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### The Kentucky Gas Association's Membership Newsletter



### Executive Director's Message

Kentucky's Natural Gas Industry Continues to Shine as a Leader in the Commonwealth's Economy.

I am proud to be entering my 6<sup>th</sup> year of service as your Executive Director, where every day I champion our membership's commitment to the safe and reliable delivery of American natural gas. If you've seen me speaking across our Commonwealth, you've heard me introduce myself not only as a representative of the country's visionary energy leaders, but also Kentucky's leading economic drivers. Among many stagnant statewide economic indicators, Kentucky's natural gas industry continues to shine as a leader in the Commonwealth's economy. KGA members are responsible for the creation of nearly 13,000 great paying Kentucky jobs. Additionally, our industry supplies almost 100,000 commercial and industrial customers allowing businesses to benefit from efficient, affordable energy which further boosts job creation. Untold numbers of Kentucky families and businesses are touched by the positive economic development of the natural gas industry.

America has more than a 150 year supply and Kentucky's energy portfolio is changing. Kentucky natural gas is generating an increasing amount of electricity, is a staple of the state's critical manufacturing industry, and will be responsible for a transportation revolution with CNG. Our 36,000 miles of Kentucky pipeline touch almost 1 million total customers and the industry is prepared to meet the demand as our product gains larger shares of the Commonwealth's energy consumption. And as we grow, we must always remember that not only are we serving customers with clean burning American energy, but we are also bolstering the economy of our state, proving thousands of Kentuckians with jobs to support their families, and we are critical in our nation's effort to decrease dependence on foreign forms of energy.

The emergence of natural gas can be traced to four things; an abundant product, our great Kentucky companies and their highly skilled workforce, the economic benefits of an efficient energy source, and action from government. Your Association will stand with you as your premier advocate and information source to enhance each of these aspects as we continue our work together. KGA will work hard to safeguard your interests and enhance your mission, and as we succeed, so too will Kentucky. We are truly part of a great industry.

Enjoy the Journal,

*Matthew Tackett*



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### Mark Your Calendar

#### Compression & Processing EXPO

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015  
Corbin

#### Fire School

November 5<sup>th</sup> 2015  
Lexington

#### Fall Training Workshop

December 8<sup>th</sup> 2015  
Elizabethtown

#### NFPA Code School

February 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Lexington

#### KGA Legislative Day at the Capitol

February 2016  
Frankfort

#### KGA EXPO

March 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Lexington

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Covington

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### What is the Blue Gas Journal?

The Blue Gas Journal is a periodical newsletter to the members of the Kentucky Gas Association. We are committed to increasing our communications to our Member Representatives, and KGA will disseminate regularly scheduled correspondence to keep you abreast of current issues, technologies, and all Association news.

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### KGA Board of Directors to Meet in Lexington



On September 10<sup>th</sup> the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Gas Association will meet in Lexington to discuss strategies to enhance KGA's role as the leading industry advocate and information source.

### KGA Welcomes New President

Jerome Humphries of Duke Energy was inducted as KGA President on June 5<sup>th</sup> in Bowling Green. Jerome brings a wealth of experience in training, compliance, regulatory management, safety, and several other areas to his position as President. Jerome, a 2010 recipient of the KGA Ernest Murphy Training for Excellence Award, has been a leader within KGA Committees, serving as Chair of Education, and has been instrumental in many visionary programming and educational developments. The Association congratulates Duke Energy and Mr. Humphries, and we thank you for your commitment to KGA.



### Matthew Hobbs Makes Mark



Matthew Hobbs of the City of Elizabethtown Natural Gas concluded his term as President on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Matthew led KGA through a successful year in which the Association modernized and refined its education offerings, and galvanized itself as an advocate. Matthew's term concluded with KGA ending its fiscal year with record breaking financial strength. Job well done, Matthew.

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## Education

### KGA Remains Leader in Technical Education

The Kentucky Gas Association is well known for leadership in industry education and is committed to the modernization of Association services to equip members with the best practices to secure the safe and reliable transportation and distribution of natural gas. To support this promise, KGA has reimaged its flagship service and will begin a new initiative; Natural Gas Safety & Technical Training. KGA is proud to serve your education needs and will remain steadfast as your premier education and advocacy forum.

The new Natural Gas Safety & Technical Training will replace the Association's traditional Operator Qualification Workshop Programming. KGA is honored to have long served your OQ needs at Workshops held throughout the Commonwealth, and the Association thanks each of the member organizations that have attended as well as those that are currently enrolled in the KGA Online Operator Qualification Program. Members participating in the KGA Online Operator Qualification Program may continue to do so until November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at which time the Association will discontinue this learning opportunity. KGA encourages members to contact KGA Staff for transition assistance. KGA will continue as the leader in technical education, and will do so in a more encompassing and diverse manner.

### KGA Announces Best Practice Executive Workshops

The Association has launched a series of Best Practice Executive Workshops. These meetings are designed to enhance members' ability to deliver natural gas safely, reliably, and in an environmentally responsible manner by identifying innovative ideas that will increase effectiveness and efficiency in operations, maintenance, and customer service. Over 50 registrants attended the first meeting, held in Elizabethtown, on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Attendees discussed methods related to Leak Management and Custody Transfer Facilitation. Speakers included Member Representatives from the City of Elizabethtown, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Duke Energy, Louisville Gas and Electric, and Delta Natural Gas.



### KGA Releases OQ Guide

The Kentucky Gas Association has a responsibility to stay abreast and disseminate all appropriate information related to Operator Qualification, and will do so in the future. Today, corporate KGA Members may request the KGA Operator Qualification Covered Task Justification Guide. The 136 page Guide was designed to assist companies with the identification of tasks related to job duties that might be "identified covered tasks" as defined in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 192, Subpart N.

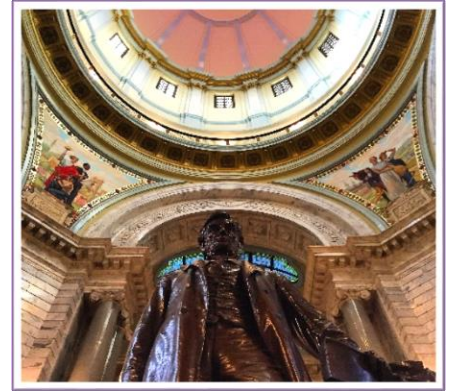
Corporate Members may request The Guide by visiting the [KGA Operator Qualification Website](#) or by contacting KGA Staff.



## Government Relations

### KGA Committed to Expanding Natural Gas Role as Energy Leader

KGA believes that protecting our members' interest in safe and reliable distribution and transmission of natural gas complements the State of Kentucky's goal of economic development and energy independence. The 2015 Session wrapped in March, and KGA was visible at the Capitol working to ensure positive legislation and regulatory outcomes. Several notable bills passed this year, including legislation that stabilized Kentucky's road fund, curbed the state's growing heroin problem, addressed the troubling underfunded pension system, and provided regulatory certainty for development of Kentucky deep shale resources. Overall, no damaging bills to KGA members were passed, and the Association once again provided support for the successful passage of new 811 legislation. For a full KGA Legislative Report, including bills that KGA supported and opposed, please visit the [KGA Government Relations Website](#).



### KGA Supports Advancement of Safety for Underground Facilities



On March 20<sup>th</sup>, KGA Executive Director, Matt Tackett, joined natural gas industry and damage prevention leaders at the Kentucky State Capitol as Governor Beshear signed HB 172 into law. HB 172, sponsored by Representative Steve Riggs, augments the current Kentucky 811 Law to enhance citations

and allows enforcement of the act to be based on any evidence available to the agency that issues the citation.

### Representative Riggs Convenes with Kentucky Gas Association

Representative Steve Riggs of District 31 in Jefferson County addressed the Kentucky Gas Association in Bowling Green on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Representative Riggs has become the face of 811 Legislation, introducing several bills in recent sessions. Representative Riggs presented a PowerPoint presentation that can be found on the [KGA Presentations Website](#).



### KGA Remains Diligent in 2015 Legislative Session



KGA is proud to provide a return on your investment of membership dues via Legislative Services. Often KGA must oppose bills that would negatively affect Kentucky's energy climate. For example, in 2015 KGA opposed "HB 272 Pipeline Safety." This bill would have established a pipeline safety fund by imposing a tax of \$120 per mile on oil and gas pipelines in Kentucky. If successful, this legislation would have had significant repercussions, including higher energy costs.

There are 35,454 miles of gas pipeline and 916 miles of liquid pipe in Kentucky, for a total of 36,370. Based on the proposed \$120 tax per mile, HB 272 would have cost over 4.3 million dollars per year.

## Networking

### KGA Expo Breaks Records

The KGA Operations and Engineering Committee, the Measurement and Regulation Committee, and the Corrosion

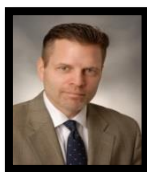


Committee sponsored the record breaking 8<sup>th</sup> Annual KGA Expo on March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> in Lexington. The Association welcomed 319 registrants and hosted 71 vendor exhibits which displayed cutting edge technology and services. KGA registrants received world class education, CEU

documentation, and special hands-on programming. The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual EXPO is in the preliminary planning phase now, and the event team anticipates the biggest event in KGA history! For future information, please visit the [KGA EXPO Website](#).

### National Leaders Address KGA

The Kentucky Gas Association was joined by Bert Kalisch, President & CEO of the American Public Gas Association, and Kyle Rogers, Director of State Affairs at the American Gas Association, at the Association's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Bowling Green in June. Mr. Kalisch discussed natural gas markets and regulatory affairs with KGA leaders and Mr. Rogers discussed state and federal legislation.



Bert Kalisch pictured on left, Kyle Rogers on right.

### Safety Leaders Host Summit



KGA Safety Leaders convened for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual KGA Safety Summit in Lexington on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Industry leaders and registrants met to identify and mitigate high risk activities to eliminate accidents and fatalities. KGA continually efforts to enhance safety via

programming and advocacy, and we encourage members to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Summit in 2016.

## Thank you, Sponsors!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual KGA EXPO

#### **PLATINUM**

Atmos Energy  
EnSiteUSA

#### **GOLD**

LG&E  
Precision Pipeline Equipment  
Martin Contracting, Inc.  
RussMar Utility Management  
Team Construction, LLC

#### **SILVER**

ABB  
Consolidated Pipe & Supply  
Cornerstone Controls  
Eagle Research Corporation  
ElectriCom, Inc.  
Itron  
Spectra Energy

#### **BRONZE**

Abriox Inc.  
Dresser Inc., GE Oil & Gas  
Elster Perfection  
IMAC Systems, Inc.  
Industrial Training Services, Inc.  
Southern Cathodic Protection  
T.D. Williamson  
Team Fishel  
Trenton Corporation

### 49<sup>th</sup> KGA Annual Meeting

#### **DIAMOND**

Consolidated Pipe & Supply

#### **PLATINUM**

Atmos Energy  
EnSiteUSA  
Martin Contracting

#### **GOLD**

Louisville Gas & Electric  
RussMar Utility Management

#### **SILVER**

Delta Natural Gas Company  
Industrial Training Services, Inc.  
Itron, Inc.  
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#### **BRONZE**

ECI Utility Construction  
City of Elizabethtown Natural Gas  
Natural Energy Engineering Services  
Southern Cathodic Protection

## News and Notes

### KGA Remains Committed to CNG Initiative

KGA has a goal to transform Kentucky transportation by implementing widespread usage of Compressed Natural Gas. To forward this vision, KGA has been proud to support several encouraging pieces of legislation during the previous 3 General Assembly Sessions. KGA has also hosted several strategic summits specifically designed to move the needle for CNG. The latest forum was held in late 2014 in Somerset. Titled "Kentucky's New Transportation Fuel," stakeholders, government leaders, and members of the private sector convened to discuss technologies and strategies to ensure Kentucky's transportation modernization. KGA members met with speakers from the Kentucky Motor Transport Association, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, NGV America, City of Somerset, Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, Clean Energy, M&M Cartage, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, and the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. Attendees also viewed public and private fleets on display in the meeting hall, including over 25 vehicles from the City of Somerset. Speaking at the event, KGA Executive Director Matt Tackett stated that "this meeting is an important opportunity to bring stakeholders, citizens, and government together to explore how to best move forward in this realm." KGA has engaged partners, including the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition, to form the "Moving the Needle Partnership" to highlight public and private efforts that have advanced the use of CNG, and collaboratively, we are committed to working on behalf of our members to unify the voice of all stakeholders to bring about a new era of transportation in the Commonwealth.



### KGA is Listening

We hear you loud and clear when you make suggestions. Nancy and Matt at KGA encourage the Association membership to leave comments, suggestions, and questions at the "Contact Us" function on the KGA Website. Follow this link, and let us know your thoughts: [Share Your Voice](#).

### Need a Speaker?

The Kentucky Gas Association is always happy to provide speaking services at events, conferences, or media opportunities. Just let us know how we can assist with your engagements, and the staff at KGA will tailor communications, when appropriate, to fit your needs.

### We're Hiring!

The Kentucky Gas Association hosts multiple Natural Gas Safety and Technical Training Workshops throughout the Commonwealth & we need qualified applicants for our instructor pool. Instructors work as contractors to KGA and receive a competitive daily stipend with all expenses paid.



### Follow Us on Social Media



## News and Notes

### Somerset Community College Initiates Work Readiness Program

Somerset Community College is excited to announce the new Gas Service Technician Certificate Program. Launching on August 17<sup>th</sup>, students in southern Kentucky have the opportunity to enroll in 8 Natural Gas Service Technician Classes designed to enhance work readiness to prepare graduates for a great career in the natural gas industry. Please contact KGA staff for more information.

### KGA Recognizes Members for Excellence in Safety

KGA awarded the 2014 Safety Awards to the Association members that achieved excellence in safety at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Member companies of the Kentucky Gas Association are eligible to compete for the award, including investor-owned and municipal distribution companies, intrastate pipeline-producer companies and interstate pipeline companies (Kentucky operations only), and affiliate member companies. KGA is proud to recognize the following award winning members.

#### Group I (150 or more Employees)

Louisville Gas and Electric

#### Group II (1-149 Employees)

EnSiteUSA

Henderson Municipal Gas

Paintsville Utilities

Morehead Utility Plant Board

*Congratulations to our winners. Keep up the great work!*

### Thank you, Members!

KGA could not be successful without our member organizations and the dedicated volunteer representatives that serve on Committees and staff KGA functions. We value your participation and greatly appreciate your contribution to Kentucky's gas industry. We encourage members to visit the [KGA Committees Website](#) to network with the teams that set KGA's vision and execute our programming. Please explore the Committee pages and find areas where you can get involved. Together, we will set best practices and create solutions tailored to Kentucky's gas industry. Thank you, very much, to our members, sponsors, and volunteers.



## Nancy's Column



Welcome to the first edition of "Nancy's Column," my periodical letter to keep you up to date with some of the inner workings of KGA and news about upcoming events.

With my first post, I want to highlight one of the reasons KGA is special. We are growing at KGA, diversifying what we do, and we are becoming very influential throughout Kentucky. Yet, throughout this growth, one thing remains and it is one of the biggest reasons I love my job; it is our family atmosphere.

To many, KGA is a second family. We have opened our homes and lives to one another through the years, and have shared many life altering events such as weddings, childbirths, and birthdays. Our children have grown up in KGA and most events feel like family reunions. We work with extraordinary people in an incredible industry, and I look forward to seeing our Member Representatives at upcoming events. Our shared experiences as we move forward in a great business truly make KGA a family organization.

Thank you for reading the first "Nancy's Column." Please feel free to pass along suggestions for informative or fun future posts.

Sincerely,

Nancy Morton is the Association Manager at KGA, entering her 27<sup>th</sup> year of service.



## Membership

The Board of Directors and staff are excited to welcome you to join or renew your membership with the Kentucky Gas Association. KGA values the trust you place in your Association and we thank you for your continued support. In Kentucky we have nationally recognized companies distributing and transporting American natural gas. We also have leaders in the fields of CNG, gas support sales, production, and safety. From the smallest to the largest systems, producers, pipelines, and all affiliated groups, KGA is working for you. As you create jobs, and safely and reliably provide Kentuckians with efficient energy, your Association will stand with you.

KGA is an increasingly influential leader in Kentucky energy advocacy. As the Association continues to strengthen, so too does our resolve to provide an encompassing set of membership services. KGA has paid close attention to diversifying our programming to best serve your needs over the last 5 years. In particular, we set a goal to bolster our service as your premier advocate, and we have. Today, KGA works with Kentucky's Legislative Assembly, the Kentucky Public Service Commission, and all levels of government to safeguard your interests and further your goals.

Along with advocacy, we are steadfast in our commitment to serve as your principal information source. As a member, you have access to a KGA team of experts, databases of information, networking, conferences, as well as speaking and sponsorship opportunities. Educational programming has long been our keystone service, and we invite you to attend the cross-cutting KGA functions, such as the EXPO, technical seminars, or Best Practice Summits.

We are governed by a Board of Directors at KGA, and 10 Standing Committees execute our vision. KGA is extremely active, working in all areas of the industry in all pockets of our Commonwealth, and we are effective because of our Committees. Member Representatives meet regularly to monitor and develop legislative policy, convene with the Public Service Commission, digest and disseminate technical and OQ data, and to create top notch programming. I invite your organization to take a leadership role in KGA by joining a Committee. Upon your membership renewal, please consider identifying those in your organization as an Associate Member for placement in a KGA Committee.

We are ready for a great year at the Kentucky Gas Association as we provide for the advancement of natural gas and Kentucky's operators and affiliates. Natural gas is clean, responsible, and an American energy source, and KGA is honored to serve you in 2015 - 2016. Please join us.

For your convenience, membership may be renewed online at the [KGA Membership Website](#).



### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Education
- Advocacy
- Collaboration
- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Government Relations
- Networking

### Don't Forget

KGA wants to post your stories and information. Please submit your press releases, success stories, awards, grand openings, and other articles to KGA, and we'll post your news in our new "Blue Gas in the Bluegrass" section.

### KGA Career Center

Visit the KGA Career Center Website at the following link: [Natural Gas Jobs](#). Be sure to submit your company's openings and post your resume to network with Kentucky's gas leaders!

### Look Us Up

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