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**ANDREA KRAUSS**  
KIOGA CHAIR

**S**ince the start of this year's legislative session, KIOGA has been engaged in updating lawmakers, monitoring the introduction of new legislation, and providing testimony on legislation of interest to the oil and gas industry. KIOGA's work during the legislative session each year provides tremendous value to our members. Please read the articles in this newsletter for more information on the work KIOGA is doing on your behalf.

April marks the legislative recess, which means that the KIOGA Midyear Meeting is just around the corner, and we have a great line-up of events planned. This year's Midyear Meeting will be held April 20–22 in Russell at the Fossil Creek Hotel & Suites. We'll start with a wine, beer & spirits tasting on Wednesday evening featuring Resurrection Winery and Defiance Brewing Co., both from Hays. Spirits will be provided by Boot Hill Distillery in Dodge City.

Thursday morning will kick off with the trade show with more than 25 vendors, featuring the latest technologies and services for the oil and gas industry. Our morning seminar

## KIOGA 2022 MIDYEAR MEETING SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

will be brought to us by the Kansas Geological Survey with "New Energy Research in Kansas: CCUS, Hydrogen, Critical Minerals, and New Tools." There will also be an optional tour in the morning. The morning's activities will round out with a lunch catered by Y Not BBQ and a live DJ provided by Craig and Annette Pangburn.

Our Thursday afternoon seminar will be presented by Ryan Hoffman with the Kansas Corporation Commission. Hoffman will be updating us on the recently announced federal orphan well plugging funds and the new abandoned well plugging reimbursement procedures. The afternoon tour will be to Russell's Oil Patch Museum. The board and general membership meeting will also be held Thursday afternoon, during which Ed Cross will update us on the happenings of another busy legislative session.

On Thursday evening, we will have entertainment by a local jazz band and a steak dinner provided by Meridy's Restaurant, widely known for some of the best steaks in the state. Dinner will also include a keynote address by Chris Kuehl, Managing Director of Armada Corporate Intel-

ligence. Mr. Kuehl is an economic analyst with a background in Soviet and Asian studies, who will provide insight into the energy markets in light of the current geopolitical conflict. A casino night will wrap up Thursday's activities. There will be some great prizes up for grabs, so you won't want to miss it.

On Friday, a golf tournament will be held at the Russell Municipal Golf Course and a sporting clays tournament will be held at LaSada Lodge, regarded as one of the best hunting and shooting venues in the state. Both tournaments will be followed by delicious home-made lunches with a local flair.

The Midyear Meeting will offer all those in attendance a full schedule of important informational updates and opportunities for networking, along with some good food and a little fun. We hope to see you in Russell, April 20–22. ✍

All the best,

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**EDWARD CROSS**  
KIOGA PRESIDENT

I am honored to lead the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) and our nearly 3,000 members. And for all the challenges we can expect, I couldn't be more confident in our industry, the progress we enable, and America's position in leading the world on energy and environmental stewardship.

People count on us for reliable energy, good jobs, and millions of products made with oil and natural gas every day. We are proud of that and our industry's leading role in delivering solutions that can build sound energy policy that includes environmental responsibility. In fact, American energy is produced to environmental and safety standards that are among the highest in the world. This enables America to lead the world in environmental stewardship.

The work we do is crucial, essential and consequential. Our nation continues to grapple with uncertainty—a pandemic, challenges in the supply chain, and a quest to spur growth without accelerating inflation. But here's one thing we know for sure: The path to American prosperity, security, and progress must include American oil and natural gas.

# POLICY SIGNALS PREVENT ENERGY LEADERSHIP

A Message from your KIOGA President Edward Cross

We are an industry of scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, skilled craft workers and problem-solvers, with decades of ingenuity and investment that strengthen America. America's oil and natural gas producers have taken the U.S. from chronic dependence on foreign energy to a net exporter of energy for the first time in nearly seven decades—and, in the process, made America stronger and safer. We've narrowed the trade deficit. We offer practical energy and environmental solutions to policymakers on both sides of the aisle, and the natural gas we produce has made America the world's leader in reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

Here's the key point: When a country becomes the leading producer of oil and natural gas, and has reduced carbon dioxide emissions by 70% in 10 years, it is clearly doing many things right. These are hard-won gains. The oil and natural gas industry wants to build on this progress.

Our nation has the resources and expertise it takes to meet our energy needs, support millions of jobs, continue to address environmental risks, and keep America free from the dangers of dependence on unreliable foreign sources. Even so, many Americans view energy and its costs as major concerns. This is in part because lately, we've seen policies aimed at restricting production and delivery of U.S. oil and natural gas.

First, a pipeline bringing oil from Canada to the U.S. was quickly cancelled. Then, new leasing for energy development on federal acreage was stopped. Added to that was a batch of proposed punitive, unnecessary, and burdensome regulations. Meanwhile, with inflation soaring to historic levels, we've seen proposals in Congress for a targeted tax increase on natural gas and even further restrictions on American energy development.

These decisions exacerbate Americans' concerns and put upward pressure on their energy prices. Lawmakers should avoid such policies, which don't put America on a path to progress—nor help us meet basic energy needs.

When policy signals prevent energy leadership here at home, there are going to be consequences. U.S. policies that restrict domestic production force our country to seek relief from OPEC, undermining our energy independence. America should not be in the position of asking for foreign energy supplies, especially when we have abundant resources produced to standards that are among the highest in the world, right here at home.

Instead, we should be leading, as the world's top producer of oil and natural gas. Energy should be a bipartisan priority. KIOGA advocates that spirit every day. Nothing is more essential to

economic growth than reliable, affordable and abundant energy. To lose that advantage is not in anybody's best interest. And so, we make our case to everyone, working with both political parties in Congress and in Kansas.

In policy debates this year, it's possible we'll find more agreement than usual, if only because American energy leadership itself solves so many problems our nation faces. Energy is an input for practically everything else in the economy. With supply-chain failures, and with inflation on the minds of many Americans, the last thing anyone wants to see is more upward pressure on costs that are felt by every family and business.

We need not look further than the situation in Europe to see what happens when nations depend on energy production from suppliers that have agendas of their own. Take the Nord Stream 2 pipeline—it sounds like a good idea for European economies to depend on regional energy suppliers—that is, so long as you forget who's on the other end of that pipeline. The problem is that when certain foreign governments control your energy, they have the power to use it for their own purposes—not yours. We don't want to learn that lesson the hard way.

Against this backdrop, here in our country, we reject efforts to scale back domestic energy development. So, the question will only become more urgent: As a country, do we really want to stay on the path of restricting production, denying permits, closing off access and returning to the days of dependence on foreign sources? This is short-sighted energy policy, and we must consider those it's impacting.

The real-world choices start with demand. Make no mistake—it is going

to increase as populations grow and as more countries work to escape energy poverty. As new energy sources come online and are brought up to scale, oil and natural gas will be critical. And, of course, alternative sources, like solar and wind, are intermittent. They need natural gas as a backup. No matter how quickly we incorporate more renewable sources of energy, natural gas will be critical to a reliable energy grid.

We hear a lot about the energy transition. Here's the truth: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that by 2050, world energy demand will increase by 28%, and 69% of that demand will be supplied by fossil fuels. It will likely be decades before an energy transition can take place. The energy transition may have begun, but there is a very long way to go before fossil fuel dominance is truly challenged. In the meantime, the oil and natural gas industry is ever-evolving to deliver energy with fewer emissions. We share the goal and urgency of reduced emissions.

One of America's strengths is how it has repeatedly shown the way in environmental quality and progress. Time and again, we've illustrated that some major breakthroughs come not by forced regulations and mandates, but through innovation and technology.

In this job, I spend a fair amount of time seeing the work of our members, and meeting people involved in every aspect of exploration and production. And what always amazes me is that whatever the problem, however complex, our industry is personally invested in solutions. Among the thousands of men and women who make up the Kansas oil and natural gas industry, you find the same drive to advance, to improve, and to solve. I have the honor to meet people of that caliber all the time.

**“ OUR NATION HAS THE RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE IT TAKES TO MEET OUR ENERGY NEEDS, SUPPORT MILLIONS OF JOBS, CONTINUE TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS, AND KEEP AMERICA FREE FROM THE DANGERS OF DEPENDENCE ON UNRELIABLE FOREIGN SOURCES. ”**

Going forward, policymakers at the state and federal level should prioritize advancing American energy leadership with policies that encourage development of responsibly produced energy here at home. These policies should recognize the volatile world we live in and the long-term impacts of returning to the days of foreign energy dependency.

In addition, we should craft regulatory policies that increase certainty, unleash private investment, and build on progress made in the past. By focusing on more efficient use of energy, it is possible to lower emissions without imposing even more environmental restrictions.

The key going forward is to avoid placing unnecessary political or legal obstacles in the way of innovation and expansion. We need energy policy to be based on science, the free market, and entrepreneurial spirit. Those who act on our behalf at all levels of government should use those principles as the foundation for their energy policy decisions. ✍

*Edward P. Cross*

KIOGA President



# 2022 KANSAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION PROGRESSING

## KIOGA REMAINS VIGILANT ON MANY ISSUES

**T**he 2022 Kansas Legislative Session is nearing completion and several of KIOGA's priority issues are still in play. The 2022 Kansas Legislative Session kicked off on January 10 and is scheduled to gavel out for first adjournment on April 1. The veto session is scheduled to begin on April 25.

The 2022 Kansas Legislative Session has seen many tough policy debates on issues critical for the Kansas oil and gas industry. That is why KIOGA prepares a legislative/regulatory/communication agenda every legislative session. The core focus of KIOGA's work at the Statehouse during the 2022 legislative session has been on protecting the Kansas oil and gas industry from increased costs while also defending industry gains made in recent years. The KIOGA legislative agenda for the 2022 legislative session is one in which we work to minimize legislative assaults on the independent oil and gas industry and optimize legislative targets of opportunity.

KIOGA is proactive and prepared in advance of the 2022 Kansas Legislative Session by developing and updating several white papers, fact sheets, brochures, and other informational pieces in advance of the session.

KIOGA shared these white papers, fact sheets, reports, brochures, and other informational pieces with key state legislators. The reference material was also shared with the Kansas Congressional delegation and other key federal policymakers. Many state and federal policymakers have expressed their gratitude for factual, scientific-based information. All of the reference material can be found on the KIOGA website at [www.kioga.org](http://www.kioga.org).

### KIOGA MEETS WITH GOVERNOR KELLY

KIOGA President Edward Cross and former KIOGA Chair David Bleakley met with Kansas Governor Laura Kelly on February 10. KIOGA provided Governor Kelly an update on the state of the Kansas oil and gas industry. KIOGA also shared and discussed



KIOGA's legislative agenda, which lays out what's important to KIOGA members and where we stand on energy, tax, and regulatory issues. We also encouraged Governor Kelly to reappoint Dwight Keen as a Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) Commissioner. Finally, KIOGA invited Governor Kelly to participate as a speaker in a KIOGA Industry Insights webinar. Governor Kelly accepted the invitation!

## LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

KIOGA has been busy during the 2022 Kansas Legislative Session and continues to work to improve and maintain relationships with key lawmakers and decision-makers on active initiatives and engage in policy developments affecting the Kansas oil and gas industry. KIOGA made several presentations before key legislative committees on the “State of the Oil & Gas Industry,” testified before committees on measures impacting the oil and gas industry, and engaged in several informal discussions with legislators and key regulatory officials on issues important for the Kansas oil and gas industry. KIOGA is currently tracking 24 issues of interest to the independent oil and gas industry. The legislative session is ongoing and anything can and does happen, but here is an update on some of the important issues current as of this writing.



### KIOGA Presentations to Key Legislative Committees—KIOGA

President Edward Cross was invited and made informational presentations on the state of the Kansas oil and gas industry to three legislative committees. On January 13, Cross made the presentation before the Senate Utilities Committee. He also made the presentation before the House Energy Committee on January 18 and then again before the House Appropriations Committee on January 20. The presentations provided a summary of America’s energy picture today, the state of the Kansas oil and gas industry, and the challenges and opportunities facing the small businesses that make up the Kansas independent oil and gas industry. Several legislators expressed gratitude for the detailed information presented in the presentations and reference material provided. In addition, several state agencies asked for copies of the white papers and reports developed for the presentations.

**Energy Policy**—On several occasions during the legislative session, KIOGA was asked for our position on energy

policy in general. KIOGA supports a rational, data-driven, common-sense approach to energy policy that recognizes that our best energy future can only be achieved through a true all-of-the-above energy strategy. We oppose policies picking winners and losers among energy sources and technologies. We oppose policies that impose mandates that increase costs when sourcing energy. We encourage the least restrictive method of regulation that supports the goal of protecting the public without limiting business activity.

**Electric Rates**—Rising energy costs have been an issue for several years among KIOGA members. KIOGA supports free market, open competition with as little regulation as possible. The KCC currently regulates prices for a regulated monopoly that, by law, is provided with a guaranteed return on investment. Kansas electric utilities are not operating in a free market with open competition. Without open competition, Kansas’ ranking drops from 14 to 32 in the nation for cost per KW/hour. KIOGA member Dana Wreath of Berexco testified before the Senate Utilities Committee on



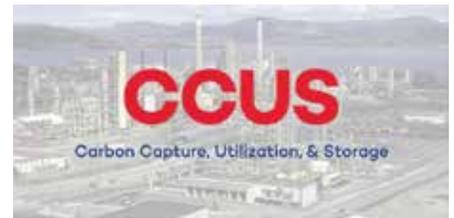
February 15 in support of a measure to curb Kansas' above average energy prices. The measure states the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) cannot approve any increase in retail electric utility rates greater than 1% more than the previous year's total retail rates, or an average of 1% per year if the electric public utility does not file for a rate increase in two or more subsequent years. Unfortunately, there is not support for the bill in the committee, and the bill is expected to die. Going forward, KIOGA will continue to lead discussions on ways to help address higher than average electric costs.

#### **Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act—**

The Kansas Association of Realtors has been trying to get a Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act passed over the last few years. KIOGA opposed this legislation in 2019, and it was defeated. In 2021, the Kansas Association of Realtors introduced the legislation again on both the House and Senate side. During the 2021 session, KIOGA President Edward Cross provided the Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Kellie Warren (R-Leawood) and the Kansas House Judiciary Committee Chair Fred Patton (R-Topeka) with information explaining why such legislation was not needed in Kansas. During the 2022 session, the Kansas Association of Realtors again sought to advance the legislation. Cross told Senator Warren, Representative Patton, and the Kansas Association of Realtors that a partition has been used in Kansas by the oil and gas industry to

consolidate diverse mineral interests for development, protect land from drainage, protect mineral interest owners, and to facilitate unitization and secondary recovery. Sometimes a partition action is the only tool available to develop a property. The Uniform Partition of Heirs Act would limit the availability of partition to mineral owners. Cross said the bottom line is we remain opposed to this measure because the abuses the Act is trying to prevent do not appear to be prevalent in partitions of oil, gas, and mineral interests and do not work for partitioning oil, gas, and mineral interests.

**Pipeline Safety Proposal—**The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) introduced legislation in the 2021 Kansas Legislative Session to amend statutes dealing with KCC jurisdiction over pipeline safety matters for intrastate natural gas pipelines. The measure stalled in 2021 due to the lack of time necessary to get it through the legislative process. The KCC has indicated they plan to advance the legislation in 2022. The KCC proposal would remove K.S.A. 66-1150(b), which is an exemption that the legislature placed in the law in 1993 that does not allow KCC authority over natural gas pipelines serving farming activities or some activities associated with oil or gas production. If those pipelines are subject to pipeline safety regulations (i.e., the gas is in transportation), they would remain jurisdictional to the U.S. DOT Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration. Regarding gathering lines, the proposed changes would give the KCC jurisdiction over any gathering lines that are already subject to federal rules under 49CFR Part 192. The proposal was vetted with the KIOGA Natural Gas Committee and several KIOGA members who have gas gathering lines. The proposal appears to offer no changes to current gas gathering operations and regulations in Kansas.



#### **Carbon Capture**

**Utilization & Storage (CCUS)—**For the last two years (2020 and 2021), the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS), Oxy, and others proposed a measure to expand CCUS activities in Kansas. KIOGA has serious concerns about the proposal for many reasons. The proposal would allow condemnation to be used not just for pipeline rights-of-way to include carbon dioxide pipeline, but also would use eminent domain to condemn subsurface strata. Legal challenges involving mineral rights and pore space ownership would likely arise. In addition, any operator wanting to participate in a CCUS project would have to be willing to accept significant capex and opex risks. CCUS is a very complicated issue with the potential for lots of unintended consequences that could affect large segments of the industry in many ways. KGS decided to stand down on the issue during the 2022 legislative session. KGS will be presenting their perspective on CCUS challenges and opportunities at the KIOGA 2022 Midyear Meeting in Russell in April.

#### **Investment Boycott of**

**Energy Companies—**Some financial and investment institutions across the nation are being pressured by the Biden administration to boycott traditional energy production industries and cut off investments to legally operating U.S. business. KIOGA believes financial institutions should award financing based on an unbiased, non-political basis. Oil and gas companies are not asking for special treatment, but are simply asking for financial institutions to be unbiased in their assessments.

The Kansas Senate Tax & Assessment Committee introduced the Kansas reliable energy investment protection act, requiring the KPERS Board to divest from investments with entities boycotting energy companies and prohibiting state contracts with companies boycotting energy companies. The measure would require the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) to divest investments in entities that boycott energy companies, and prohibits state contracts without written verification that a company is not boycotting energy companies.

**Arbuckle Study Funding**—The Kansas Water Office (KWO) made a budget request to increase funds for the “Arbuckle Study” portion of the KWO budget. While the requested increase was relatively small (\$150,000) compared to the entire KWO budget request (\$13.7 million), KIOGA made lawmakers aware of the apparent mismanagement of the Arbuckle Study funds to date. The purpose of the Arbuckle Study is to determine a testing procedure to measure pressures in the Arbuckle formation. KWO contracts with the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) to conduct Arbuckle pressure tests. In two previous budget requests, the KWO was allocated \$168,000 for the Arbuckle Study. To date, KGS has been paid \$20,568 and has spent about \$2,000 on equipment. However, no testing has been done to date. The study’s progress has been slowed because of the KWO/KGS lack of oil and gas operations experience. KGS may be good at analyzing data, but they have shown a real shortcoming in collecting data. The oil and gas industry has tried to help advance the study by offering wells to test and other resources. As a matter of fact, both the industry and the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) have offered wells for testing. Unfortunately, the KGS has turned down

wells offered for testing. It appears the KGS is cherry-picking wells for testing to support their desired conclusion. KGS plans to test five or six wells at a cost of approximately \$20,000. KIOGA told lawmakers that it has not been established that there should be additional testing of wells beyond the five or six wells the KGS plans to test. Additional testing needs can only be determined after we see how effective the proposed testing procedure is. KIOGA thinks additional funding for the Arbuckle Study is premature. Why ask for more money when they have not spent what they have?

**Rules & Regulations Legislation**—On February 21, the House passed (85-39) a proposed constitutional amendment that would simplify the rejection of state administrative rules and regulations that some lawmakers feel exceed their intentions in granting administration authority to state agencies. The measure is a legislative/executive branch scrap, with conservative lawmakers asserting that the current rules/regs procedure—requiring a vote subject to veto and then two-thirds majority for passage to kill rules and regulations that are created by cabinet-level agencies which are headed by gubernatorial appointees—is administration-slanted. House debate on the measure heard several comments on “un-elected state bureaucracies” enacting rules and regulations to carry out state law that are difficult for lawmakers to overturn. The Senate is considered likely to approve the resolution, which would put the relatively complex issue on the November election ballot where a majority of votes can approve the constitutional amendment handing that power to the legislature.

**Abandoned Well Plugging Technical Cleanup Measure**—Last year (2021), the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) introduced legislation addressing the

plugging of abandoned wells. KIOGA was supportive of the measure and helped advance the legislation. It was signed into law by Governor Kelly on April 9, 2021. However, some technical issues were discovered in the measure after it was signed into law. The issue stems from the 55-193 statute appearing in two separate bills at the same time with neither bill explicitly resolving the revision made by the other bill. The KCC cannot assign assumptions of legislative intent (i.e., whether the statute should be repealed as provided in HB 2022 or amended as provided in HB 2007). To remedy the situation, the KCC introduced a technical cleanup bill that only repeals 55-193 as it was intended when the measure was passed last year. KIOGA worked to help the KCC advance the measure. The measure was championed by State Representative Troy Waymaster (R-Bunker Hill), and it passed the House 112-0 and will likely pass the Senate.

**Environmental Assaults**—KIOGA stays keenly poised to address any attempts by those who oppose American oil and gas development to promote legislation and/or regulations designed to stop oil and gas production. KIOGA is prepared and ready to defend the oil and gas industry at every opportunity.

## CONCLUSION

The summary presented falls short of all the activity occurring at the legislature. KIOGA continues to be alert and vigilant for legislative and/or regulatory issues and concerns that could impact the Kansas oil and gas industry. KIOGA will continue to diligently advocate for the Kansas independent oil and gas industry throughout the 2022 legislative session. In the end, win or lose, know your KIOGA team has and will continue to give our all. ⚡



# 2022 Kansas Legislative Session Calendar

**January 10**—Session opens

**January 31**—Last day for individual members to request sponsored bill drafts

**February 7**—Last day for non-exempt committees to request bill drafts

**February 9**—Last day for individual bill introductions

**February 11**—Last day for non-exempt committee bill introduction

**February 21**—Last day for committees to meet prior to turnaround

**February 24**—Turnaround Day, last day for non-exempt bills in house of origin

**February 25–28**—No session

**March 18**—Last day for non-exempt committees to meet and consider bills

**March 24–27**—No session

**April 1**—First adjournment

**April 2–24**—Spring Break

**April 25**—Veto session opens

**May 10**—Projected session adjournment

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# Historic Donation Establishes Hamm Institute for American Energy at Oklahoma State University

The Harold Hamm Foundation and Continental Resources recently announced a combined \$50 million gift creating the **Hamm Institute for American Energy**.

Harold Hamm, an industry icon and chairman of Continental Resources, pledged a monumental donation of \$50 million to Oklahoma State University (OSU), allowing the university to establish the **Hamm Institute for American Energy**. The Hamm Institute's mission is to support American energy innovation as well as aspire the next generation of energy leaders. The new Hamm Institute will become the center for all things American energy, university leaders said, and will also be a place at the university to host symposiums, authors, speakers, energy sum- mits, and global energy leadership conversations.



“This gift is about investing in our shared future, the future of our country and the state and people I love,” said Hamm. “I see the Institute as a game-changer, a place where the best and the brightest will come together to responsibly solve the world’s energy challenges. A third of the world lives in energy poverty. We need to fix that. And we need to make sure Americans will always have an abundance of reliable, affordable energy for generations to come.”



HAROLD HAMM

“This collaboration between one of our great universities and one of our most innovative and successful energy companies and entrepreneurs will raise the bar for American energy innovation,” said Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt.

Hamm, who spoke about the current state of domestic energy at a KIOGA webinar in 2021, is a native Oklahoman and a well-recognized advocate of America’s domestic oil and natural gas industry. His contribution alongside that from Continental Resources will prepare future energy leaders and allow the development of research to ensure a better, more sustainable modern world of energy. *κ*

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## Republicans Eye Ambitious Agenda if U.S. House Flips

**R**epublicans are eyeing an ambitious legislative agenda if they flip the U.S. House of Representatives in November’s elections, setting the stage for countless clashes with President Biden on a host of thorny issues. The midterm cycle is historically brutal for the party of first-term presidents, and that track record—combined with Biden’s approval rating, which is underwater, and consumer inflation, which is soaring—has created a golden opportunity for Republicans to win back the lower chamber after just four years in the minority. With that in mind, Republican leaders are already turning their gaze beyond the elections to discuss how they’d wield their power. Their strategy features a series of lawmaker “task forces” charged with itemizing the party’s top-tier reform ideas across a spectrum of hot-button issues—a wish list designed to serve as both a messaging tool on the campaign trail this year and a legislative guide in 2023 if they do gain the majority.

Whether Donald Trump will run again is an open question. If he does run, the broad consensus is that he’ll win the nomination again. But if he doesn’t, voters should get ready for a crowded Republican primary with as many as 20 legitimate candidates. Plenty of first-time presidential candidates have been talked about, including former Vice President Mike Pence, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, UN Secretary Nikki Haley, and former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Then there’s the crew that tried and failed to beat Trump back in 2016, most notably, Ted Cruz. Republican voters are about evenly split between wanting their party to nominate Trump again or wanting a different candidate. According to a recent poll, a total of 54% of Republicans favored Trump, compared with 38% of Republican-leaning independents. *κ*

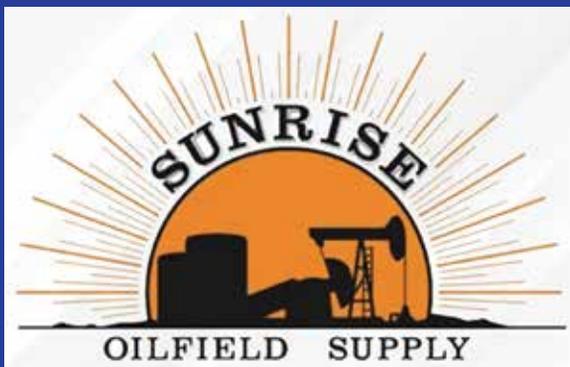


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KIOGA continues our efforts to bring members educational opportunities and have hosted a series of webinars in early 2022 to bring our members informative content that will guide future business and policy decisions. In 2021, we hosted 18 webinars in three webinar series. The average attendance in each webinar was 109. The webinars were well-received by our membership, and we look to continue this service.



### WEBINAR #1

LEE FULLER  
IPAA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The mission of the webinars is to provide educational opportunities for KIOGA members on important issues, regulations, and topics of interest. In 2022, we launched our Industry Insights webinar series on January 24 when nearly 90 participants heard from IPAA Executive Vice President Lee Fuller who provided a summary discussion of the current proposed EPA oil and natural gas methane rule.



### WEBINAR #2

RYAN HOFFMAN  
KCC OIL & GAS  
CONSERVATION DIVISION DIRECTOR

The second webinar in our Industry Insights webinar series was broadcast on February 21 when 129 participants heard KCC Oil & Gas Conservation Division Director Ryan Hoffman, KCC District #4 Supervisor Case Morris, KCC District #3 Supervisor Troy Russell, and KCC District #1 Supervisor Kenny Sullivan provide a summary discussion of the changes to abandoned well plugging responsibility.



### WEBINAR #3

JASON ISAAC  
DIRECTOR OF LIFE:POWERED

The third webinar of the series was broadcast March 7 and featured Jason Isaac, Director of Life:Powered, a project of the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Isaac is a four-term Texas State Legislator honored for his commitment to limited government and efforts working across the aisle to find responsible solutions. He shared how states and energy businesses can fight back against the debanking and defunding ESG agendas and promote access to affordable, reliable energy in America and around the world.



**WEBINAR #4**

LAURA KELLY  
GOVERNOR OF KANSAS

The fourth webinar of the series was broadcast on March 21 and featured Kansas Governor Laura Kelly. Governor Kelly has built a reputation as a no-nonsense leader who works with both Republicans and Democrats to get things done. She advocates for fiscally responsible, balanced budgets that reflect Kansas's shared priorities. In a Conversation with Governor Laura Kelly, Governor Kelly reflected on her goals and accomplishments as Kansas Governor.



**WEBINAR #5**

DEREK SCHMIDT  
KANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL

The last webinar in the series was broadcast on March 28 and featured Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt. Derek Schmidt was elected the 44<sup>th</sup> attorney general of Kansas in 2010 and was reelected in 2014 and 2018. Under Attorney General Schmidt's leadership, the office has focused on prosecuting crimes against children, protecting senior citizens from scams and rip-offs, recovering record-setting amounts of money for Kansas consumers and taxpayers, providing professional legal services for the state of Kansas, and standing up against illegal overreach, by the federal government. In a Conversation with Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, AG Schmidt talked about his efforts to push back against federal government overreach, including actions on EPA methane regulations, USFWS lesser prairie chicken concerns, and more.

Thanks to all who attended the KIOGA webinars. Also, thank you to our webinar series sponsor, Sunrise Oilfield Supply. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! κ

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## A CONVERSATION WITH

# DWIGHT KEEN

**KANSAS  
CORPORATION  
COMMISSION CHAIR**

**K**ansas Corporation Commission (KCC) Commissioner Dwight Keen was elected chair of the state's three-member utility regulatory agency on January 13. Keen will lead the three-member utility regulatory commission that includes Andrew French and Susan Duffy. He succeeds Andrew French as chair. Keen was appointed to the KCC by former Governor Jeff Colyer in 2018 and previously served as Chair in 2019.

Chairman Keen was recently interviewed by the *Public Utilities Fortnightly* publication. The following is an excerpt from that interview.

### **How did your background lead you to the Commission?**

My path to the Commission was most circuitous. My prior experience is in business, law, education, and government. In the private sector, after law school, I was an attorney with the National Association of Securities Dealers or the NASD in Washington, D.C. The NASD regulated the over-the-counter securities markets—a role that is now performed by FINRA.

From the NASD, I served as the senior financial analyst and counsel to the director of corporation finance for a large

money center bank in New York City, a bank that has since been merged into what is now JPMorgan Chase.

Following that, I served as the Kansas Securities Commissioner for six years. Thereafter, I returned to the private sector and practiced corporate and securities law with two prominent Wichita law firms for approximately five years.

After leaving the active practice of law, I worked for two decades in various capacities in the Kansas independent oil and gas industry. That work included varying roles from hands-on oversight of field exploration and production operations to statewide regulatory and legislative liaison responsibilities.

During that time, for 12 years, I also served as an adjunct professor of business for Friends University in Wichita, teaching graduate level courses in marketing, managerial economics, strategic planning, business law for executives, and entrepreneurship.

Within the Kansas state government, I have been honored to serve in various capacities in the administrations of five Kansas governors of both political parties. Other state government positions have included serving as a member of



DWIGHT KEEN  
KANSAS CORPORATION  
COMMISSION CHAIR

the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals and serving two terms on the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs.

Service on the KCC has provided me with the unique opportunity to utilize my education and experience to give back to our state in a meaningful and fulfilling way. Without question, serving on the Kansas Corporation Commission has been the highest honor and privilege of my professional career.

### **Speak a little as to how the appointment process works and whether the Commission is political at all?**

Commissioners serve staggered four-year terms and are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Kansas Senate. Fulfilling the various substantive and diverse missions of the Commission does not really require a political bias.

Throughout my tenure on the KCC, my service has been dedicated to enhancing and rewarding the capabilities and performance of our professional staff and to executing my administrative responsibilities in a manner that is non-partisan and focused on the apolitical rendition of impartial justice in all administrative, quasi-judicial, and rate case proceedings to come before the Commission.

**You have a lot going on with your Conservation Division. Talk about that.**

Through our Conservation Division, the Commission regulates the oil and gas industry in Kansas. Kansas and Oklahoma are the only two states that regulate utilities and the oil and gas industry through the same agency.

Kansas is a major oil and gas-producing state ranking eleventh in crude oil production and fourteenth in natural gas production among the states. In terms of direct and indirect state employment and contributions to the state and local tax bases, the oil and gas industry together with agriculture and aviation, comprise the three largest industries in Kansas. Of these three, the oil and gas industry is arguably the most heavily regulated industry by the state. The primary mission of the Conservation Division is to administer regulatory policies that protect correlative rights, prevent waste in the production of oil and gas, and encourage the responsible exploration, development, and production of the state's valuable crude oil and natural gas resources.

Simultaneously, our regulatory policies must ensure the effective protection of all related environmental matters, most prominently including the protection of the state's important freshwater resources.

Importantly, in terms of proactive environmental legislation, both houses of the 2021 Kansas Legislature unanimously approved seminal legislation that provides enhanced and comprehensive methods and means of identifying and plugging abandoned oil and gas wells throughout Kansas.

All remediation efforts authorized under this bill are to be paid exclusively by fees provided by the industry. This legislation was actively pursued for several years by the oil and gas industry, and it was supported by the Sierra Club. Now that it has come to fruition, it will greatly assist in protecting the environment and the freshwater sources of the state.

**There's been a lot said lately about natural gas, its availability, and pricing. How is that going in Kansas?**

The availability and price of natural gas is not just a Kansas or regional concern, it's a national concern, and indeed an international one as well. The Energy Information Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy have both estimated that natural gas will play a prominent role in U.S. power generation through at least 2050. Natural gas is certainly an important dispatchable alternative to the renewable sources.

Given this role, if natural gas is to be an affordable and reliable baseload fuel source and an integral part of a power generation mix, we must remain vigilant and concerned about its availability and price or cost. Natural gas prices are generally determined by market forces that represent a balancing or a distillation of perceptions of supply and demand.

As we appear to be coming out of the worst of this pandemic, we're witnessing a surge and pent-up demand for natural gas domestically and for export in the form of LNG. This demand is increasing substantially and recovering now to pre-COVID-19 levels, although near-term demand may be mitigated a bit depending upon the severity of the economic consequences associated with the Omicron COVID-19 variant.

When natural gas supplies become or remain constrained for any reason, periodic increased demand, whether or not driven by weather-related events, may cause natural gas price volatility and price spikes and thereby affect utility rates impacted by those prices.

If natural gas supplies are constrained either by underinvestment in exploration or development, or by the absence of adequate infrastructure build out, or by federal or state regulatory policies, I'm concerned that increases in demand under such circumstances may lead to much higher natural gas prices and that those prices may have a disproportionate adverse impact on low- and fixed-income families and consumers. This could become a serious concern nationwide in the near future.

Given the circumstances surrounding the 2021 Winter Storm Uri event and the serious financial consequences to many Kansas electric and natural gas customers that ensued, avoiding a repetition of this event is an immediate concern. Toward that end, establishing more effective communications and coordination between the natural gas industry, electric utilities, and RTOs is essential for grid reliability.

### **What are some other important issues the Commission is dealing with?**

In utilities matters, the Commission strives to ensure the highest levels of customer service, safety and reliability, and the lowest possible utility rates, while simultaneously providing the state's regulated utilities with a fair rate of return on their invested capital.

In Kansas, the KCC regulates seven jurisdictional electric and natural gas distribution utilities. By far, the most consequential aspect of our role as regulators is to assist in ensuring that Kansas customers and ratepayers receive utility services that are affordable and reliable, and in crisis situations or circumstances of critical need, that are resilient.

Affordability, reliability, and resilience are primary Commission missions and are basic benchmark service requirements and protections that utility customers require and have a right to expect. Toward that end, it is essential that we have a balance, a mix, and a diversity of available baseload fuel sources that complement each other and, to some extent, can account for the strengths and drawbacks of the other fuel sources within the mix.

We must also be ever mindful of the direct and indirect costs to ratepayers of the various baseload fuel choices and the capital expenditure commitments and requirements associated with those choices.

Beyond being a major oil and gas producing state, Kansas is no slouch when it comes to wind energy and wind resources. The state lies within major wind corridors in the lower 48 states and currently ranks second among the states in the production of wind energy. The widespread move to transition to renewables in many areas is driven in

large measure by advances in technology across a wide variety of fronts.

Since all renewable energy sources are intermittent, a potential concern is whether the pace of this transition and the required infrastructure build out will be commensurate with the ability of technology to deliver affordable and uninterrupted service that does not jeopardize or compromise the reliability and resilience of the grid.

In the near term, renewables standing alone simply cannot adequately provide for our power generation baseload fuel needs. To assure affordability, reliability and resilience, we must have a diversity of baseload fuels that includes dispatchables, prominently including natural gas, and in Kansas, nuclear, to complement the renewables of wind and solar. As we transition to increased reliance on renewables, we should be candid and forthrightly acknowledge the need for adequate dispatchable alternatives to maintain reliability.

The integrated resource planning processes the Commission is developing and utilizing will aid in assessing the various long-term plans of regulated utilities and the impact those plans will have on rates, affordability, and reliability.

### **Are you optimistic about the energy future in the state of Kansas, and do you have any concerns?**

I am optimistic. Kansas is blessed with various natural resources, including wind energy and oil and gas. Prospectively, as regulators we must be concerned about the long-term well-being of our state and region. In part, this necessitates keeping our eye on the costs associated with various utility capital expenditure proposals as we work to reconcile all of the trade-offs involved

in their integrated resource planning efforts. Our primary focus must at all times remain focused on affordability and reliability.

### **There is a component in Commission work to keep the economy strong. How do you view that?**

Absolutely. The KCC regulates important aspects of five major Kansas industries, including electric utilities (other than coops), natural gas distribution utilities, the oil and gas industry, over-the-road motor carriers, and in conjunction and cooperation with PHM-SA, important aspects of pipeline safety. These industries have an ongoing and consequential effect on the daily lives of all Kansans. With regard to utilities, affordable and reliable electricity and natural gas service are essential cornerstones of a strong economy and economic growth. Electricity is, and has been, a foundation of our standard of living and our quality of life, and is enormously impactful in promoting the general welfare of all Kansans.

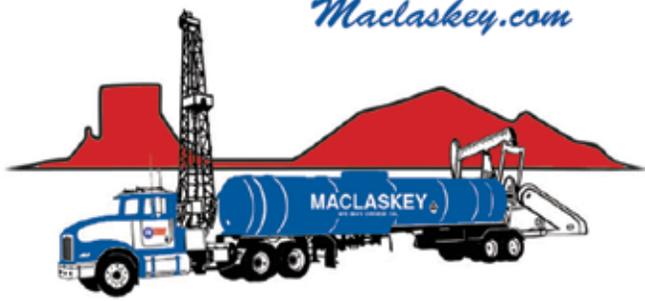
As regulators, we must be sensitive to the impact that our decisions concerning utility services and rates have on the long-term well-being of our state and its citizens.

### **What do you find most rewarding about being a Commissioner?**

It's the opportunity to serve and give back to the state. I want to use this opportunity to the best of my ability to contribute in some small way to enhancing the quality of life and general welfare of Kansans.

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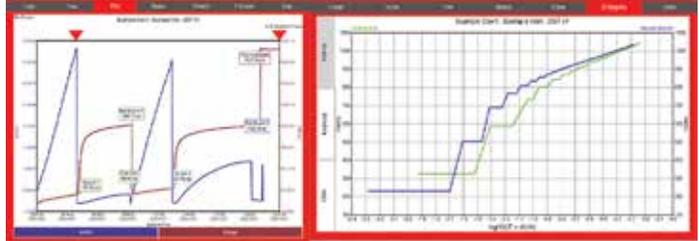
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# BlackRock Letter to CEOs Shows Politics Takes Priority Over Bettering Human Lives

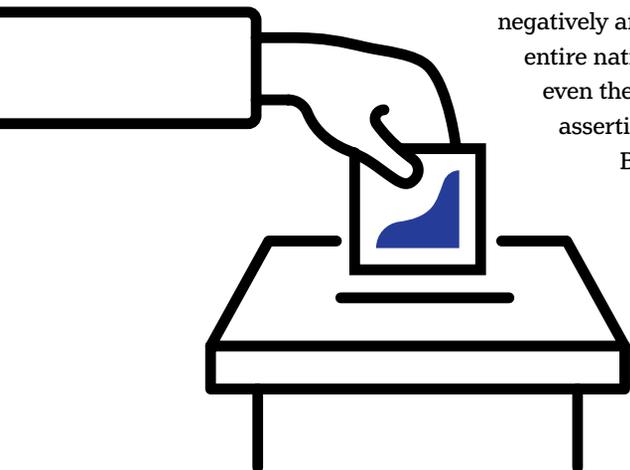
**W**ith increasing attention being paid to the negative consequences of so-called environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investing—which means selecting clients’ investments based on political rather than financial criteria—many hoped BlackRock’s annual letter to CEOs would signal a shift away from activism and back toward fiduciary responsibility.

Sadly, chairman and CEO Larry Fink’s letter offered no solace for the 60 million Americans depending on its services for their future retirement and hoping, perhaps wrongly, that BlackRock has their best interests at heart.

Fink’s letter is an unserious take on the world’s greatest challenges—in fact, it ignores them entirely—and shows BlackRock’s continued journey down the path of financial activism that will jeopardize the future of more than just the company’s clients.

While Fink pays brief lip service to the oil and gas industries (but neglects altogether coal, which provides a fifth of the nation’s electricity and remains one of our most reliable sources of energy), his capitulation to the demands of the climate movement will jeopardize

the energy industry, which negatively affects the entire nation and even the world. His assertion that BlackRock “does not pursue



divestment from oil and gas companies as a policy” may placate states like Texas, which recently enacted the Energy Discrimination Elimination Act to prohibit state contracts with companies that boycott fossil fuels, and West Virginia, which has already withdrawn its funds from BlackRock. However, it offers little comfort to the Americans losing their jobs because energy producers can’t get access to the capital they need to operate—let alone the billions of people worldwide who are subjected to brutish, short lives at the hands of energy poverty.

Energy poverty is the number one issue facing much of the world. Nearly 800 million people have no access to electricity at all, and billions more have only occasional power—which means no modern medical care, proper sanitation, safe sources of warmth in the wintertime, or even the simplest comforts like lights that allow children to do homework at night. Even the vast majority of products we use on a daily basis come from fossil fuels.

This crisis is most deeply felt in sub-Saharan Africa, but even in the West, energy poverty is a serious issue. More than one in 10 American families have received a disconnect notice from a utility provider, and a third report difficulties affording their home energy costs. Expensive energy hurts the poor the most.

But Fink seems wholly unaware of the negative impact his proposed decarbonization movement would have on poverty eradication. Fink admits decarbonization makes goods and services cost more. We’re seeing this truth unfold in real time.

In New England, where electricity prices are far above average thanks to a heavily subsidized (and so far ineffective) attempt to transition to renewables, a quarter of electricity on January 16 came from fuel oil—a heavily polluting energy source utilities only use when other sources become prohibitively expensive. Why did this happen? Because renewable energy failed. New England residents got more power from burning garbage and wood than wind and solar.

And Germany, the country perhaps most committed to the renewable energy “transition,” boasts the highest electricity prices in Europe. Last year, Germany was forced to use 11% more coal and nuclear because production of wind, solar, and hydro all fell. And with the recent early retirement of three nuclear power plants—which generate truly carbon-free electricity but don’t fit the climate industry narrative—Germans can expect even higher prices and less reliability. The European Union is so far down the path of decarbonization that its residents can’t afford expensive energy and are already going the way of the dodo bird, to use Fink’s own words. In the United Kingdom, for example, freezing deaths are on the rise because of high energy costs, with over 3,000 preventable wintertime deaths attributed to energy poverty.

Demanding a switch to less useful and more expensive energy sources will have the biggest impact on the poor, and it means each person and business paying more for electricity will have less power to make positive change in the world.

Just imagine how the world could change if Larry Fink chose to use his company’s \$10 trillion in assets to end global poverty instead.

With increasing understanding of global natural disasters showing climate change is not making them worse—in fact, it may be making them better—BlackRock’s fixation on ESG ignores both the science of climate change and the long-term impact of decarbonization policies. While a mildly warming climate may present some challenges, humanity has already shown ourselves more than capable of handling the change. Climate-related deaths have dropped an incredible 98% in the last century, even though the world’s population has quadrupled. The benefits to both the environment and people from global greening, improved plant and crop yields from slightly higher carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere, appear to far outweigh the potential risks.

And regardless of whether climate change is a help or a harm to humanity, it’s difficult to argue seriously that the immediate and tangible benefits of bettering human lives here and now are less worth our attention than the hypothetical consequences of gradually and mildly warming average temperatures—all of which are poorly understood, supported only by ambiguous statistical exercises, and far into the future.

If BlackRock truly believes in the power of capitalism to create a brighter future for our world, it should ditch climate alarmism and instead focus on fighting poverty around the world—including boldly supporting access to affordable, reliable, and environmentally safe energy provided by fossil fuels. ❧



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# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

# KIOGA 2022 MIDYEAR MEETING

**T**he 2022 Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) Midyear Meeting will be held **April 20–22, 2022** at the **Fossil Creek Hotel/Dole-Specter Conference Center in Russell, Kansas**. The KIOGA Midyear Meeting was last held in Russell in 2011, and we are delighted to be returning to Russell for the 2022 KIOGA Midyear Meeting.

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The 2022 KIOGA Midyear Meeting will kick off on Wednesday, April 20 with a tasting featuring wine from Resurrection Vineyards, Spirits from Boothill Distillery, and beer from

Defiance Brewery at the **Fossil Creek Hotel**. Join us for drinks, live music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and networking.

The 2022 KIOGA Midyear Meeting will once again host a trade show on Thursday, April 21 from 9 am–3 pm. The trade show provides an excellent opportunity for companies to exhibit the latest products and services available to the oil and gas industry.

Thursday, April 21, will see a number of seminars from an excellent lineup of speakers addressing business development needs and issues currently impacting the way we do business. Energy researchers at the Kansas Geological Survey have been successful in winning federal grants to study various emerging technologies related to energy in Kansas. These include carbon capture/use/storage, hydrogen and compressed air storage in salt caverns, critical minerals in the Cherokee-Forest City basin. In addition, they have won funding for a new core scanner, larger diameter research coring bit, and a research-grade XRF. Hear more from **Dr. Franek Hasiuk** and **Eugene**



Eugene Holubnyak



Dr. Franek Hasiuk

**Holubnyak** of the Kansas Geological Survey in a morning presentation titled **New Energy Research in Kansas: CCUS, Energy Storage, Hydrogen, Critical Minerals, and New Tools**.



Meeting participants can enjoy a BBQ lunch, visit with friends and enjoy the music from a live DJ during the Thursday lunch on the west parking lot of the Fossil Creek Hotel.



Ryan Hoffman

After lunch, Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) Oil & Gas Conservation Division

Director **Ryan Hoffman** will provide a seminar titled **Federal Orphan Well Plugging Funds and Abandoned Well Plugging Reimbursement**. Hoffman will provide a summary discussion of the federal orphan well plugging funding and the abandoned well plugging reimbursement program, including business opportunities for companies to engage in these programs.

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Dr. Christopher Kuehl

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Friday, April 22 will bring a **golf tournament** at the Russell Municipal Golf Course and **Sporting Clays** at LaSada Sporting Clays. Lunch will be served at both events.

The 2022 KIOGA Midyear Meeting offers excellent networking and educational opportunities to independent oil and natural gas producers. For registration information, contact KIOGA at 785-232-7772, or visit our website at [www.kioga.org](http://www.kioga.org). Advanced registration will be accepted through Friday, April 15, 2022. Cancellations received prior to Friday, April 15, 2022 entitle the registrant to a full refund. No refunds will be given after April 18, 2022. Refunds will not be made for "no shows." The registration desk will open at 8:00 am on Thursday, April 21 for on-site registration. KIOGA has secured special room rates for overnight accommodations at the Fossil Creek Hotel & Suites (785-483-4200). Hotel room reservations should be made directly with the hotel. The cut-off date to receive the special KIOGA room block rate is April 7, 2022. Make sure to mention KIOGA to receive the special group rate. ✍

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### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

6:00 pm–8:00 pm Wine, Spirits, & Beer Tasting | Fossil Creek Hotel

7:00 pm–9:00 pm Open Bar | Fossil Creek Hotel  
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### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 am Registration—*Fossil Creek Hotel*

9:00 am–3:00 pm Trade Show—*West Parking lot under Tent*

9:00 am–10:00 am Morning Seminar—KS Geological Survey—  
*New Energy Research in KS: CCUS, Hydrogen, Critical Minerals, and New Tools*

9:00 am–10:00 am Tour—TBD  
*Shuttle will run from Fossil Creek Hotel*

11:00 am–2:00 pm BBQ and Live DJ  
*West Parking lot of Fossil Creek Hotel*

2:00 pm–3:00 pm Afternoon Seminar—KCC/Ryan Hoffman—  
*Federal Orphan Well Plugging Funds and Abandoned Well Plugging Reimbursement*

2:00 pm–3:00 pm Tour—TBD  
*Shuttles will run from Fossil Creek Hotel*

3:30 pm–5:00 pm Board | General Membership Meeting  
*This is open to all KIOGA members*

5:30 pm–6:30 pm Cocktails | Jazz Trio | The Ballroom at the Fossil Creek Inn

6:30 pm–7:30 pm Dinner | The Ballroom at The Fossil Creek Inn

7:30 pm–10:00 pm Casino Night | The west parking lot under the tent

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:00 am Golf Registration  
*Russell Municipal Golf Course | 1054 East Second Street*

8:00 am Shot Gun Start

9:30 am Sporting Clays Registration

10:00 am Start of Tournament  
*LaSada Sporting Clays | 3721 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Russell, KS 67665*

\*Lunch is provided for both the golf and clay tournaments.

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2. Please enclose full payment with registration form. If you need to be invoiced in advance, please email Holly at holly@kioga.org.
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**Dismantling of exhibits must be completed by 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 21, 2022.**

Exhibits will officially open to registrants from 9:00 am–3:00 pm on Thursday, April 21.

**Booth Design and Furnishings:** All booths are 10 feet wide by 8 feet deep. KIOGA will furnish each exhibitor with back and side drapes, identification sign, 6-foot-table, chair and waste basket. If your booth requires electricity, check here.

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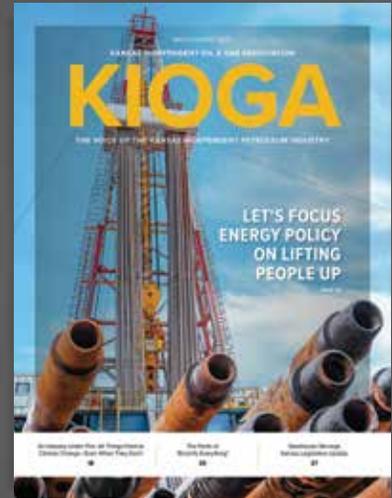
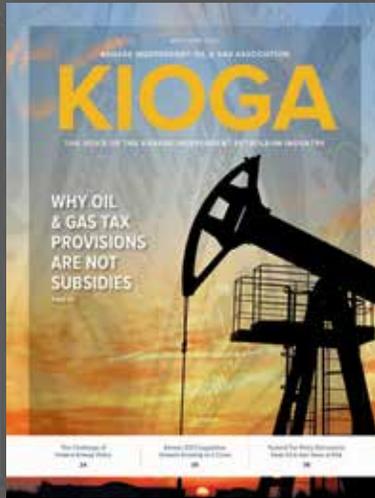
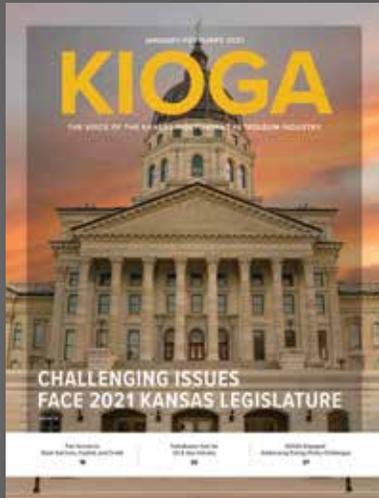
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# Federal Lawmakers from Energy States Urge Biden to **Withdraw Raskin Nomination**



*Sarah Bloom Raskin*

On January 28, KIOGA joined a letter with 41 oil and gas industry trade groups opposing the nomination of Sarah Bloom Raskin as Vice Chair for Supervision and a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Our opposition is based on her strong advocacy for debanking the oil and gas industry, and her position at the Federal Reserve would include setting policy and being a lead overseer of banks. Raskin appeared before the U.S. Senate Banking Committee on February 7. U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS) is a member of the U.S. Senate Banking Committee and questioned Ms. Raskin.

## **Senator Moran: The Federal Reserve Does Not Get to Pick Winners and Losers**



*Senator Moran*

“I want a federal reserve that is not going to pick winners and losers,” said Senator Moran. “I need greater assurance that you will not use the Fed to diminish the role of the energy sector or any other private sector. In my view, you have no opportunity, none, to try to discourage the oil and gas industry from existing or prospering. I am troubled by any of the nominees that believe there is a path to regulate a legally authorized, existing business.”

**Transcript of exchange:**

**SENATOR MORAN:** I am troubled by any of the nominees that believe there is a path to regulate a legally authorized, existing business. That's an issue for the political process. We talk about transition—you all talk about transition—the transition is societal shifts, its gambles, its predictions. It's not economics for the Fed to be engaged in trying to figure out the societal shifts of our nation. What am I missing?

**MS. RASKIN:** Thank you. The record for me is the record I have had as a bank commissioner in the state of Maryland, already as a Fed Governor and as Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and I can't state more emphatically than I already have that it is not the role of the Federal Reserve to get engaged in favoring one sector.

**SENATOR MORAN:** So, Ms. Raskin, if it's not the role, then are you saying you can't do it and won't do it?

**MS. RASKIN:** I'm saying I view it as outside the bounds of the law. The Federal Reserve was set up by Congress with particular mandates, and as a lawyer, I live within those mandates.

**SENATOR MORAN:** So let me ask you as a lawyer, is there a path you see in any fashion—if it is your view that you, the oil and gas industry and fossil fuels need to be diminished in the role of this nation, in our economy—is there any path for you to accomplish that as a member of the Federal Reserve?

**MS. RASKIN:** I certainly have not explored that and would imagine there is no such path.

**SENATOR MORAN:** I wish you would say that for me more firmly: that there is not a path, and there is nothing you can pursue.

**Senator Marshall Joined Senator Lankford to Lead Effort for U.S. Senate Letter requesting President Biden to Pull the Raskin Nomination**



*Senator Marshall*

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-KS) and Senator James Lankford (R-OK) led an effort to circulate a letter for Congressional members to sign on asking President Biden to pull the nomination of Sarah Bloom Raskin to be Vice Chair of Supervision at the

Federal Reserve. The letter was signed by 10 Republican U.S. Senators from states that rely heavily on the oil and gas sector and was sent to President Biden on February 16. "If regulators like Ms. Raskin start putting pressure on local banks not to lend to energy companies, it will be our smaller producers who will be impacted first, and as they start going out of business, energy prices will continue to rise," they wrote in the letter.

U.S. House Republicans, too, signaled their concern about the nomination in a letter to President Biden saying they were deeply troubled by her nomination. While U.S. Representatives may not vote on nominations, 40 members expressing concerns about an appointee should be taken seriously by their colleagues in the U.S. Senate. ❧

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# LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN

HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN





In February 11, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) opened public comment on a draft habitat conservation plan (HCP) and draft environmental assessment (EA) covering impacts to the lesser prairie chicken (LPC) from oil and gas development in the Great Plains. The draft HCP would provide for an Incidental Take Permit for the LPC under Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The HCP would cover all activities associated with oil and gas development across the LPC range in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. Under the HCP, industry participants would work with LPC Conservation, LLC to purchase service-approved mitigation to offset their project's impact to the LPC and its habitat on a voluntary basis. The comment period ended March 14. KIOGA reviewed the HCP and EA and submitted comments prior to the March 14 deadline.

If the USFWS decides to list the LPC as a threatened or endangered species, it could have serious consequences for oil and gas operators with operations and acreage in the LPC habitat areas. The draft HCP provides regulatory assurances to continue operations and development in the LPC habitat areas. However, the HCP imposes restrictions on oil and gas operations and requires payment of significant fees for any new drilling or construction projects.

KIOGA's comments on the draft HCP underscored the USFWS lack of consideration of the impacts of the HCP on the small businesses that make up the Kansas oil and gas industry. KIOGA's comments encouraged the USFWS to chart a different course to reduce regulatory burdens and encourage stakeholder involvement in the development of a free market approach to the conservation of the

LPC. KIOGA's comments encourage the USFWS to collaborate with stakeholders on positive solutions that protect the species without causing unnecessary harm to the livelihoods of the people.

The Biden administration proposed to list the LPC as a threatened/endangered species last year (2021). The USFWS is looking to expand federal protections of two distinct population segments of the LPC. USFWS is seeking to list the Southern Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of the LPC as endangered under the ESA and also believes the Northern DPS of the bird warrants protection as a threatened species with a rule issued under section 4(d) of the ESA. The northern segment includes Kansas. If both subspecies receive final protections as proposed, then the two DPSs of the LPC will be added to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and be covered by protections from the ESA.

The status of the LPC has long been a focus of environmental petitions and lawsuits, pursued the past 25 years by environmental advocacy organizations, with heightened legal activity experienced over the past decade. Notably, in 2014, the USFWS issued a final rule listing the LPC as a threatened species under the ESA (79 FR 19973) and concurrently published a final 4(d) rule for the bird (79 FR 20073). However, on September 1, 2015, this final listing rule for the LPC was vacated by the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, which also mooted the final 4(d) rule. On July 20, 2016, the USFWS published in the Federal Register a final rule that removed the LPC from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife in accordance with the court decision (81 FR 47047).

**“ IF THE USFWS DECIDES TO LIST THE LPC AS A THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES, IT COULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR OIL AND GAS OPERATORS WITH OPERATIONS AND ACREAGE IN THE LPC HABITAT AREAS.**

KIOGA has long advocated that the best scientific and commercial information available demonstrates that the LPC does not meet the ESA's definitions of either a threatened or endangered species. Through a combination of public and private efforts, the LPC is now better protected than at any previous time. A listing of threatened or endangered will not provide any additional conservation benefits above what already exists.

USFWS accepted comments last year (2021) regarding the proposed rule to list two DPSs of the LPC. KIOGA prepared and submitted comprehensive comments during the comment period in 2021. KIOGA's comments provided a body of information to support a “Not Warranted” USFWS determination for listing the LPC. ✎





## KIOGA Recommends More Flexibility and Cost Effectiveness in EPA Methane Regulations

**On January 28, the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) submitted comments on the EPA's proposed New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and Emissions Guidelines for oil and natural gas operations that were published in November 2021.**

“For over 12 years, KIOGA has been actively engaged in working with the EPA to promulgate NSPS for the oil and natural gas sector that are cost-effective, reasonable, and justified under the Clean Air Act,” said KIOGA President Edward Cross. “KIOGA’s message has been clear and consistent: EPA’s ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach to regulating the oil and natural gas industry is inappropriate and disproportionately impacts conventional, low production wells, and small businesses.”

In these latest comments, KIOGA provided recommendations on the EPA’s latest proposal to improve their cost effectiveness and workability for small businesses and low production wells. KIOGA suggested the following changes to the EPA proposal:

- EPA should retain a low production well distinction in the regulations. Regulations designed for large wells do not function appropriately for low production wells.

- EPA should restructure the regulation to provide that as wells decline to the low production well threshold, these wells would move into the low production well requirements.
- EPA should use the U.S. Tax Code definition of stripper wells as the low production well definition. Both the Tax Code definition and the proposed Subpart OOOOa definition use the same 15 barrels/day BOE basis. However, the Tax Code interpretation is well understood by both producers and federal regulators. Its use would prevent litigation over interpretation of the new Subpart OOOOa language.
- EPA should use the results of the DOE Quantification of Methane Emissions from Marginal Oil and Gas Wells project to develop low production well regulations, if any are cost effective.
- EPA could follow the path that it took with regard to a fugitive emissions program in the October 2016 CTG for existing oil and natural gas production facilities in Ozone nonattainment areas. In that action, EPA deferred the institution of a fugitive emissions program until an undefined future date. Given that the results of



the Department of Energy project are essential to developing sound regulations, if any are justified, this approach would be consistent with the CTG decision. However, if EPA is unwilling to defer action until it has an adequate fact base for regulation, the current Optical Gas Imaging requirements are inappropriate for low production wells, particularly if Subpart OOOOa regulations compel a Section 111(d) nationwide existing source regulatory action on the 770,000 low production wells scattered across the nation. Instead, EPA needs to develop an approach that limits the regulatory burden on low production wells and limits the record-keeping requirements that are so burdensome in most parts of the Subpart OOOOa proposal.

- EPA could be instructed by other EPA regulations such as the Clean Water Act Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan requirements that require annual facility inspections without extensive reporting requirements to EPA. A similar approach might be appropriate here. And, like the SPCC plan requirements, an annual visual inspection could provide for whatever maintenance was necessary to limit possible emissions. But, the key to any action must be to limit the regulatory burden unless, and until, appropriate low production well regulations are developed.

KIOGA is also an active member of the *Methane Coalition*. The *Methane Coalition* is a collaborative effort of more than 100 participants from industry trade associations and organizations across the U.S. The *Methane Coalition* submitted comprehensive comments on the proposed new EPA methane rule on January 31. KIOGA has been an active member of the Methane Coalition throughout the process. In addition to being recognized as a contributor to, and supporter

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of, the *Methane Coalition* comments, KIOGA submitted complementary comments. The comments submitted by KIOGA on January 28 focused on the significant cost-of-compliance issues and the need for EPA to recognize the low-production well emission profile.



**KDHE Response**—KIOGA has also communicated with the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) to provide information and resources on the cost to KDHE to implement the proposed EPA methane rule. The KDHE submitted excellent comments to the EPA on January 28.

**Going Forward**—EPA is taking a layered approach over the next six months to a year to implement its framework. EPA has received comments on the proposed new rule released in November 2021. After reviewing the comments, EPA appears to be planning a second, more specific proposal in 2022 that reflects the comments received. This will likely occur in the spring of 2022, which means the final methane rule would be promulgated in late 2022. Subsequently, states will then initiate their regulatory actions to develop regulations on a timeline that will extend into 2023. These actions remain unclear on both time and scope. More information will develop in the coming weeks/months. ✎

## CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO EPA

KIOGA also worked with U.S. Senator Marshall (R-KS) and U.S. Congressman Mann (R-KS) to develop a congressional letter to oppose the EPA proposed new methane rule. Senator Marshall is leading the effort with Senator Cruz (R-TX) as a co-sponsor. The letter is a bicameral effort with Representatives Mann (R-KS) and Arrington (R-TX) leading the House side.



U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-KS)



U.S. Representative Tracey Mann (R-KS)

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Event Name	Date	Location
AAPG Annual Convention & Exhibition 2022	April 10–13, 2022	Houston, TX
KIOGA 2022 Midyear Meeting	April 20–22, 2022	Russell, KS
SPE Improved Oil Recovery Conference	April 25–29, 2022	Virtual
NSWA 16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Energy Gala	May 6, 2022	Oklahoma City, OK
IOGCC Annual Business Meeting	May 15–17, 2022	Oklahoma City, OK
The Energy Council <i>Energy &amp; Environment Conference</i>	June 9–12, 2022	Overland Park, KS
IPAA Midyear Meeting	July 20–22, 2022	Colorado Springs, CO
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