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**Oil & Gas**  
COMPACT COMMISSION

# RESOLUTION 09.101 OIL AND GAS RESEARCH

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### **URGING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF OIL AND GAS RESEARCH AND TO ADEQUATELY FUND OIL AND GAS RESEARCH INITIATIVES**

**WHEREAS**, oil and gas research is a key ingredient in any comprehensive and effective national energy policy; and,

**WHEREAS**, the major U.S. oil and gas companies no longer make their comprehensive oil and gas research generally available and independent oil and gas companies operating in the United States generally lack the capability and capacity to conduct their own oil and gas research, thereby impacting the nation's ability to effectively and efficiently develop its domestic oil and gas resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, the new National Petroleum Council (NPC) report "Facing the Hard Truths about Energy" recommends expanded research and development opportunities as essential to the existence of domestic production; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Oil and Gas Supply Research and Development Program, through its various initiatives and facilities, such as the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) and the Rocky Mountain Oilfield Testing Center (RMOTC), as well as through activities conducted under Title IX, Subsection J, Sections 999A through 999H of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which authorized the Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research Program, has conducted and supported significant public domain oil and gas research and development activities that have assisted in the development of public policy options to ensure clean, reliable, and affordable supplies of oil and natural gas for the American consumers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the technology developed as a result of these research and development activities has been effectively transferred to the domestic U.S. oil and gas industry through various means, including the Department of Energy-supported Petroleum Technology Transfer Council (PTTC), to assist in the discovery, development, and effective and efficient recovery of our domestic oil and gas resources for the benefit of the nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the oil and gas producing states that are members of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission support the continuation and, in fact, enhancement of these critical programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the member states of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission have significant capability and capacity to support and/or conduct oil and gas research and development activities within state oil and gas regulatory agencies, state geological surveys, research universities, and other state-based entities, many of which have participated, or are participating, in Department of Energy-supported oil and gas research and development programs that provide significant benefit to the nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Energy oil and gas research and development program has been subject to significant reductions in funding, has been targeted several times in recent years for possible elimination in the Federal budget, and the Administration has presented a legislative proposal to Congress that would repeal Subtitle J of Title IX of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and

**WHEREAS**, policy decisions of this nature would contribute to a substantial reduction of the nation's ability to conduct important public-domain oil and gas research and development directed at ensuring that American consumers have clean, reliable, and affordable supplies of oil and natural gas;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) urges the Administration and the Congress of the United States of America to recognize the critical importance of public domain oil and gas research and development activities to the nation; to ensure that future Federal budgets adequately fund the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy oil and gas research and development programs; to not repeal Subtitle J of Title IX of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and to encourage the development of cooperative and collaborative federal-state initiatives and partnerships that support and utilize the capability and capacity that exists within the oil and gas producing states of the nation to support and conduct oil and gas research activities.

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