



## PROFILES WOMEN IN GEOTHERMAL

Promoting the education, professional development, and advancement of women in the geothermal community.



# Spotlight on Women in Geothermal USA- January 2024

Sarah Jewett, VP of Strategy at Fervo Energy



**This month we focus our spotlight on Sarah Jewett, the dynamic Vice President of Strategy at Fervo Energy based in Houston, TX. Sarah is passionate about leaving the world a better place and making renewable energy at scale a reality. We learned she leads by example even in her everyday routine of commuting to work, which she does on her electric bike. With an impressive educational and career background, she showcases the aptitude required to navigate emerging markets, especially in the Enhanced Geothermal Systems space.**

### Foundations

Sarah earned her degree in Mechanical Engineering from Dartmouth, where she engaged in multiple internships focused on climate change initiatives, hydropower, wind energy, and artificial lift for oil and gas. During this last internship she discovered the Field Engineer program with Schlumberger and after graduating, spent four years running hydraulic fracturing crews in Wyoming and across the west. Her time working in the field equipped her with grit, enhanced her interpersonal skills, and eased the challenges in the subsequent stages of her career, given the resilience developed as a field engineer.



In 2017, Sarah embarked on her MBA journey at Harvard Business School. During her studies she interned at SCF Partners before assuming the position of Senior Director Corporate Development at Select Energy Services following graduation. After some time, however, she came to the realization that she was ready to pursue a different path that better aligned with her passion for renewable energy.

### Life at Fervo

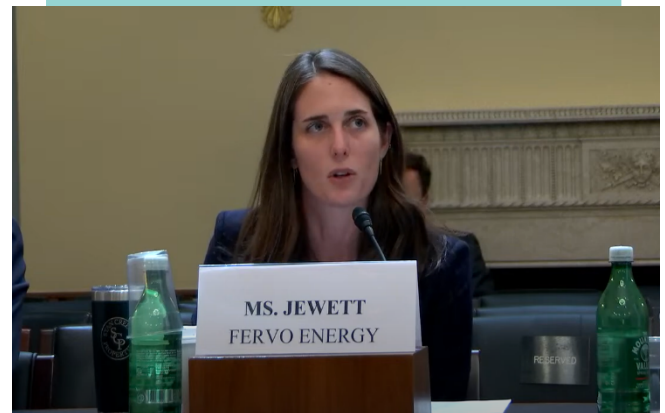
#### Notable Achievements

One of Sarah's notable achievements at Fervo is her profound understanding of the policies influencing geothermal operations in the US. Fervo, under her guidance, is significantly shaping the direction of geothermal advocacy in the country.

#### What does a typical day look like for Sarah?

She gave us two examples. One day she is out in the field in Milford, Utah meeting with the local County Commissioners, the Utah Inland Port working on tax increment financing and visiting the site to meet the drilling personnel. You might even find her testifying to congress!

Another typical day for Sarah is sitting with her team at the trendy downtown Houston Fervo office huddled around a white board strategizing on future business lines.



## Work Life Balance

Outside of work, Sarah has many hobbies from weightlifting, running, swimming, enjoying anything in the outdoors, to reading fiction. Right now, she is reading Brandon Sanderson's *Mistborn*. Her new year's resolution is to stress less.

## Career Journey

"Choosing to quit the corporate world and join a startup was one of the most challenging decisions that I've ever made," Sarah shared, but the leap of faith seems to be paying off. Excited by Fervo's mission and acquainted with Tim Latimer, CEO of Fervo, she took the initiative to call and express her interest in joining the company. Tim, while acknowledging her enthusiasm, mentioned there wasn't an open position available. Undeterred, Sarah thanked him and hung up, only to call him back with a temporary consulting proposal.

What started as a 10-hour consultation evolved into a substantial commitment, growing to 20, 30, and eventually 40 hours over a few months. During this period, Sarah played a pivotal role in helping Fervo prepare for its Series B fundraising. Now a full-time employee as the VP of Strategy, her responsibilities encompass overseeing policy and regulatory affairs, stakeholder engagement, people operations, and commercial market diversification. In her leadership

role, Sarah sets high expectations and advocates for a culture of innovation and idea sharing.

## The Future of Geothermal

Sarah actively stays informed about geothermal market trends by reading the news and engaging with her incredibly savvy teammates. When questioned about the future of geothermal, Sarah emphasized Fervo's strategic focus on Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) and highlighted that the tools and expertise necessary for EGS execution are available today.

Drawing a distinction between working in the oil field and renewables, Sarah noted that Fervo's vision is more modern, with a mission centered on deploying geothermal solutions for climate change. While many colleagues at Fervo have backgrounds in oil and gas, the company's culture has evolved to align with its climate-centric mission.

Given Sarah's unique journey we asked what advice she would give her younger self when first starting in the energy industry. Reflecting on her career, she said, "The world needs smart people to solve hard problems. Trust your instincts and take more risks in pursuit of what you love!"

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