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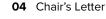
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ANDREA KRAUSS KIOGA CHAIR

## and will be over before we know it. As the summer is nearing its end, it is time,

once again, for our annual convention. This year marks our 86<sup>th</sup> annual convention, and we are going to "Welcome you Aboard the KIOGA Cruise Ship," while "Charting the Course for Energy."

Adam Petz and his convention committees have been hard at work with the assistance of Convention Coordinator, Holly McGinnis, to plan an informative and enjoyable convention. The convention will kick off at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, with the Annual Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting to hear about the advocacy work KIOGA has been doing on your behalf over the past year. In addition, elections will be held for expiring board and officer positions. On Sunday evening, we will have an opportunity to visit with old friends and network with new acquaintances at the Chairman's Reception.

This year's keynote speaker is Steve Goreham, and we will hear from him during Monday's Annual Membership Luncheon. Mr. Goreham is a well-known author and public speaker, whose newest book, *Green Breakdown: The Coming Renewable Energy Failure*, will be released on August 1. He will discuss the "Energy Crisis, Net Zero, and Oil & Gas: Possible Futures."

# GAIN INSIGHTS INTO THE ENERGY FUTURE AT THE KIOGA 2023 ANNUAL CONVENTION & EXPO

Four break-out sessions are also planned for Monday. In the morning sessions, we will once again hear directly from our congressional delegation about energy policy issues currently under discussion in Congress. Alternatively, we will also have an opportunity to hear from Dr. Jay Kalbas, Director of the Kansas Geological Survey, about "Energy, Water, Hazards, Defense, and Materials: New Perspectives on Research and Service Work at the Kansas Geological Survey." During the afternoon sessions, we have the option of listening to a panel from the Kansas Corporation Commission discussing "Current Conservation Issues and Prospective Challenges" or a presentation on "ESG for Low Volume Wells" by David Stewart, CSO and VP of Environmental Solutions for Greenfield Environmental Solutions Group.

In between sessions on Monday, be sure to check out the vendors at the trade show and thank them for coming out to support the convention. We will round out a busy day on Monday with a cocktail party hosted by Kansas Strong and, following that, Aboard the KIOGA Cruise Ship where we will

enjoy great food and great fun. The convention will close on Tuesday with the annual golf tournament at Crestview Country Club, sporting clays at Michael Murphy & Sons Sporting Clays, the Bingo Bash at the Hyatt Regency, and, new this year, a pickleball tournament at Chicken N' Pickle.

Before you head to the convention, be sure to stock up on merchandise featuring the new KIOGA logo. All orders placed by July 31 will be available for pick up at the convention registration booth on August 20. Visit the online KIOGA store at: http://perfectprintllc.com/kioga/shop/home.

Thanks to the hard work of the convention committees and our many generous sponsors, I am confident this year's convention will be a big success. So, please, take a break for a couple of days and join us in Wichita on August 20–22. Until then, stay cool!  $\kappa$ 

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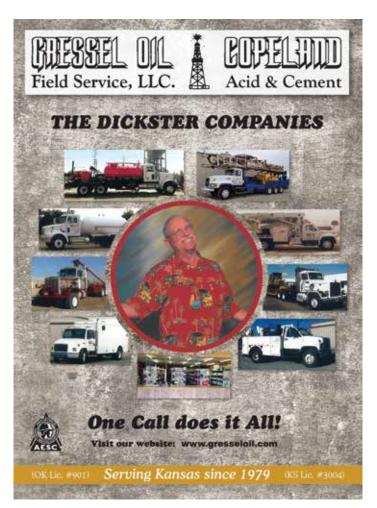
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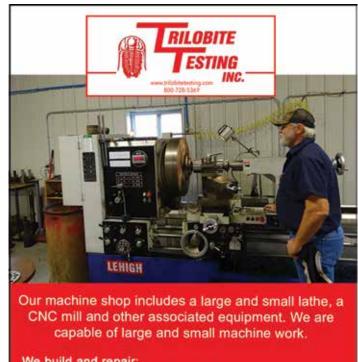
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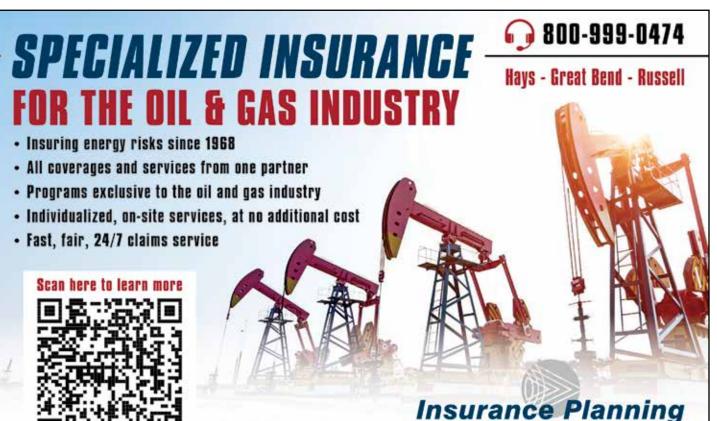




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As we approach the 2023 KIOGA Annual Convention, we have many reasons to celebrate. The last two years have been very challenging for everyone. President Biden and his supporters continue to look for every opportunity to attack, weaken, and destroy domestic oil and natural gas production. It has been impressive to me to see how oil and gas producers have responded to challenging times and adversity. It is an honor to work for this association and the members that make the Kansas oil and gas industry so special. I am lucky to be able to work on things I like to work on, but even more lucky to get to work with the men and women that make up this great industry. Thank you for what you do!

## LET'S CELEBRATE THE KANSAS OIL & GAS INDUSTRY!

A Message from your KIOGA President, Edward Cross

Looking back at the challenges Kansas's independent oil and gas producers have faced over the past 86 years and the multitude of political barriers we have overcome, ours is the ultimate story of blood, sweat, tears, willpower, unity, and passion. As independents, we know the oil and natural gas business is fraught with tremendous risk and carries extreme geological, commercial, and financial exposure. These very challenges have defined the generations of Kansas independent oil and gas producers who have played and continue to play a vital role in meeting our nation's energy needs. And it is time to celebrate the industry's accomplishments.

Our nation's 21<sup>st</sup>-century oil and natural gas exploration and production success has made domestically produced oil and natural gas economical and abundant. This market-driven success has helped our nation achieve significant emission reductions. The oil and natural

ral gas industry significantly reduced U.S. energy-related  $\mathrm{CO_2}$  emissions by 140 million tons last year. That's more than any other country. Since 2005, U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have fallen by 12%, total  $\mathrm{CO_2}$  emissions have fallen by 14%, methane emissions have fallen by 4%, and power sector  $\mathrm{CO_2}$  emissions have fallen by 33%. Over the same period, natural gas production was up 93%, natural gas consumption was up 41%, and natural gas-fired electric generation was up 108%.

Contrary to what many activists espouse, fossil fuels and environmental stewardship are not and never have been mutually exclusive. The fact is that responsible oil and natural gas development has been and will continue to be a key component to making the U.S. a world leader in emission reduction.

The history of the Kansas oil and gas industry is an American story of



industrious entrepreneurs who exhibited the pioneering spirit this country is known for, of innovation, speculation, and perseverance. All contributed to the founding and development of the Kansas oil and gas industry, which has and continues to transform the world.

The Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) is proud to be a part of the history of the Kansas oil industry and looks forward to being a part of the ongoing history of our industry. From our beginning in 1937, KIOGA has grown from a small group of producers into the lead state and national advocate for Kansas independent oil and natural gas producers, working alongside other national, state, and regional associations to assure networking opportunities and facilitate the effortless exchange of educational materials and information on our nation's vital production of oil and natural gas resources. KIOGA is driven and

led by a robust membership of nearly 3,000 members. Successfully advocating on behalf of Kansas' independent oil and natural gas producers for more than 86 years, KIOGA continues to stand as the primary voice for Kansas independent oil and gas producers.

Today, crude oil and natural gas market dynamics, federal and state policy issues, government regulation, and constant litigation by environmentalist opponents are fundamental challenges to independent producers. Yet, independents simply will not give up. They never have, despite the challenges, because risk-taking is a way of life.

Looking to the future, independents will continue to occupy the front lines, carrying hope, resourcefulness, and know-how to meet an increasing need for oil and natural gas.

The media recently asked me about the Kansas oil and gas industry story, what it means, and what is important to know about the Kansas oil and gas industry. I told them the oil and gas industry is an exciting industry where innovation is a constant. I want people to know how hard the Kansas oil and gas industry works and how focused our industry is on performance and continuous improvement. Our industry never stops thinking about the next improvement, technology, or innovation that will improve our nation's energy security. But most importantly, I want people to know that the Kansas oil and gas industry isn't just working hard on what we learned. We are working hard to improve on what we can do in the future!  $\kappa$ 

Edward P. Cross

KIOGA President

# EARLY POLLS INDICATE BIDEN TRAILS IN 2024 GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

AHEAD OF THE 2024 ELECTION and after formally announcing his reelection bid, President Joe Biden is facing low approval ratings and skepticism about his mental and physical fitness to serve in the White House, according to a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll.

The survey found Biden's approval ratings have reached a new low point at 36%. In addition, 56% of respondents disapproved of Biden. And just a third of Americans believe Biden has the mental acuity to serve as president, with 32% of respondents saying Biden has the "mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president." Only 33% of respondents think Biden is also physically fit to serve.

Biden is also trailing behind currently announced Republican candidates. Some 42% of voting-age respondents said they would definitely or probably vote for Florida Governor Ron DeSantis compared to 37% who would vote for Biden, and 21% are undecided.

## REPUBLICANS RELEASE TOP HOUSE SEAT TARGETS FOR 2024

The National Republican Congressional Committee will target 37 Democratic seats—sending the message that they are looking to expand their majority in 2024 rather than play defense. Several of the targets include members who won the last cycle with less than 1 percentage point. Republicans hold a slim House majority—just four seats.

"Republicans are in the majority and on offense. We will grow our House majority by building strong campaigns around talented recruits in these districts who can communicate the dangers of Democrats' extreme agenda," said NRCC Chairman Richard Hudson (R-NC).  $\kappa$ 

## **POLLS SHOW**

## AMERICANS PREFER ENERGY AFFORDABILITY AND CHOICE OVER THE CLIMATE AGENDA

A couple of recent polls indicate that Americans prefer energy affordability and choice over the climate agenda, and they certainly do not want to pay for it.

An April 2023 AP poll showed that only 49% of Americans believe climate change is caused by humans—down from 61% in 2018. Only 38% said they would offer \$1 per month to address it.

The American Energy Alliance and the Committee to Unleash Prosperity sponsored a nationwide survey of 1,000 likely voters (3.1% margin of error) conducted by MWR Strategies in May.

The results of the new survey make it clear that voters prefer energy affordability and choice over government efforts to address climate change, and they overwhelmingly reject the associated costs. Despite the narrative driven by the media, there has been little change in voter sentiment with respect to energy and climate change. If anything, voters have even less trust in government when it comes to the types of energy we use or the vehicles we drive.

The survey asked about a tax on carbon dioxide. This year, a tax on carbon dioxide was opposed by a margin of 44 percentage points (65–21). Last year, it was opposed by a margin of 40 points (63–23). The year before, it was opposed by 34 points (62–38). When asked about banning gasoline-powered vehicles. This year, it was opposed by a margin of 67 points (82–15). Last year, it was opposed by a margin of 63 points (76–13). The year before, it was opposed by a margin of 66 points (75–9).

In short, there has been a lot of durability of sentiment on this issue, and where there has been change, it has run counter to the policy preferences of the left.  $\kappa$ 





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## IT'S SUPER SERIOUS THIS TIME



he U.N. recently issued another alarmist climate report. It is another final warning on the climate crisis from the hallucinating green-at-any-cost movement. We've heard these cries many times before. It's the climate hysterics saying the world will end soon ... again.

"There is still one last chance to shift course," the report says. "But it would require industrialized nations to join together immediately to slash greenhouse gases roughly in half by 2030. The world would have about a 50% chance of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Delays of even a few years would most likely make that goal unattainable, guaranteeing a hotter, more perilous future."

They always make it sound so dramatic and dire.

#### HERE ARE THE KEY POINTS:

- Eliminating all U.S. fossil fuel consumption by 2030 would reduce global average temperatures by less than two-tenths of a degree (0.139°C) in 2100.
- Even if every participating country of the Paris
  Agreement met its emission pledges through the end
  of the century, global average temperatures would be
  just 0.17 degrees lower.
- Climate-related deaths are down 98.9% in the last 100 years.
- We have decreased criteria air pollutants by 78%.
- And, even when 50% of the cars were taken off the road during the COVID-19 lockdowns, the impact on air was imperceptible, and air quality even got worse in some areas of the U.S.

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### HERE ARE SOME PREVIOUS CLAIMS, ALL OF COURSE UNFOUNDED:

- In 1987, then-U.S. Senator Joe Biden said, "Global warming, should it occur according to the direst predictions, would be a catastrophe of biblical proportions for the entire world."
- In 1989, a United Nations study predicted that by 2000, entire nations would be wiped off the face of the earth from global warming.
- In 1995, another U.N. study predicted that rising sea levels would cause most of the beaches on the east coast of the United States to disappear by 2020.
- In 2014, in a joint appearance with then-Secretary of State John Kerry, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said, "We have 500 days to avoid climate chaos."

You get the point. More scare tactics are used by progressives to advance their agenda. Numerous others are equally preposterous and meant to frighten the daylights out of people, using emotion rather than logic.

Biden has gotten into the act again. In August 2019, while campaigning, Biden called for the "complete total elimination of fossil fuels by the year 2050." He still trumpets that when he's not conceding that we need oil and natural gas "for at least another decade."

We do not dispute that the world is warming slightly. But we take strong exception to the false claims that the world as we know it will end in 2030, 2040, 2050, etc.

Reducing our global carbon footprint is an attainable goal that we should continue to pursue. But Americans have grown tired of the repeated "dire" predictions that never come true.  $\kappa$ 



e have recently seen some big bank collapses. First Republic Bank declared proudly that it would not support or lend money to the fossil fuel industry. When a bank tells us they don't want to make money, we believe them.

- First Republic Bank, which recently required a \$30 billion bailout from its industry peers to stay afloat, became the first large U.S. bank to stop lending to the fossil fuels industry in 2021, achieving carbon neutrality that same year.
- It pledged to remain 100% carbon neutral.
- It also said it would purchase totally renewable energy.

A popular tool of the anti-fossil fuel movement is the ever-increasing use of "Environmental, Social, and Governance," or ESG, criteria for investment. The end goal of the Environmental portion of ESG is a "net zero economy"—that is, net zero carbon emissions by 2050, as per the Paris Climate Accords.

Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) also had a sizable green investment strategy.

- It was the go-to bank for cleantech start-ups.
- SVB was also instrumental in helping launch community solar projects.
- Before the collapse, the bank boasted that it financed or helped finance 62% of community solar projects in America.

That didn't work out so well, either.

BlackRock is only one of many institutional investors to advocate for ESG; from banks to rating agencies to even the SEC, the use of ESG criteria for judging companies' worth is certainly prominent on Wall Street and in Washington.

How the advocates intend to both give rise to the "net zero transition" while avoiding divesting from oil and gas has yet to be demonstrated.

ESG was not the only cause of any of the recent bank collapses. Rising interest rates, hot deposits, and faulty asset-liability management contributed to their demise.

At the very least, the recent run of bank collapses offers still more proof that ESG does not lead to better business performance or investment outcomes.

Banks like First Republic rolled the dice and lost. They are now bankrupt, thanks, at least in part, to their adoption of ESG policies. Guess "Go Woke, Go Broke" really is a thing.  $\kappa$ 

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IOGA continues to be engaged in addressing energy policy challenges. KIOGA has provided input to key federal policymakers on President Biden's fiscal year (FY) 2024 budget, national energy policy, energy tax issues, EPA oil and natural gas methane emission issues, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) lesser prairie chicken concerns, and more. In addition to the Kansas Congressional Delegation, KIOGA has communicated with over 30 key federal policymakers (both Democrat and Republican) this year.

"We cannot be silent with this Congress," said Edward Cross, KIOGA President. "We must voice our concerns. The oil and gas industry has proven that, over the long term, it is possible to lead in energy production and environmental stewardship. The key is to avoid placing unnecessary political or legal obstacles in the way of innovation and expansion. American energy policies that value innovation over regulation can turn energy policy challenges into great opportunities for economic growth and energy security. This approach is not just good business; it's good stewardship and a much better strategy for improving the quality of life for all."

#### KIOGA MEETS WITH KEY FEDERAL POLICYMAKERS



KIOGA met with over 30 key federal policymakers in mid-May. KIOGA President Edward Cross met with the U.S. Republican Study Committee, the U.S. Republican Policy Committee, the U.S. House

Energy Action Team (HEAT), members of the U.S. House Ways & Means Committee, members of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), U.S. Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), and more. Overall, KIOGA met with over 30 members of Congress (both Republican and Democrat).

KIOGA discussed the debt ceiling negotiations, the need to retain critical oil and gas tax provisions (percentage depletion and IDCs), methane tax and methane regulatory issues, electric grid issues including electric rates, the EPA proposals on fossil-fuel-fired power plants, EPA proposal on tailpipe emissions, and lesser prairie chicken delisting resolutions. The meetings were very productive. A vast majority of the Senators and Representatives said they will not support tax increases. That means eliminating key oil and gas tax provisions like percentage depletion and IDCs will not likely pass Congress this year. U.S. Senator Manchin said he told President Biden and U.S. Senate Leader Schumer that he would only vote for things that were not left-wing crazy.

#### U.S. HOUSE AND U.S. SENATE PASS BILL TO RAISE DEBT CEILING



The U.S. House on May 31 and the U.S. Senate on June 1 passed a measure to suspend the debt ceiling. The legislation—which was crafted through negotiations between President Biden, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), and their designees—cleared the U.S. House (314-117) on May 31. Kansas Representa-

tives Laturner, Estes, and Davids voted in favor of passage.

Representative Mann voted against the passage. The measure passed the U.S. Senate 63-36 on June 1, with Kansas Senator Moran voting in favor of passage and Senator Marshall voting against passage.

"Passing the Fiscal Responsibility Act is a crucial first step for putting America back on track," McCarthy said on the House floor on May 31. "It does what is responsible for our children, what is possible in divided government, and what is required by our principles and promises." "Yes, it may not include everything we need to do," he continued, "but it is absolutely what we need to do right now."

The bill suspends the debt limit through January 1, 2025, while also implementing a slew of cost-cutting measures, including new spending caps over the next two years and a clawback of billions of dollars of unspent COVID-19 funds. It also includes permitting reform, puts an end date on Biden's pause on student loan repayments, beefs up work requirements for federal assistance programs, and rescinds funding appropriated to the Internal Revenue Service as part of the Inflation Reduction Act that Democrats passed last summer.

## U.S. HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION ROLLING BACK THE ADMINISTRATIVE STATE



The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed legislation that would dramatically roll back government bureaucracy and put more control in the hands of elected officials. We continue to see administrative agencies that are truly engaged in the practice of changing, altering, repealing, and amending laws after the fact and doing so unapologetically. In fact, they're saying without much bashfulness that their role and responsibility at the agency level is to improve upon a statute if they disagree with it.

U.S. Representative Kat Cammack (R-FL) introduced the Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act earlier this year. The bill targets rulemaking



from the executive branch and would mandate that every new "major rule" proposed by federal agencies must be approved by both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate before going into effect.

The current iteration of the REINS Act describes a "major rule" as any federal rule or regulation that may result in an annual economic effect of more than \$100 million, a major increase in consumer prices, or adverse effects on competition, employment, and investment, among other strictures.

"Today, I think people can all agree, regardless of what political affiliation you have, that there is a new fourth branch of government, and it's the regulatory regime," said Cammack. "It's been weaponized by both parties ... instead of going through the traditional legislative process, we now have nameless, faceless bureaucrats in basements all over Washington, D.C., making law, implementing the law, without any accountability or consequences."

## U.S. SENATORS CRAMER & COONS INTRODUCE PROVE IT ACT





U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer (R-ND) and Chris Coons (D-DE) introduced the Providing Reliable, Objective, Verifiable Emissions Intensity & Transparency (PROVE IT) Act in June. The PROVE IT Act would direct the

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to conduct a comprehensive study comparing the emissions intensity of certain

goods produced in the United States (including oil and natural gas) to the emissions of those same goods produced in other countries. The PROVE IT Act is designed to underscore that American manufacturing and production is among the cleanest in the world. It is thought the Act will bolster transparency around global emissions intensity data to hold countries with dirtier production accountable. KIO-GA is closely monitoring the measure and providing information to make policymakers aware that this could be leading to a carbon tax.

#### ANN CARLSON'S NOMINATION TO NHTSA WITHDRAWN

Good News! KIOGA joined a coalition opposing the nomination of Ann Carlson as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in April. Our coalition was successful in achieving our goal—stopping the confirmation of Ann Carlson as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The U.S. Senate Commerce Committee requested loud support to take down the nomination of Ann Carlson to head up the NHTSA. The NHTSA is an agency KIOGA usually doesn't engage with, but with the Biden administration's whole-of-government approach, any agency can become a tool to force a transition away from oil and natural gas, this time through highly restrictive vehicle fuel economy standards designed to force a switch to electric vehicles.

KIOGA joined a letter from several oil and gas associations opposing the nomination of Ann Carlson as Administrator of the NHTSA. KIOGA also communicated our opposition

to U.S. Senate Commerce Committee members Jerry Moran (R-KS), Todd Young (R-IN), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), and Jon Tester (D-MT).

The U.S. Senate Commerce Committee contacted us on May 30 to thank us for taking a stand. Committee staff indicated that the collection of oil and gas associations played a key role in achieving the withdrawal of a nominee who intended to use her position to try to bring about the demise of the internal combustion engine and, by extension, our industry.

#### **GOING FORWARD**

Good advocacy requires quality analytical work, and KIOGA continually updates our fact sheets and reference material. In preparation for the meetings with key policymakers, KI-OGA revised many of our fact sheets, white papers, and reference material and provided copies to each member and/or their staff. Among the topics discussed were:

- The role of independent oil and natural gas producers in the U.S.
- How oil and natural gas are explored and brought to development
- The importance of capital and the need for tax policy that supports American development, namely the preservation of percentage depletion and IDCs
- The importance of small businesses that produce American oil that offsets the need for foreign oil
- · The facts about emissions and more.

The bottom line is that we still have many challenges ahead of us. KIOGA will continue our vigilant efforts to reach across party lines to work with those in both parties who understand the significance of small independent producers to America's well-being. We have made tremendous efforts, but the battle is far from over. We will continue to bring our industry's case directly to those in Congress throughout 2023 and beyond.  $\kappa$ 





xpansion of federal regulations affecting oil and natural gas production continues to grow. KIOGA's advocacy efforts for the problems our industry faces have only gotten more urgent. Active engagement by KIOGA and our allies is necessary to minimize the damage to the industry as the Biden administration seeks to implement dubious regulatory policy decisions. Since there is no room to include an in-depth look into all of KIOGA's efforts in every magazine issue, please check our website at www.kioga.org for all the latest information on KIOGA's efforts on behalf of the Kansas independent oil and natural gas industry. Some of the most recent federal regulatory actions in which KIOGA has been involved are summarized here.

## EPA OIL & GAS METHANE EMISSION UPDATE

KIOGA participated as a member of the 29-state oil and gas associations industry methane coalition in a meeting with EPA policy folks on May 18 to discuss issues with the EPA's proposed methane rule for oil and gas. The main points discussed included:

- Existing oil and natural gas facilities are far more numerous than the EPA methane proposal was designed to manage.
- Hundreds of thousands of existing oil and natural gas facilities are low-production wells operated by small businesses where EPA proposed methane regulations could make them uneconomic with no substantive environmental benefits.

 The EPA proposed oil and gas methane rule presents an unnecessary potential federalstate conflict that adversely affects producers.

The meeting appeared productive for conveying many small producer concerns with the EPA's proposed oil and gas methane rule. We will wait to see if the EPA listened.

#### EPA EMISSION STANDARDS FOR NEW VEHICLES—EFFECTIVELY "MANDATE" TRANSITION TO ELEC-TRIC VEHICLES

The EPA recently proposed emissions standards for new vehicles that are so stringent that they effectively mandate automakers produce electric vehicles (EVs) even if Americans do not want them. The EPA projects these standards would result in two-thirds



of all new passenger car and light truck sales being EVs by 2032, even though EVs account for just 6% of new vehicle sales today.

The proposed radical vehicle fuel economy standards run contrary to the law, diminish vehicle choice, impose higher costs on American families, and undermine our national and energy security while benefiting China.

The Domestic Energy Producers Alliance (DEPA) filed a lawsuit against the EPA last year on the EPA's first vehicle emission standards. KIOGA is a member of DEPA, and KIOGA President Edward Cross is a DEPA executive board member. The lawsuit challenges whether EPA has the authority to force such changes. Attorneys representing DEPA in the lawsuit said the DEPA case was very strong. The DEPA lawsuit has been joined by the agriculture industry, including biofuel producers. Interestingly, API has decided not to join the lawsuit.

A letter, signed by 27 congressional leaders, to EPA Administrator Michael Regan at the end of May urged the withdrawal of the recently announced emissions standards on American-made vehicles. In the letter, lawmakers warn that the EPA's regulations would force a transition to electric vehicles from internal combustion engines without proper congressional authorization.

"These proposals effectively mandate a costly transition to electric cars and trucks in the absence of congressional direction, and the agency should immediately rescind both proposals," the senators told Administrator Regan. "Forcing a transition to battery electric vehicles (BEVs) through regulation without explicit delegated authority from Congress violates the separation of powers, as reaffirmed by the Supreme Court's decision in West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency, 142 S. Ct. 2587 (2022)."

In their letter to the head of the EPA. the senators also reviewed a range of other concerns with the EPA's emission standards proposals, including disregard for consumer choice and affordability. "The erosion of choice and affordability of vehicles will profoundly impact how American families run errands, get to school, commute to work, and recreate. Additionally, there are serious concerns about the range of electric vehicles and their performance in rural areas of the country, where people may have to drive much longer distances to reach a charger, especially in locations where cold weather can impact the range the vehicle can drive," explained officials. In addition to doubts about the legality of the EPA's proposals, the agency's rules also currently lack the support of infrastructure capacity to implement such a sweeping transition as envisioned in the proposals, noted senators.

#### EPA UNVEILS RADICAL NEW RULE ON FOSSIL FUEL-FIRED POWER PLANTS

In mid-May, the EPA announced its proposed new rule on emissions from fossil fuel-fired power plants. Kansas Senators Moran and Marshall, along with Kansas Congressman LaTurner and Mann, reached out for KIOGA's position on the issue. On May 15, KI-OGA President Edward Cross distrib-

uted a summary of our opposition to the newly proposed EPA power plant rule to the entire Kansas congressional delegation as well as 17 other key federal policymakers. KIOGA stated that the proposed rule—one that is being inflicted without the consent of Congress—needlessly requires carbon capture on existing coal- and naturalgas-fired power plants. The proposed rule is a prime example of an unelected federal agency runs amok, with a single-minded agenda of eliminating fossil fuels and controlling how we produce and consume energy regardless of the costs of consequences, all while doing nothing to mitigate changing climate. KIOGA also expressed our opposition to the proposal to over 30 congressional members (both Republican and Democrat).

On June 21, U.S. Representative Jake LaTurner (R-KS) and James Comer (R-KY)—members of the U.S. House Oversight and Accountability Committee—sent a letter to EPA Administrator Michael Regan expressing concern that the agency failed to properly consider the cost impacts and technological feasibility of the rule.

"It is difficult to overstate the threat that the proposed performance standards pose to grid reliability in the United States," they wrote in the letter. "If the proposed rule went into effect, it would have the strongest impact on power plants supplying baseload power to the electric grid."

The lawmakers said that carbon capture technology remains "largely untested at scale" and where it is currently used, the technology achieves lower capture rates than those required under the proposal.  $\kappa$ 



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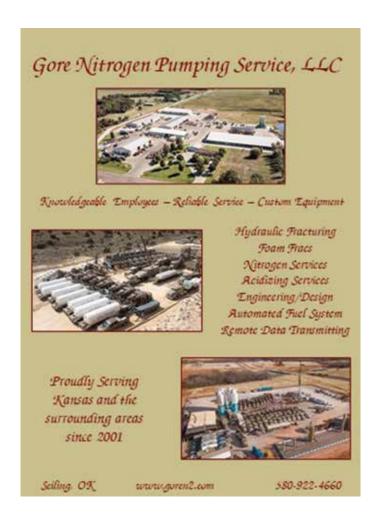


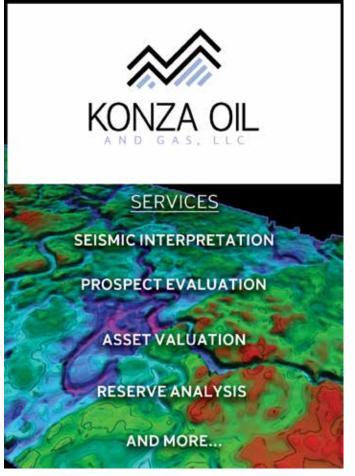
#### **WILDFIRES AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Climate activists and some "progressive" politicians are proclaiming that the smoky skies that engulfed the eastern U.S. from Canadian wildfires are another sign that the climate apocalypse is at hand. In reality, they are a reminder that government policies to mitigate the impact of natural disasters matter more than those to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The biggest culprit is poor forest management, which has accumulated fuel over decades. This hardly gets a mention in media reports nor from anti-fossil fuel politicians. The reality is that even if U.S. banks stopped financing fossil-fuel projects today, global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions would rise for decades owing to growing coal production in India and China. Another inconvenient truth is that government policies to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be swamped by wildfire emissions.

Government land management policies that prevent wildfires from spreading out of control, such as prescribed burns, would reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions more than renewable energy mandates or electric-vehicle mandates. But this doesn't fit with the climate alarmist narrative. K





## Hyped-up Hydrogen Fuel Still Needs Natural Gas Sources



he benefits of hydrogen for generating power from fuel cells are well-documented, whether for vehicles or commercial electricity production. Hydrogen combines with atmospheric oxygen in an oxidation/reduction reaction to produce electricity, with water and heat as the only byproducts. This avoids waste products like sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide. However, many folks may not have a clear understanding of the sources of hydrogen.

Hydrogen, the most abundant of all elements, makes up more than 90% of all atoms. Hydrogen is almost always atomically bound to something else, and to separate an appreciable volume of hydrogen gas, these bonds must be severed. There is plenty of hydrogen around, but not in a usable form.

Hydrogen contains no stored energy like wood, coal, oil, or uranium.

Thus, it is not considered an energy source; rather, it is an energy carrier, like electricity. Also, like electricity, hydrogen requires a great deal of infrastructure to produce in commercial

quantities, is difficult to store, and suffers losses and added costs when transported. When converting energy from a source (e.g., oil, natural gas, coal) to an energy carrier, inefficiencies occur.

The efficiencies involved in the production of electricity vary dramatically, from a

low of about 30% to a high of about 90%, with the midpoint being about 40%. Predicting what efficiency levels will be in the ensuing years, when hydrogen presumably would become a more widespread energy carrier, is a subject of great debate. Fuel cell technology is an integral part of clean energy solutions.

Currently, the global hydrogen industry is a large and rapidly growing industry worldwide; about one-fifth as much volume of hydrogen is produced as there is natural gas produced each year. About 48% is derived from natural gas, 30% from oil, and 18% from coal. Only 4% comes from dissociating water with electricity. Generating hydrogen from electricity makes no sense from an environmental or economic perspective. Hydrogen and electricity are both energy carriers, both cost about the same to transport, and once in the grid, electricity is a "clean" energy source. It doesn't make sense to use one "clean" energy source to generate another "clean" energy source.

If we use hydrogen to generate power from fuel cells, where would

all this hydrogen come from? The best source of hydrogen is methane, which, of course, comes from natural gas. Natural gas is widely viewed as the easiest fuel from which to derive hydrogen. Obviously, if hydrogen were used for transportation, demand for natural gas would increase. Fortunately, our nation has abundant reserves of natural gas to meet this demand. And the American oil and natural gas industry has the capital and know-how essential for converting these reserves of natural gas into supplies for consumers.

So, what does this mean for oil and natural gas producers? In a hydrocarbon-based energy system like the one we have, the only way to generate hydrogen is to produce more hydrocarbons. The nuclear alternative has its own problems because if hydrogen is generated by high temperature, it must be done at the nuclear plant and transported. If it is done using electrolysis, after the electricity is transported, then efficiency becomes the problem that needs improvement.

The only thing that makes any sense, if hydrogen is the desired fuel for vehicles, is to provide the natural gas feedstock for all the hydrogen that we are going to need. Demand for natural gas would increase. This, in turn, would encourage exploration and development activities for more natural gas.

In short, let's drill some hydrogen feedstock wells and supply the market with the fuel for which they so vehemently clamor.  $\kappa$ 



is the efficiency and cost of renewable energy comparable to

#### FOSSIL FUELS FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION?

enewable energy advocates often claim that advances in renewable energy technologies have made renewable energy sources as efficient and cost-effective as fossil fuels for electricity generation. However, that is not true when you look at the total picture.

The improvements in renewable energy technologies are much less significant than people think. The reason is because of partial cost accounting. When looking at the cost of energy, you always need to recognize that energy is a process. When you're looking at electricity, for example, you need to look at the sum of the cost necessary to end up with reliable electricity.

When using solar and wind, you always have to compensate for the inherent unreliability of solar and wind. Solar and wind can always go near zero. For example, in Texas, one of the leading places for wind and, to some extent, solar, in 2021, during the winter storm, it went to 1% of its theoretical capacity, which is basically zero. To have full reliability, you need a 100% reliable system. And that can be duplication by fossil fuels, nuclear, or some sort of battery. Batteries are very, very, very expensive to store

relatively small amounts of energy. In practice, electricity utilities use fossil fuels and then have the solar and wind mostly duplicated on top of that.

In places like Germany, they have two systems. They have an unreliable system and a reliable system. Germans pay for both, which is why their consumer electricity prices have doubled in the last 20 years. In other places like California and Texas, they've tried to play "reliability chicken." They have a bunch of unreliable solar and wind, and then they don't want to pay the full price of having a fully reliable system, so they have inadequate reliable capacity. This has led to blackouts in both California and Texas.

What happens when you hear claims of vast declines in the price is that they're not looking at the price of the full process. They're usually looking at the price of the solar panels and wind turbines themselves.

Unfortunately, the most expensive part of solar and wind is the need to back it up all the time. Solar and wind have not gotten to the point where they can be self-sufficient. Wind and solar are not yet a replacement for fossil fuels for electricity. The only way to have a full replacement would

be to have some sort of amazing storage that doesn't exist at all or some way of combining them at very long distances, which doesn't exist at all. Currently, wind and solar are very much supplemental sources; in most cases, they make things more expensive.

One of the problems with our electric grid today is that you are allowed to sell unreliable electricity to the grid if you're a solar and wind producer, and you get paid the same as a reliable electricity provider. And in fact, because Congress passed \$400 billion-plus of subsidies, wind, and solar producers actually get paid more. What we need is a system where everyone who's generating electricity has to provide reliable electricity.

If you want to use solar and wind, great, but you have to provide the batteries, and you have to provide the fossil fuel backup. Then we can figure out where solar and wind can actually be used cheaply. But so far, they are not reducing costs; they are adding costs both in terms of the prices we pay and also in terms of more frequent blackouts.  $\kappa$ 

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this challenging year, filled with anticipation over uncertain action toward regulation and policy, KIOGA invites you to attend our 2023 Annual Convention as we proudly enter our 86<sup>th</sup> year with a focus on "Charting the Course for Energy." Each year, KIOGA's Annual Convention & Expo brings together industry leaders, expert practitioners, and policymakers. This year's convention is no exception, but in this challenging year, attending this year's convention is more important than ever! We need to hear how these issues, concerns, and challenges affect you and your business.



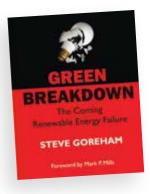
An outstanding program has been developed offering you excellent speakers and entertainment. Come join us on August 20–22, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency/Century II Performing Arts & Convention Center in Wichita, Kansas for the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Expo. With a strong

representation of exceptional speakers, panel discussions, seminars, and exhibitors, the KIOGA 2023 Annual Convention & Expo is gearing up to continue its reputation as the leading oil and gas event in Kansas. Whether you are an industry veteran or just starting your career, the KIOGA 2023 Annual Convention & Expo is a can't-miss event! Register today and take advantage of all the convention has to offer.

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



KIOGA is pleased to announce that **Steve Goreham** will be our featured keynote
speaker for the 86<sup>th</sup> KIOGA Annual
Convention and Expo.



Steve Goreham is a speaker, an author, a researcher on environmental issues, and an independent columnist. He's the Executive Director of the Climate Science Coalition of America and an advisor to The Heartland Institute. Goreham is the author of four books, including his latest, *Green* 

Breakdown: The Coming Renewable Energy Failure. Goreham holds a B.S. and M.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago. Goreham will present *Energy Crisis*, *Net Zero*, *and Oil & Gas: Possible Futures*.

#### **CONVENTION OPENING ACTIVITIES**

KIOGA's 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will kick off on Sunday afternoon, August 20 with the KIOGA Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting.



Sunday evening is the *Chairman's reception* for all to enjoy and visit. Help us congratulate Andrea Krauss on a job well done during her term as KIOGA Chair. In addition, you can enjoy the music of the William Flynn Trio.

For the 24<sup>th</sup> year in a row, KIOGA is excited to host our two-day trade show and Expo on August 20 and 21. The trade show will be located in the Expo Hall. The trade show will kick off on Sunday, August 20, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with cocktails and open bars throughout the trade show. Make sure you visit the exhibitor booths to see the latest products and services available to the oil and gas industry!

## BUFFET BREAKFAST IN THE EXPO HALL

On Monday morning (August 21), we are excited to provide a buffet breakfast for all meeting registrants in the exhibitor area of Expo Hall. Come enjoy breakfast, stop by exhibitor booths, visit with other producers and friends, and enjoy yourself.



#### **MORNING SEMINARS**

#### **MONDAY**

10 a.m.–11 a.m. (Redbud Room B,C)



Following breakfast, the morning seminars include a Congressional Panel discussion of federal issues important for independent oil and natural gas producers. The panel discussion titled "Energy Policy Challenges—A View from Capitol Hill" will look at priority energy issues that impact you and your business. Panelists include U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D., Kansas 4th District Congressman Ron Estes, Kansas 2nd District Congressman Jake LaTurner, and Kansas 1st District Congressman Tracey Mann. The panel discussion will be moderated by Edward Cross, KIOGA President. Audience members are encouraged to come prepared to ask questions of the panelists.



MONDAY 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (Cypress Room A,B)

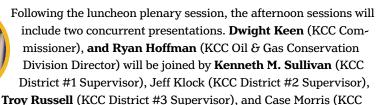


A concurrent morning session will see **Dr. Jay Kalbas**, Director of the Kansas Geological Survey, State Geologist, and professor of Geology at the University of Kansas, discuss national and regional perspectives on applied research, service, and education while introducing new KGS initiatives in a presentation titled *Energy*, *Water*, *Hazards*, *Defense*, *and Material*: *New Perspectives on Research and Service Work at the Kansas Geological Survey*.

#### AFTERNOON SEMINARS

**MONDAY** 3 p.m.-4 p.m. (Redbud Room B,C)





District #4 Supervisor) will discuss current issues facing the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) at the state and federal levels with insight into localized topics from the district perspective in a presentation titled Kansas Corporation Commission—Current Conservation Issues and Prospective Challenges.

**MONDAY** 3 p.m.-4 p.m. (Cypress Room A,B)



A concurrent seminar titled ESG for Low-Volume Wells will see David Stewart, Chief Sustainability Officer and Vice President of Environmental Solutions for Greenfield Environmental Solutions Group will engage the audience to offer a better understanding of managing exposure to methane emission charges as well as methods and technologies for measuring and reducing emissions from low-volume wells.

#### SPOUSE AUXILIARY EVENTS

For those who don't plan on attending the morning seminars or the lunch with the keynote speaker, you will want to make it a point to join us for the spouse auxiliary events. This will be a fun outing from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday, August 21, with a tour of the Botanical Gardens at Botanica Wichita, food and honey tastings, as well as a visit to The Tea House with more food and tea pairings with lunch to follow. A shuttle will leave the Hyatt lobby at 9:30 a.m. and return to the Hyatt following lunch.

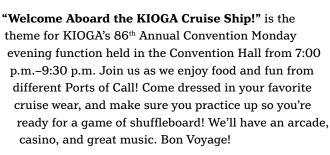
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Monday evening events begin with the Kansas Strong **Cocktail Party** in **The Connecting Lobby** from 5:00

p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come join Kansas Strong for cocktails and appetizers.

A Silent Auction will be available in the **Expo Hall** beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, and concluding at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21.



## GOLF · SPORTING CLAYS · PICKLEBALL · BINGO

The Annual Golf Tournament will begin Tuesday, August 22. The tournament will be held at the Crestview Country Club using both the North and South Courses. The dress code for the courses requires collared shirts, no jeans or jean shorts, and no metal spikes. For non-golfers, a sporting clays tournament will be held at Michael Murphy & Sons Sporting Clays in Augusta, Kansas. In addition, a pickleball tournament will be held at Chicken N Pickle. Come and enjoy fun prizes at Tuesday's Bingo Bash at the Hyatt Regency Riverview Room at 11:00 a.m.



#### **REGISTER TODAY!**

Registering for the KIOGA Annual Convention in Wichita is one of many steps you can take to build your relationship with KIOGA. For 86 years, KIOGA has been recognized as the "Voice of the Kansas Independent Petroleum Industry" and has been your government relations branch in Topeka and Washington. There is no better way to hear first-hand about the latest efforts KIOGA has been involved in to help build your business than by attending the KIOGA Annual Convention in Wichita on August 20–22. The KIOGA Annual Convention offers an ideal forum to meet with KIOGA and other industry leaders and discuss the issues that impact you most.

Our 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will unite independent producers and oil and gas industry representatives to share ideas, network with peers, participate in thought-provoking sessions, and hear updates on KIO-GA's activities. Make plans to join us on August 20–22 to visit exhibitor booths, listen to speakers and seminars, visit with other producers and friends, and just enjoy yourself! Register today and let KIOGA help you build your future and your business. We look forward to seeing you there! *K* 



#### **KIOGA 2023 ANNUAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**

1 p.m.–7 p.m. Registration in Century II Connecting Lobby

**2 p.m.–4 p.m.** Board and General Membership Meeting—Cypress Room A,B

**4 p.m.–7 p.m.** Trade Show in the Expo Hall

7 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Chairman's Reception in Convention Hall

4 p.m.-7 p.m. Silent Auction items displayed in the Expo Hall

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 21**

7 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration in Century II Connecting Lobby

8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet in the Expo Hall

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Robert's Shoeshine Stand in the Expo Hall

9:30 a.m-2 p.m. Spouse Auxiliary Event

**8 a.m.-4 p.m.** Trade Show in the Expo Hall

10 a.m.-11 a.m. Morning Seminars

- Energy Policy Challenges—A View from Capitol Hill— Congressional Panel Discussion. (Redbud Room B,C)
- Energy/Water/Hazards/Defense/Materials: New Perspectives on Research & Service Work at the Kansas Geological Survey—(Cypress Room A,B)

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Adam's Oasis in the Expo Hall

**12:30 p.m.–2 p.m.** Lunch with Keynote Speaker Steve Goreham in Convention Hall

3 p.m.-4 p.m. Afternoon Seminars-

- Kansas Corporation Commission—Current Conservation Issues and Prospective Challenges (Redbud Room B,C)
- ESG for Low Volume Wells (Cypress Room A,B)

**5 p.m.–7 p.m.** Kansas Strong Cocktail Party in the Connecting Lobby

**7 p.m.–9:30 p.m.** "Welcome Aboard the KIOGA Cruise Ship!" Dinner and entertainment—Convention Hall



#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**

#### Golf Tournament - Crestview Country Club

- 7:00 a.m. Check-in
- 8:00 a.m. Tee off— Lunch and awards to follow at Club House

#### Sporting Clays Tournament— Michael Murphy & Sons Sporting Clays

- 8 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Registration—
- 9 a.m. Tournament starts—Lunch & awards to follow

#### **Pickleball Tournament**

- 9 a.m. Registration
- 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Round Robin Tournament
- 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Buffet Lunch
- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Single elimination play
- 1:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Open bar

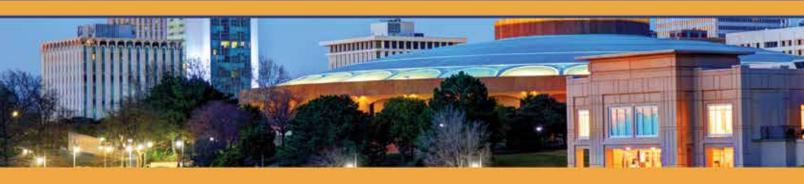
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## **EXHIBITOR FORM**



#### 2023 Annual Convention & Expo

Hyatt Regency | Century II Convention Center | August 20–22, 2023

<b>BOOTH</b> # of Booth Space(s)	Booth Location - First Choice	Second Choice	-
☐ \$1,500 (KIOGA MEMBER)	\$2,000 (NON-MEMBER)		
HEAVY EQUIPMENT Size	e of Display/Space Needed		-
\$1,500 (KIOGA MEMBER)	\$2,000 (NON-MEMBER)		
COMBINED BOOTH AND EQUI	IPMENT		
☐ \$2,500 (KIOGA MEMBER)	☐ \$3,000 (NON-MEMBER)		

#### **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**

Signup By May 1 And Recieve \$100 Off Your Rental Fee.

Must Register By June 1 To Be In The Convention Guide Book

Name of Lessee:	Date: Invoice me		
Contact Name:	Full Payment Enclosed:		
Booth Contact (if different):	Name on Card:		
Address:	Card		
City/State: Zip Code:	Card #		
Phone:Cell:	Exp: CVV: Zip:		
Email:	COMPLETE AND RETURN TO: (Keep a copy for your records)		
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Website:	Topeka, KS 66612-1216		
	Office: 785-232-7772		
*IMPORTANT  If this section is not completed, your booth sign will be imprinted	holly@kioga.org		
with the name you provided in the "Name of Lessee" section above	MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KIOGA		

## **EXHIBITOR CONTRACT**



- I. The undersigned (Lessee) hereby applies for commercial rate exhibit space at the 2023 Meeting of the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA), to be held at the Hyatt Regency Wichita, Kansas August 20–22, 2023. The meeting is conducted by the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association. All payments, correspondence, notifications and other communications to KIOGA concerning the subject matter of this application and contract shall be sent to Holly McGinnis at holly@kioga.org or KIOGA, Attn: Holly McGinnis, 800 SW Jackson Street, Suite #1400, Topeka, KS 66612
- II. Lessee payments must be made in full. Please email holly@kioga.org to receive advance invoice.
- III. 60 days prior to August 11, 2023, KIOGA will send to the Lessee a copy of the 2023 KIOGA Annual Meeting information listed below.
  - Floor plan with booth locations
  - · General information
  - · Important deadlines and dates
  - · Important information
  - · Registration form
  - · Work authorization and request form

The enclosed documents (Additional Contract Provisions) are specially made terms of this contract. The Lessee agrees that, upon receipt of manual, they will read through the provisions, and, if any provision is not acceptable, the Lessee will send written notification by certified mail to KIOGA. If such written notice is not received by KIOGA within 30 days from the receipt of the contract provisions by the Lessee, this contract shall become irrevocable and shall be in full force and effect, except as set forth in Paragraph 5, below. In the event the Les see notifies KIOGA of any unacceptable provi-

- sion in the Additional Contract Provisions within the time provided for herein, then this contract shall be terminated and KIOGA shall immediately refund all sums paid by the Lessee pursuant to this contract.
- IV. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if this application and contract, signed by the Lessee, is received by KIOGA less than 60 days prior to August 11, 2023, then, in such event, the Lessee shall be deemed to have agreed, by the execution of this application and contract, to all of the terms of the Additional Contract Provisions, although the Lessee may not be familiar with or aware of any or all of the Additional Contract Provisions. In such event, none of the provisions concerning termination of this agreement after submission of the original application and contract to KIOGA, shall be irrevocable, except as set forth in Paragraph 5, below, and all exhibit space rental fees shall be paid with the submission of this application and contract.
- V. This contract may be cancelled by either party without penalty on or before June 15, 2023, by giving notice in writing to the other. KIOGA reserves the right to cancel or terminate this contract at any time and to withhold possession of exhibit space if the Lessee fails to perform on any condition of this contract or refuses to abide by the Additional Contract Provisions. In the event of cancellation by either party on or before June 15, 2022 this agreement shall become null and void, and any rental fees paid will be refunded only if the canceled space(s) can be resold and all other booth space on the final floor plan is sold for the exhibition. A cancellation fee of 20% of the total cost of the space requested will be assessed on all refunds resulting from the cancellation after June 15, 2023.
- VI. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Kansas, USA.
- VII.Lessee reads and abides by the important information below.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Installation and Dismantling of Exhibits: Move-in may begin at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 19, 2023. All large crates must be removed from the exhibit area by 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 20. Dismantling of exhibits may begin at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023.

Exhibits will officially open to registrants on Sunday, August 20, and will close on Monday, August 21, 2023. The hours are as follows:

Sunday, August 20 Monday, August 21 4:00 p.m-7:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Facility Limitations:** All freight should be shipped to Henry Helgerson Co. Century II has garage doors for all equipment to be inside EXPO Hall. There will be a fork lift available. The hours of the fork lift to be determined later.

**Booth Design and Furnishings:** All booths are 10 feet wide and 10 feet deep and are shown to scale on exhibit space floor plan. KIOGA will furnish each exhibitor with back and side drapes, an identification sign, 6-foot table, chair and wastebasket.

**Deductibility of Fees:** Space rental and sponsorship monies paid to KIOGA may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses. They are not deductible as contributions or gifts for federal income tax purposes.

**Subletting of Space:** No Lessee shall assign, sublet, or apportion any part of the space assigned or have representatives, equipment, or material from other firms other than its own in their booth unless approved in advance in writing

Americans With Disabilities Act: Lessee represents and warrants that any exhibit booth or other contrivance placed in the exhibit space by the Lessee will at all times pertinent hereto be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, the Americans With Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, as it may be amended from time to time and all regulations issues thereunder.

#### **Exhibitors' Services:**

The official service contractor is: Henry Helgerson Co. 2900 South Hydraulic Wichita, Kansas 67216

Phone: 316-943-1851 | Fax: 316-941-4613

Century II will handle all electric and other necessary materials and services. There will be forms to follow. Lessee agrees to use show-appointed contractors for any additional services and equipment. The Lessee may appoint other contractors provided requests are made in writing in advance to KIOGA and proposed contractors qualify in accordance with the published procedures and requirements contained in the Exhibitor services Manual.

**Additional information:** Not less than 60 days before the general move-in date of the meeting, KIOGA will email the Lessee the Exhibitor service Manual containing order forms for booth furnishings, additional draping and accessories, custom signs, telephone services, utility services and skilled labor.

#### INCLUDED IN YOUR CONTRACT

Two registrations consisting of all meals and speaker events. Any events outside of the above mentioned must be paid for. Any additional registrants must send in an Advance Registration Form (to be sent out at a later date) with payment.



## NATURAL GAS

#### **BEST OPTION FOR POWERING YOUR HOME**

hen it comes to powering your home, natural gas is significantly cheaper than electricity, according to a report cited by Robert Bryce, the noted author and energy expert. In a side-by-side comparison, the cost of energy from natural gas was \$12 versus electric at \$42 for the same amount of residential energy.

American natural gas and the domestic energy industry have been under attack by the Biden administration, which continues to use regulatory and permitting limits to make natural gas less affordable. In fact, their stated goal to "electrify everything" will do nothing but tax lower-income and working families.

This likely could happen to households in cities or states that have already banned or are planning to ban the use of nat-

ural gas. It's worth noting that households that use natural gas for heating, cooking, and other appliances save an average of \$1,068 per year compared with homes using electricity for such appliances.

Their ultimate goal, clearly, is to ban the use of natural gas in homes and businesses. But these activists fail to mention, for example, that using a common cooking ingredient like olive oil generates over 11 times more emissions per hour than what is produced from the gas range.

Two facts bear remembering. First, natural gas helps American households save money. And second, the green-at-any-cost movement is more about power and control than environmental good.  $\kappa$ 

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#### SAUDI ARABIA CUTS OIL OUTPUT-

## **ADDING TO VOLATILE OIL MARKET**



embers of OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) and allies in June de-

cided to continue recent produc-

tion cuts, while the group's largest and most influential producer, Saudi Arabia, voluntarily pledged to further lower its output by one million barrels a day. OPEC+ agreed to a 2 million-per-day cut in October 2022. The rest of the OPEC+ producers agreed to extend these earlier cuts through the end of 2024.

OPEC+ said in a statement that it was acting "to achieve and sustain a stable oil market" and that it was continuing

its recent approach of being "proactive and pre-emptive" as the group seeks to boost oil prices. As part of such a strategy, OPEC+ also announced that it will limit its combined oil production to 40.463 million barrels per day in 2024.

Following the OPEC+ and Saudi production announcements, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) said in its June Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO) that global oil production is expected to be lower than previously projected, which has led the data agency to bump up forecasts of the Brent crude oil price. In its June STEO, EIA analysts forecast the Brent crude oil price to average \$79 per barrel in the second half of 2023 and \$84 per barrel in 2024.  $\kappa$ 





## STATE **LEGISLATORS REVOLT AGAINST ESG SCORES**





awmakers across the nation understand the threat that environmental, social, and governance (ESG) scores pose to liberty in America.

State legislatures nationwide are taking steps to protect their economies from "stakeholder Capitalism."

So far, in 2023, eight states have signed anti-ESG legislation into law. They are:

• Utah

- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Montana
- · West Virginia
- Florida

- Arkansas
- · North Dakota

Tennessee has passed a measure in both chambers of the state legislature, and it is currently pending executive action.

In addition, 11 states are considering anti-ESG bills. They are:

- · South Carolina
- Oklahoma Nebraska
- Iowa
- Missouri

• Alabama

Texas

· New Hampshire

Ohio

· North Carolina

Arizona

The backlash against ESG has been growing across the nation. KIOGA continues to inform lawmakers about the dire threat that ESG poses to our economy and society. K

## KIOGA'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN SHAPING ENERGY POLICY IN KANSAS



IOGA's reputation and role in shaping energy policy in Kansas has never been stronger. Our impact has much to do with the strength and influence of our members. Edelman, a global communications firm, recently completed an annual trust and credibility survey. The research consists of 30-minute interviews and samples from more than 32,000 respondents

across 28 countries.

The 2023 Edelman Barometer survey found that distrust is now society's default emotion. Nearly six in 10 individuals say their default tendency is to distrust something until they see evidence to the contrary. However, when asked what institutions they do trust—the respondents overwhelmingly said that businesses are once again the most trusted. Further, 77% of respondents say they trust "my employer," making the relationship between employer and employee incredibly important. The research also found that the business community must lead in breaking the cycle of distrust that exists in our society. Across every single issue-regardless of philosophical disagreements—by a large margin, people want more engagement on the part of private businesses, not less.

The demand for engagement and leadership by private businesses has never been higher, and we must recognize that our societal role—to meet the challenge and lead with a vision—is here to stay. KIOGA will continue to be the leading advocate for our state's oil and gas industry and ensure the voice of the Kansas oil and gas industry is heard at the statehouse in Topeka and in Washington, D.C.

#### **VALUE OF KIOGA MEMBERSHIP**

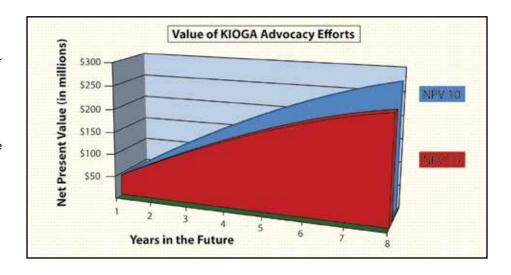
The value of an effective oil and gas association cannot be underestimated. Often the advocacy value of an association is not only what the association gets passed legislatively but also what harmful legislation/policy the association stops. Over the last three years, KIOGA has helped pass some good legislation and stopped numerous bad legislation/policies. We identified and valued 22 actions that KIOGA spearheaded over the last three years. Those actions saved the Kansas oil and gas industry over \$52 million annually. The net present value of those savings is significant for the industry. The NPV15 was \$233 million, while NPV10 was \$277 million. These estimates likely underestimate the savings that KIOGA provides our members as there are significantly more than 22 actions that KIOGA engaged in over the last three years.

### YOUR MEMBERSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

KIOGA has always believed that the key to building an outstanding organization was developing proactive programs that met the needs of our members. At the same time, we have never forgotten that our primary priority is to advocate for the Kansas oil and gas industry. KIOGA continues developing a strong voice through our membership growth and has created a government relations program second to none. Our track record reflects our emphasis on results.

After 86-plus years, KIOGA continues to be a determined advocate committed to defending our industry against anti-oil and natural gas sentiment and onerous policies focused on weakening this important industry. KIOGA takes our charge seriously and pursues excellence on your behalf each day. KIOGA is an investment in our energy future.

If you are not a member of KIOGA, we encourage you to join. Through KIOGA, you can play a significant role in our efforts to win the political battles in Topeka, Washington, D.C., and the public relations battle in the court of public opinion. Join us today. Your membership does make a difference!  $\kappa$ 





As reported in previous KIOGA communications, KIOGA joined legal action against the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) concerning the listing of the lesser prairie chicken (LPC). The legal challenge is being led by the Permian Basin Petroleum Association (PBPA) and includes KIOGA, Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma, National Cattleman's Beef Association, Texas Cattle Feeder's Association, Kansas Livestock Association, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, and New Mexico Cattle Grower's Association. In addition, the Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma Attorney Generals (AGs) also filed legal action against the LPC concerning the listing of the LPC.

The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and Texas Campaign for the Environment filed a motion to intervene in early June. The Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma AGs received a similar communication about CBD intervening in their case as well. CBD said they are not suing to expand the LPC listing decision but only wish to

defend it because they do not believe the government has done a good job of that in the past. Their filings do not include a motion to dismiss or a motion to transfer venue.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) responded to the States' Amended Complaint on May 31. Of significance, the USFWS did not move to dismiss the case or transfer venue. There is not a lot of substance to their answer, however. The government avoided admitting or denying most of the allegations.

#### SENATOR MARSHALL AND REPRE-SENTATIVE MANN INTRODUCE BI-CAMERAL EFFORT TO STRIKE LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN LISTING



U.S. Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS) and U.S. Representative Tracey Mann (R-KS) introduced bicameral Congressional Re-

view Act resolutions in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives

respectfully calling for the reversal of the listing of the lesser prairie chicken (LPC) as a "threatened" and "endangered" species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The ESA has a long history of abuse, and the LPC listing is just the latest incident. Data shows the LPC population is not in jeopardy; in fact, quite the opposite:

- LPC's growing population: There were over 25,000 birds in 2022, compared to less than 20,000 in 2013.
- Dedicated conservation spaces: Roughly 15 million acres of potential habitats are set aside for the LPC across America.



The USFWS listed the LPC as "threatened" in Kansas on March 27, holding back production in Kansas' energy and

agriculture industries with bureau-



cratic red tape—at a time when gas and food prices are on the rise—is misguided federal policy, but that is exactly the result of the LPC's ESA listing," said Senator Marshall.

There is also concern that this heavy-handed listing failed to consider longstanding voluntary efforts from Kansans to conserve the LPC. Senator Marshall and Con-

gressman Mann is seeking to

Senator Marshall and Congressman Mann asked KIO-GA President Edward Cross to write a letter of support for the Resolutions. Cross wrote and submitted the letter on behalf of KI-OGA. You can see the support letter on KIOGA's website (www.kioga.org).

eliminate the LPC's ESA listing for all

these reasons. President Biden has

already threatened to veto the mea-

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sures should they make it through

er Mitch McConnell (R-KY) spoke

on the U.S. Senate floor in support

of the Resolution.

CONGRESSMAN RON ESTES (R-KS) POSTS EDITORIAL ON LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN IN THE CONGRES-SIONAL WESTERN CAUCUS BLOG

On May 23, the Congressional Western Caucus posted an opinion piece about the lesser prairie chicken authored by Kansas Congressman Ron Estes. The opinion piece is titled **The Great Struggle Over the Lesser Prairie Chicken**. Congressman Estes States:



"So, while there seems to be great fuss over the lesser prairie chicken, it's critical that we hold the line and prevent

the Biden administration from pursuing this hostile land grab. Kansas ag and energy producers are doing their part, and millions of taxpayer dollars have confirmed that the current conservation plan is working. This overbearing listing from left-wing bureaucrats isn't helping the environment or the lesser prairie chicken—it's attacking the rights of Kansans and hurting our economy."  $\kappa$ 

#### U.S. SUPREME COURT RULES ON WOTUS

## **A MAJOR VICTORY**



On May 25, the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) ruled in the Sackett v. EPA court case that dealt a blow to the disastrous Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule.

In December 2022, the EPA announced a final rule establishing a reversion to a pre-2015 definition of WOTUS effective March 20, 2023. Under this misguided pre-2015 WOTUS definition, the EPA sought to grow federal administrative power by expanding the limits of its own jurisdiction beyond what Congress delegated to them. By design, Congress expressly limited its jurisdiction to "navigable waters." Ignoring Congress's direction, the EPA's WOTUS rule sought to subject land with isolated wetlands, ephemeral streams, and off-channel reservoirs to an expansive and burdensome federal permitting process.

In light of the U.S. Supreme Court's May 25 decision, EPA will interpret the phrase "waters of the United States" as consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Sackett.

President Biden called the ruling "disappointing" and said the ruling "will take our country backward."  $\kappa$ 



"Today's Supreme Court ruling against the burdensome
Waters of the U.S. is a victory for Kansas farmers, ranchers, producers, and all Americans," said Kansas Congressman Ron Estes. "President Biden's plan to

regulate every pond and puddle across the country was a gross abuse of power, and the Supreme Court unanimously agreed and upheld the Constitution. Kansans are best positioned to conserve our land and natural resources, and they don't need Biden's bureaucrats 1,000 miles away to regulate the rainwater that accumulates in ditches in rural parts of our state."



"Today's U.S. Supreme
Court decision is a big win
for farmers, ranchers, and
producers. This unanimous
ruling will protect landowners'
rights and limit government
overreach under President Biden's

Waters of the U.S. rule," said Kansas Congressman Tracey Mann. "President Biden vetoed the WOTUS legislation sent to him by Congress last month. Now that both the legislative and judicial branches have spoken clearly on the EPA's overreaching use of the Clean Water Act, it's up to the Biden Administration to reverse course on their unconstitutional and misguided rule."

## KANSAS LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES FORMED



In June, the Kansas Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) approved 17 conventional committees and 13 special committees to meet for 73 days this summer/fall. Lawmakers generally approve 15 standing committees for interim studies and issues. This year, more than 30 committees were sought by lawmakers.

KIOGA will be engaging with the Special Committee on Energy & Utilities, where the committee will take four days to look at issues surrounding transmission lines, renewable energy, electric rates, and energy plans for the state. State Representative Leo Delperdang (R-Wichita) was selected to chair the interim committee. Other interim committees approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council include:

- Administrative Rules and Regulations, six days.
- Child Welfare System Oversight, four days.
- Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight, three days.
- Fiduciary Financial Institutions Oversight, one day.
- Home and Community-Based Services and KanCare Oversight, four days.
- Information Technology, four days.
- Kansas Security, two days.
- Legislative Budget, four days.
- Pensions, Investments and Benefits (Joint KPERS), two days.
- Special Claims Against the State, four days.
- State Building Construction, two days.

- Special Committee on Education, four days.
- Special Committee on Child Care Centers and Child Care Homes, two days.
- Special Committee on Foreign Adversary Investments and Land Purchases, two days.
- Special Committee on Civil Asset Forfeiture, one day.
- Special Committee on Ethics Reform, Campaign Finance Law, two days.
- Special Committee on Elections, two days.
- Special Committee on Nursing Facility Reimbursement Rate Methodology, two days.
- Special Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disability Waiver, two days.

- Special Committee on Mental Health, three days.
- Special Committee on Homelessness, one day.
- Special Committee on Taxation, two days.
- Special Committee on Restricted Driving Privileges, two days.
- House Water Committee, one day.
- House Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Economic
   Development, one day.
- Capitol Preservation Committee, one day.
- Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee, one day.
- Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight, three days.
- Special Education and Related Services Funding Task Force, one day. K



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#### **KIOGA**

## **New Members**

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#### KIOGA CALENDAR

Event Name	Date	Location
Kansas Environmental Conference	August 9–10, 2023	Manhattan, KS
KIOGA 86 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Expo	August 20–22, 2023	Wichita, KS
Kansas State Fair	September 8–17, 2023	Hutchinson, KS
AIPG 2023 National Conference	September 16–19, 2023	Covington, KY
EKOGA Annual Meeting	September 27–28, 2023	Mayetta, KS
Kansas Economic Outlook Conference	October 5, 2023	Wichita, KS
KBA Oil & Gas CLE	October 6, 2023	Wichita, KS
Oklahoma Oil & Gas Expo	October 12, 2023	Oklahoma City, OK
IOGCC 2023 Annual Conference	October 16–18, 2023	Park City, UT
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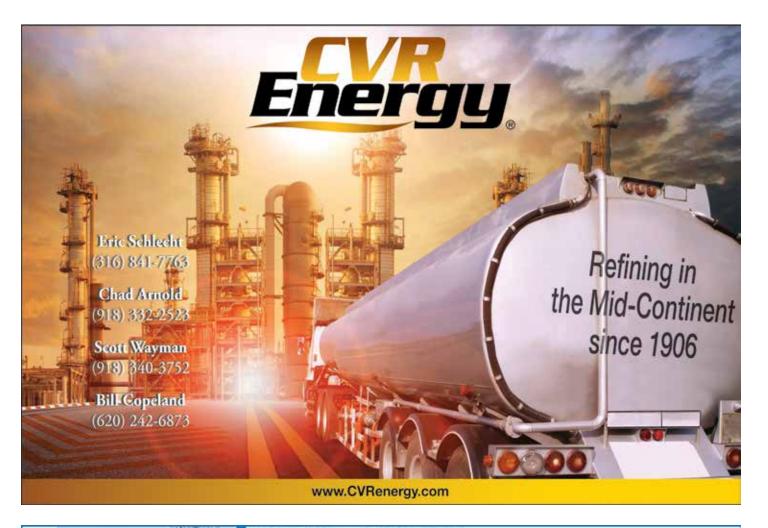
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