

# Jason Begger

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## Education:

<i>University of Denver</i> Masters of Business Administration	Denver, Colorado August 2012
<i>Montana State University-Billings</i> Bachelors of Arts – History	Billings, Montana May 2001

## Professional Experience:

<i>Wyoming Infrastructure Authority</i> Executive Director	Cheyenne, Wyoming July 2015 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oversee the operations, management and personnel of a legislatively created authority focused on maximizing the value of Wyoming's natural resources through development of electrical transmission lines, energy export terminals and advanced energy technologies.</li><li>• Oversaw the construction phase and developed the operations plan for the Wyoming Integrated Test Center (ITC), including developing the finance and business systems, business development strategy, public relations and marketing, and project solicitation and review processes.</li><li>• Testify before relevant political bodies about ongoing activities, including the Wyoming Legislative Minerals Committee, Wyoming Joint Legislative Appropriations Committee, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and the U.S. House Committee on Science.</li><li>• Present and represent Authority at national and international conferences such as Council of State Governments – West, American Legislative Exchange Council, American Coal Council, Greenhouse Gas Technologies Conference and Pittsburgh Coal Conference.</li><li>• Manage Wyoming's international relationships on energy sales and technology transfer through existing agreements and identifying opportunities with Japan, Taiwan and Canada.</li><li>• Explore opportunities to utilize the Authority's \$1 billion bonding authority to construct new projects as well as manage funds from issued bonds.</li><li>• Manage the formation of the Wyoming Energy Authority through the merger of existing Wyoming offices.</li></ul>	
<i>Cloud Peak Energy/Rio Tinto Energy America</i> Government Affairs Manager	Cheyenne, Wyoming/Broomfield, Colorado June 2007 – June 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitor legislation and coordinate public affairs outreach for our domestic customer base areas including, but not limited to: Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and federal levels.</li><li>• Deliver company perspective and testimony on public policy proposals to legislative and administrative panels.</li><li>• Oversee contract government affairs firms and memberships in statewide energy coalitions.</li><li>• Established and manage the company's Political Action Committee (PAC), leading fundraising activities and disbursement of funds to candidates, growing to over \$75,000 annually with over 95 employee participants, growing each year since 2009.</li><li>• Author quarterly government affairs columns for quarterly company newsletter and all PAC promotional and outreach materials.</li><li>• Represent company at association, advocacy group and legislator organization events such as the Edison Electric Institute, National Mining Association, Coal Utilization Research Council, Wyoming Mining Association, Wyoming Taxpayers Association, National Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute, Council of State Governments - West, and the American Legislative Exchange Council.</li><li>• Manage Community Relations personnel, corporate contributions and promotional activities.</li></ul>	

***Petroleum Association of Wyoming***

Vice President

Casper, Wyoming  
August 2006 – June 2007

- Liaison between industry and regulatory agencies on oil and natural gas issues.
- Assist with government affairs on the state and federal levels.
- Provide industry comment, position and background to media and press outlets.

***United States Congressman Denny Rehberg***

Legislative Assistant

Washington, District of Columbia  
January 2003 – August 2006

- Advise on agricultural, energy, water, trade, and federal lands issues; their relationship to the state of Montana and the potential legislative results.
- Staff the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy & Water with specific oversight on fossil fuels and the Dept. of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy.
- Monitor federal fossil energy research projects managed by the National Energy Technology Lab (NETL) and advise the congressman on his subcommittee recommendations.
- Research, draft and submit legislation, amendments and analyze annual appropriation requests.
- Assist the Communications Director in writing and editing opinion editorials, press releases and speeches in my issue area.