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OIPA-OKOGA Statement on Kingfisher County Commissioners Permit Meeting

Oklahoma City, Okla. – Following the Kingfisher County Commissioners meeting this afternoon to discuss the revised Application for Permit to use County Road Right-of-Way, OIPA-OKOGA President Chad Warmington issued the following statement:

“We understand city councils and boards of county commissioners are concerned about the health, safety and welfare of their constituents. Oil and natural gas companies operating throughout the state are always willing to work with local officials to ensure ongoing operations observe reasonable protections.

“Last year, the Oklahoma Supreme Court reaffirmed that the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) has the exclusive jurisdiction to regulate oil and natural gas operations within the state. The Court also held that any overly broad or burdensome regulation enacted by an entity goes beyond the jurisdictional scope given to city councils and boards of county commissioners by the law and may be challenged with the OCC.

“OIPA-OKOGA members look forward to continuing the tradition of working with community stakeholders throughout the state to ensure the safe and responsible development of our natural resources.”

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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.