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### **CNX Resources Recognized as 2020 Operator of the Year**

*Leadership, Safety and Environmental Stewardship Also Awarded in 2020 Awards  
for Excellence in Virginia's Gas and Oil Industry*

**Virginia Beach, Va.** –**CNX Resources** was recognized as **Operator of the Year** in the 2020 Virginia Gas and Oil Industry Awards. The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) awarded 12 other outstanding achievements by members of the gas and oil industry.

**CNX Resources** received the 2020 recognition for a variety of achievements. As the largest operator in the Commonwealth by volume, the company has continually identified avenues to maintain financial profitability and environmental stewardship. The company adapted to overcome adversity associated with this ever-changing industry continues its reputation of being an exemplary operator.

“It is important for Virginia Energy to recognize the efforts of our natural gas companies and the individuals behind the work,” said **Virginia Energy Director of Gas and Oil and Mineral Mining Phil Skorupa**. “These achievements show the industry’s commitment to operate responsibly and professionally. Most importantly, it showcases the care and concern these companies show for the safety of their workers and the public and the preservation of our environment.”

Awards will be presented October 13, 2021 during the annual Virginia Oil and Gas Association (VOGA) meeting in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Other awards included:

**Excellence in Field Development- Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research and EnerVest**

The Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research (VCCER) and the Mining and Minerals Engineering Department at Virginia Tech proposed a study with EnerVest to monitor, characterize and measure methane emissions from natural gas compressor stations. The goal of the data gathered is to help regulatory and industry officials better prepare to address and track emissions at compressor stations across the nation.

**Excellence in Industry Innovation- CNX Resources**

In 2020 CNX embarked on an initiative to put into place an in-house design intended to continuously evaluate gas quality at the wellhead. The Automated Methane Control device samples and analyzes methane concentration. That information is transferred to operators who are able to make immediate changes in operations at each well. This device also helps in the health and safety of coal miners as it responds to underground mine degasification.

**Environmental Stewardship- Columbia Gas of Virginia**

Pipeline safety is always a priority at Columbia Gas of Virginia. After a series of encroachments on the Chesterfield 7 Transmission line, Columbia Gas partnered with Terra Sound Technology to develop a solution to minimize risk to customers and around the pipeline. Through the use of fiber optic cables, Columbia Gas is notified of possible third-party intrusions.

**Community Outreach- Virginia Natural Gas**

Through the generosity of community members, customers and employees, Virginia Natural Gas hosted several drive thru events, supplying Hampton Roads citizens with much-needed food, school supplies and Christmas gifts - all while safely socially distancing. In total, the company collected more than 5,000 pounds of food, enough for nearly 10,000 meals. The school supplies campaign helped more than 500 families and over 1,300 school children. And, the holiday event filled donation bins with more than 200 new toys for Toys for Tots and over 350 toiletry items for the Children's Health Investment Program of South Hampton Roads.

**Partnership in Gas Field Technology-EnerVest**

EnerVest Operating collaborated with Virginia Tech's Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research to drill a test well in Wise County that was 15,144 feet deep. This project is critical to the continued development of natural gas industry in Southwest Virginia. With a major emphasis on efficient yet safe operations, the end result was 30,000 man-hours worked without any injury, illness or environmental issues. An investment of time and resources allowed this project to highlight Virginia's gas industry.

**Leadership- Rocky Stilwell, Diversified Gas and Oil**

Rocky Stilwell, Senior Environmental Specialist for Diversified Gas and Oil, leads their field operations in Southwest Virginia with a positive and professional attitude, a commitment to the environment and a determination to making sure that operations remain in compliance with all state and federal requirements. In addition to his dedication to his family, his job and the environment, he also is dedicated to the community and gives back his time in many ways.

### **Upstream Service Provider- Gas Field Services**

Tasks such as water hauling, roustabout services, road work and infield compliance only scratch the surface of the services offered by Gas Field Services (GFS). In 2020, they proved their superior work could be done safely and mindfully, transporting nearly 925,000 barrels of produced water without any major incidents. GFS also assisted with several operators with various projects. Those operators reported that work was completed safely and deadlines were met, exceeding expectations.

### **Midstream Service Provider-Energy Engineering Management and Technical Support**

Energy Engineering Management and Technical Support (EMATS) currently employs 45 Virginians. They work throughout the southern Appalachian Basin to provide customers with quality infrastructure construction services and technical support functions. Over the years, EMATS has accrued over 10 million safe man-hours of safety, installing over 3,000 miles of pipelines, setting over 200 million horsepower of compression and has been the general contractor for the construction of many facilities in Virginia.

### **LDC of the Year- Virginia Natural Gas**

Proudly serving the southeastern Virginia region for more than 170 years, Virginia Natural Gas (VNG) has become one of the largest local distribution companies VNG serves more than 300,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers. VNG keeps customers at the center of everything they do. Through environmental stewardship, community outreach programs and innovative projects, VNG continues to distinguish themselves as an industry leader, enriching the daily lives of those they serve, working hard to provide for their neighbors and working toward creating a more sustainable future for their customers and communities.

### **Individual Partnership-Josh Cochran and Seth Long, Diversified Gas and Oil**

In 2020, all Virginia Gas and Oil operators were tasked with disbursing unknown/unlocatable funds held in the Virginia Gas and Oil Board's Escrow Account to the Department of Treasury. These are royalties from gas production in which the rightful recipient cannot be located. Diversified Gas and Oil chose Josh Cochran and Seth Long to get the job done. From May to October of 2020, the team worked diligently to submit disbursement petitions to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board. Cochran and Long submitted 59 Treasury Disbursement petitions totaling \$667,390.46.

### **Individual Excellence - Katherine Dorman, Columbia Gas of Virginia**

Human Resources Manager Katherine Dorman took on the response to COVID-19 both within Columbia Gas of Virginia and in her own home. Katherine's detailed efforts to provide guidance led Columbia Gas of Virginia's essential critical infrastructure workforce through those challenges. Dorman worked to implement new safety standards and work protocols for employees in the field as well as remote workers, all while adjusting to working from home as a mother. She was called to action to address complex scenarios and daily needs for over 470 employees working from seven regional offices, as well as assisting with Columbia Gas's interactions with contractors during the pandemic.

### **Individual Excellence - Kelli Berry, Pocahontas Gas, LLC**

Senior Analyst for Land Records and Division of Interest for Pocahontas Gas, LLC Kelli Berry excels in performing independently complex administrative and leadership responsibilities. Her work quality, honesty, integrity, history in the industry and professionalism ensures her work with the Virginia Gas and Oil Board is top notch. Kelli's extensive knowledge and expertise has shown true in all work submitted

to the Board. She has done an extraordinary job in processing disbursements of escrowed funds, as she was responsible for disbursing over three million dollars from the VGOB escrow account in 2020.

Virginia Gas and Oil Industry Awards are recognized annually by the Virginia Department of Energy, previously known as the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME). The agency's official name change will occur October 1<sup>st</sup>. A new website hosting this information and more on the natural gas program within Virginia Energy will also launch that date at [www.energy.virginia.gov](http://www.energy.virginia.gov)

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