry Act B.E. 2550 which was passed in December 2007 and the seven Commissioners appointed on 1 February 2008. The Office of the Energy Regulatory Commission (OERC) supports the work of the ERC. The ERC works within the policy framework of the National Energy Policy Council (NEPC). The mission of the ERC is to facilitate a balanced development of the country's energy sector in terms of economic, environmental and social aspects.

The goal of the ERC is to regulate energy industry operations, ensuring maximum security and reliability conforming to international standards and qualifications. The OERC will support the ERC with this mandate.

The ERC believes that networking with international regulatory agencies provides an opportunity to access skills, knowledge and experience that can be beneficial for its development. Therefore, it proposes the Memorandum of Understanding as a step towards establishing a good relationship with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

The Memorandum of Understanding is an instrument to acknowledge the visit by ERC to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon and to reflect initial, broad discussion on the potential benefits of a mutual understanding between the two agencies that has been initiated through this first visit. In the course of what is hoped to be a long term relationship, specific activities related to capacity building, institutional development and technical cooperation may be considered.

	
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