

Jim Piro

Jim Piro was elected to the NERC Board of Trustees in February 2020. Mr. Piro is the chair of the Enterprise-wide Risk Committee and serves on the Finance and Audit, Nominating, and Technology and Security Committees.

Mr. Piro served as ecology president and CEO for Portland General Electric (PGE) from 2009 up to his retirement at the end of 2017. His tenure as CEO is noted for an unwavering commitment to public and employee safety, operational excellence, business growth, and giving back to the community.

Mr. Piro began his 43-year career in the energy industry in 1974 as a civil engineer designing transmission towers for Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). Joining PG&E in 1980, he worked his way through the company, first as an engineer at the Trojan Nuclear Plant, then in thermal plants. Eventually, he transferred to the rates and regulatory area. From 1998 to 2000, Jim was responsible for business development during the heady days of non-regulated growth for most utility companies. In 2000, he was appointed as executive vice president and chief financial officer and served in this role for eight years.

Throughout his career, Mr. Piro has been an advocate for smart energy solutions, a healthy state economy, and improved educational outcomes. He has served on local, state level, and national boards for a number of organizations, including: the Edison Electric Institute (as co-chair of the Electrification of Transportation Committee and member of the Policy Committee on Reliability, Security & Business Continuity); the Transportation Electrification Coalition, the Oregon Global Warming Commission; the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Investment Council (as chair); the Oregon Business Council; All Hands Raised; Cradle to Career; Greater Portland Inc. (as chair); Oregon State University Foundation; and the PGE Foundation.

Mr. Piro earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Structural Engineering from Oregon State University and was inducted into the OSU Engineering Hall of Fame in 2018.