



RESOLUTION 23.052

Urging the United States Federal Agencies, Including the Bureau of Land Management and Environmental Protection Agency, to Engage With States on Energy-Related Issues

WHEREAS, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) is a multi-state government agency that champions the conservation and efficient recovery and storage of domestic oil and gas resources while protecting human health and safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, IOGCC is considered an authority on domestic oil and gas issues and is a leader on national oil and gas policy; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages over 245 million acres of onshore lands and 700 million acres of federal onshore subsurface minerals with nearly 100,000 onshore wells;¹ and

WHEREAS, Federal onshore production accounts for approximately seven percent of domestically produced oil and eight percent of domestically produced natural gas¹; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates air emissions through the Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, continued domestic oil and gas production, including on federal lands, provides economic and national security for the United States and supports quality of life for United States citizens; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations and federal land management, both surface and subsurface, plays a significant role in issues facing the energy industry, including carbon capture, use, and storage (CCUS), pore space, federal leasing, mineral production, orphan wells, emissions and flaring, wildlife, and conservation; and

¹ U.S. Department of the Interior, [Report on the Federal Oil and Gas Leasing Program \(doi.gov\)](#), November 2021.

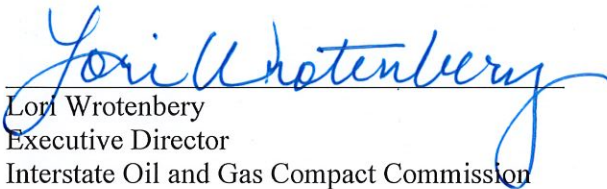


WHEREAS, IOGCC has standing committees providing a forum focusing on energy issues, including the Energy Resources, Research and Technology, Environment and Safety, Legal and Regulatory Affairs, Public, Coastal and Tribal Lands, and Public Outreach Committees; and

WHEREAS, IOGCC's Public, Coastal and Tribal Lands Committee works to ensure regulatory efficiency between the states and federal government specifically coordinating state and federal requirements that govern exploration and production of petroleum resources on public lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, IOGCC urges the United States Federal Agencies, including BLM, EPA, and any others involved with critical energy issues, to engage with the states through IOGCC and its various committees; and further encourages these agencies to specifically engage with the Public, Coastal and Tribal Lands Committee to coordinate efforts related to CCUS, pore space, orphan wells, wildlife, and conservation.

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Commission on May 24, 2023.


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