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**OKOGA SAYS KEYSTONE, DAPL EXECUTIVE ORDERS BOOSTS CONFIDENCE FOR OKLAHOMA ENERGY PRIORITIES**

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association (OKOGA)’s President Chad Warmington released the following statement today praising President Donald J. Trump to advance the Keystone XL pipeline and the Dakota Access pipeline:

**“Here in Oklahoma, we are glad that President Trump is making good on the promises former-President Obama stated during his visit to Cushing, Okla., in 2012. President Trump’s executive orders provide additional confidence here in Oklahoma where we have one of the largest crude oil storage facilities in the world and are in the midst of building the Diamond Pipeline from Cushing to Memphis, Tennessee. This new project is expected to support 1,500 new jobs and provide \$11 million per year in property tax revenue for communities along the route. Pipeline construction will also be critical to the new and promising SCOOP and STACK plays in Western Oklahoma. Pipelines are the safest, most environmentally friendly, and most cost-efficient way to transport our nation’s crude oil and offers clean air advantages by reducing the need for flaring. We welcome a new era of certainty, where industry’s efforts to establish stringent safety and environmental standards, most often beyond federal and local requirements, will not be dismissed for the sake of political games.”**

**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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