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Oklahoma Oil and Natural Gas Trade Associations to Merge
Merger Creates Single Voice for Oil and Gas Industry in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Okla. – Oklahoma’s two trade associations that represent companies who produce, transport, and refine oil and natural gas in the state announced today that their membership has approved a merger of the two organizations, forming a single organization that will represent the oil and gas supply chain in Oklahoma.

The merger was approved this week by a vote of the membership of Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association (OIPA) after initial approval from the Oklahoma Oil and Gas Association (OKOGA).

“The OIPA and OKOGA represent virtually all of the public and private oil and gas companies actively investing capital in Oklahoma today,” said OKOGA Chairman Wade Hutchings, senior vice president of exploration and production for Oklahoma City’s Devon Energy. “Alignment between the two associations is at an all-time high, with both groups pursuing very similar agendas on behalf of their members, some of whom are part of both associations. I welcome this merger and believe the two entities together will serve as one voice, advocating for a stronger and more diversified Oklahoma economy that’s proud of our energy history and future.”

Founded in 1955, the OIPA is the state’s largest oil and natural gas advocacy group, representing more than 2,000 oil and natural gas producers and the businesses that support the supply chain. OKOGA, founded in 1919, is the oldest energy trade organization in the United States.

“This is a historic moment for Oklahoma’s oil and natural gas industry,” said OIPA Chairman Berry Mullennix, president and CEO of Tulsa’s Panther Energy Company. “The OIPA and OKOGA have established themselves as the nation’s leading advocates for the men and women of Oklahoma’s oil and natural gas industry. By joining forces, the larger, stronger association created will be better able to represent our members and ensure the state’s defining industry is well represented at the state Capitol, in Washington, D.C., and in the regulatory arenas where the business interests of our members lie.”

Following the merger, the new association will operate under the name OIPA-OKOGA, with a new name expected to be unveiled in early 2019. Chad Warmington will serve as president of the new organization which will consolidate into the OIPA building in Oklahoma City.

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About OIPA-OKOGA: *OIPA-OKOGA is the only trade association in Oklahoma that represents every segment of the oil and natural gas industry, allowing the industry to speak with one voice when advocating for the interests of our members, landowner partners, host communities and employees. Together, our goal is to enhance Oklahoma’s economy for future generations and be a destination for capital investment from the upstream, midstream and downstream segments of the energy industry.*

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