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ED IRELAND INVITED TO SPEAK TO STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL

Oklahoma City, OK – May 18, 2015 – The Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association has invited an expert in urban energy development to speak on its behalf at Monday’s meeting of the Stillwater City Council.

OKOGA President Chad Warmington said Ed Ireland, executive director of the Barnett Shale Energy Education Council, can offer important perspective to Stillwater officials as they consider a new ordinance that could hinder oil and natural gas development within city limits.

Ireland lives in Fort Worth, a city of nearly 1 million people with more than 2,000 wells within its city limits.

Warmington said oil and gas development can coexist peacefully with municipal concerns if both sides are reasonable.

He said the 1,000-foot setback being considered in Stillwater is completely unreasonable, especially since there are no reciprocal requirements limiting construction of residential or commercial developments near existing wells.

“We invited Ed to provide perspective based on his work in North Texas’ Barnett Shale, where similar issues have been especially prevalent,” Warmington said. “He has been able to bring a fact-based scientific approach to resolving these issues.”

Ireland has headed the Barnett Shale Energy Education Council since it was formed in 2007 by a consortium of leading production companies in the area. He is a former economics professor with 20 years of experience in the oil and natural gas industry.

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