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I want to refer back to 1975, when the Oregon Legislature passed legislation creating the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or "the Council") and the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or "the Department"). Today, ODOE pursues its mission to lead Oregon to a safe, clean, and sustainable energy future - a mandate that includes providing staff and resources to the COUNCIL!

My questions regarding the EFSC are, one, why does the EFSC say it's a separate government body from the Oregon Department of Energy, when the ODOE provides staff and resources to the Council?

It seems to me that they go hand in hand! The EFSC has final decision-making authority over whether to authorize an energy facility that falls under state jurisdiction. Question two: Why does this agency have no oversight committee regarding the power they have to approve or deny an energy facility?

Why does this COUNCIL (EFSC) dominate its own high-powered rules over the people of the State of Oregon? There has been too much room for corruption within these two agencies. Thank you for your time, Umatilla County Voter. Kathy Wilson.