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OKLAHOMA OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION EXPANDS EXECUTIVE TEAM

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association (OKOGA) announced today it has expanded its staff and operations with the hiring of Natalie Kinmonth to be the vice president of membership and development, effective as of Nov. 3, and Donelle Harder to be the vice president of communications, effective on Nov. 14.

“With OKOGA’s quickly growing membership, it was time to expand our executive team, and I am confident we have found the best in the industry to help move OKOGA’s mission forward,” said Chad Warmington, president of OKOGA. **“Natalie brings valuable, first-hand experience in working with the state’s oil and gas industry, and I am confident she will take our association to the next level with expanding our membership base and our fundraising efforts. Donelle’s wealth of experience working with Oklahoma and national media, as well as executing effective messaging campaigns to pass major pieces of federal legislation, will be essential in moving OKOGA’s aggressive agenda forward in the coming years. With our two new hires, OKOGA is well positioned to support the development of our state’s abundant energy resources for the good of Oklahoma’s economy and for the good of American energy independence.”**

As vice president of membership and development, Kinmonth is responsible for developing a strategic membership and marketing plan to grow the membership of OKOGA. She comes with a wealth of experience in fund raising and expanding an association’s presence within Oklahoma, having spent the last five years at the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association where she earned the title of director of business development. Kinmonth graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and mass communication, with an emphasis in public relations.

As vice president of communications, Harder is responsible for media relations and executing a communications and messaging strategy to advance the advocacy goals of OKOGA and its members. She

comes with ten years of relevant experience, having most recently served as the communications director and spokesperson for U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), both in his role as senior United States senator from Oklahoma and as chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Harder graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism, with an emphasis in corporate communications.

Kinmonth and Harder join Chad Warmington, president of OKOGA, and Arnella Karges, executive vice president of OKOGA.

Background

The Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association, founded in 1919, is the oldest energy trade association in the United States. Nearly a century later, the association remains dedicated to the advancement and improvement of the oil and natural gas industry within the state of Oklahoma and throughout the nation. It is a non-profit association composed of oil and gas producers, operators, purchasers, pipelines, transporters, processors, refiners, marketers and service companies which represent a substantial sector of the oil and natural gas industry within Oklahoma. The activities of OKOGA include support for legislative and regulatory measures designed to promote both the well being and best interests of the citizens of this state and a strong and vital petroleum industry within the State of Oklahoma and throughout the United States.

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