

## Biography of Dan Kirschner

Dan Kirschner is the Executive Director of the Northwest Gas Association (NWGA). Prior to joining NWGA, Kirschner was the Vice President of Public Affairs at the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce where he served as the senior public affairs executive for the largest chamber of commerce between Minneapolis and Seattle.

Kirschner has extensive local, state, and federal public affairs experience. Before his position with the Chamber, Kirschner served as the Chief of Staff for the Majority Caucus of the Washington State House of Representatives in Olympia. He also spent four years as Regional Director for U.S. Senator Slade Gorton in eastern and central Washington. Kirschner has a BA in Government and Economics from Eastern Washington University and an MBA from the University of Washington.

## About The NWGA

The NWGA is a trade organization of the Pacific Northwest natural gas industry. It's members include six natural gas utilities serving communities throughout Idaho, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, and three transmission pipelines that move natural gas from supply basins into and through the region.

The NWGA works to foster understanding among opinion leaders and informed decision-making by governing officials on issues related to natural gas. It seeks to meaningfully shape policies to help increase the diversity, abundance and dependability of natural gas supply and infrastructure available to serve the Pacific Northwest.

NWGA members include:

- Avista Corporation ([www.avisatcorp.com](http://www.avisatcorp.com))
- Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ([www.cngc.com](http://www.cngc.com))
- Duke Energy Gas Transmission ([www.duke-energy.com](http://www.duke-energy.com))
- Intermountain Gas Company ([www.intgas.com](http://www.intgas.com))
- NW Natural ([www.nwnatural.com](http://www.nwnatural.com))
- TransCanada – GTN System ([www.gastransmissionnw.com](http://www.gastransmissionnw.com))
- Puget Sound Energy ([www.pse.com](http://www.pse.com))
- Terasen Gas ([www.terasen.com](http://www.terasen.com))
- Williams – NW Pipeline ([www.williams.com](http://www.williams.com))