

Paul Thomsen is the Vice President of Business Development for Ormat Technologies, a role he has held since November 2018.

He is responsible for expanding Ormat's portfolio of geothermal, solar, and recovered energy generation projects and leads a team that has negotiated and executed over 500 megawatts of geothermal power purchase agreements (PPAs) with entities such as NV Energy, Southern California Public Power Authority, HELCO, community choice aggregators, and wholesale customers. His team has increased PPA rates by 126% since 2019, successfully managed land and lease acquisitions, and permitted more than 40 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) projects involving geothermal, solar, and lithium.

Thomsen has extensive experience in both the public and private energy sectors, serving as Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada and Director of the Nevada Governor's Office of Energy. He has also worked for the law firm Lionel Sawyer & Collins and U.S. Senators Harry Reid and Richard Bryan.

Thomsen has advanced geothermal and renewable energy policy in Nevada, the U.S., and globally. He has testified before the United States Congress, the International Energy Agency, and the United Nations about renewable energy issues, showcasing his expertise and commitment to sustainable energy solutions.

His leadership roles within the industry include serving as President of the Nevada Geothermal Council, President of the Geothermal Energy Association, and Chair of the United States Clean Heat and Power Association.

He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Nevada, Reno.