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Rebecca Rosen, an executive at oil and natural gas producer Devon Energy, has withdrawn herself from contention to chair President Donald Trump's White House Council on Environmental Quality, sources familiar with the issue told POLITICO.

Rosen, who worked on Trump's presidential transition team, had been seen as a leading contender for the job. But she formally pulled her name out of the running this week, the sources said, citing family obligations.

The move could delay the appointment of a CEQ chair, especially if the White House opens a wider search for new candidates for the job.

One of the remaining contenders to lead CEQ is former Texas environmental regulator Kathleen Hartnett White, a vocal critic of mainstream climate science. White met with Trump in November to discuss a position in the administration. White did not respond to recent requests for comment.

White could prove to be a contentious choice for CEQ. She has long been a major voice among the public figures who question climate science data or downplay the risks of global warming.

“Carbon dioxide is not a pollutant, and carbon is certainly not a poison. Carbon is the chemical basis of all life on earth. Our bones and blood are made out of carbon,” White wrote in a June op-ed. She added that CO₂ is the “gas of life” because it is a nutrient used by plants — an argument frequently raised by climate skeptics that most scientists say distracts from the climate-changing components of the gas.

White sat on Trump's economic advisory council during his campaign and since 2008 has worked at the Austin-based conservative think tank Texas Public Policy Foundation, which has received funding from Koch Industries, Exxon Mobil, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Devon Energy and other energy companies and utilities. She was a registered lobbyist with the group until Nov. 29.

Rosen is the vice president for policy and government affairs at Oklahoma-based Devon, and she works out of the company's Washington, D.C. office. She is no longer registered as a lobbyist, but was listed on Devon's lobbying disclosure forms until November 2016. Before joining Devon, Rosen was an adviser to former presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

Devon is one of the country's largest oil and gas producers. It was one of the first companies to delve into hydraulic fracturing to unlock reserves of natural gas.

CEQ is the White House's in-house environmental shop. The CEQ chair will play a central role in shaping Trump's approach to climate change, and would be tasked with coordinating activity across federal agencies on issues like speeding up environmental permitting for infrastructure projects — one of Trump's top priorities.

It's unclear whether Trump will empower CEQ, an obscure body that was often ignored during the Obama administration. As he pursued aggressive action on climate change, Obama shifted major environmental responsibilities from CEQ to powerful White House advisers, such as Carol Browner, Heather Zichal and John Podesta, as well as agencies like the EPA.

The council was run from 2014 through the end of Obama's term by Christy Goldfuss, an unconfirmed managing director. Obama never nominated a replacement for his first CEQ chair, Nancy Sutley, who left that year.

Rosen was the top energy and environmental adviser to Romney's 2012 presidential campaign. Then only 32 years old, Rosen was the architect of many of Romney's energy proposals and she quickly won the candidate's trust. Romney reportedly once introduced her to oil industry executives as "my rock star."

Rosen was seen as a leading candidate to chair CEQ had Romney won the presidency.

Before the Romney campaign, Rosen was a Republican staffer on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Earlier in her career, she was an analyst at several research and consulting firms.






Rosen did not respond to requests for comment. A White House spokeswoman said, "We don't comment on personnel matters unless there's an announcement to be made."

Alex Guillén contributed to this story.

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