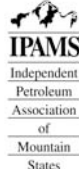


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IPAMS and Energy Outreach Colorado

Partner at National Western Stock Show to Tackle High Energy Prices

DENVER – The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS) and Energy Outreach Colorado are partnering to educate visitors at the 100th Annual National Western Stock Show regarding high energy prices, energy conservation and efficiency. The booth will be located in the Stadium Hall/Hall of Education at booth number 1959-61.

Visitors to the booth can receive energy conservation handouts in English and Spanish, applications for low income energy assistance, and envelopes for donations to Energy Outreach Colorado. They can also register to win free energy saving devices including: programmable thermostats, compact fluorescent light bulbs and other weatherization products. Volunteers will also be available to answer questions about natural gas production in Colorado and help consumers understand why energy prices are so high and what consumers can do about it.

“Being an organization whose members represent the energy industry, we are committed to helping strengthen Colorado by supporting the important work that Energy Outreach Colorado does,” said Marc Smith, executive director of IPAMS. “We’re proud to partner with Energy Outreach Colorado to educate people about the importance of conserving energy especially when prices are increasing so dramatically.”

The cost of natural gas is expected to increase by up to 40 percent in Colorado this winter, and thousands of low-income families and seniors on fixed incomes will need help paying their heating bills. Energy costs have tripled in the past three years, greatly impacting the need for energy assistance in the state.

“Coloradans, and especially low-income families needing assistance with their energy bills, are extremely fortunate to have the strong support of IPAMS and their members from the oil and gas industry right here in our state,” said Skip Arnold, executive director of Energy Outreach Colorado. “The natural gas producers and service companies are very dedicated to the local communities in which they work and live. We couldn’t provide the funding we do for bill payment assistance and energy efficiency upgrades for affordable housing without their ongoing generosity.”

About IPAMS

IPAMS is a non-profit trade association representing more than 400 independent oil and gas producers, service and supply companies, banking and financial institutions and industry consultants in the Intermountain West. IPAMS was founded in 1974. More information is available at www.ipams.org.

About Energy Outreach Colorado

Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC) is the only non-profit organization in the state that raises money to help low-income Coloradans afford home energy. Its programs include energy bill payment assistance, energy efficiency upgrades for affordable housing and energy efficiency education. Since its inception in 1989, Energy Outreach has distributed more than \$60 million to fund these programs. In May 2005, EOC assisted with the passage of innovative legislation to create a voluntary energy assistance program through Colorado utility customer contributions. Energy Outreach Colorado is an independent, nonprofit organization that relies on private donations, corporate contributions and foundation grants. To make tax-deductible donations to Energy Outreach Colorado, call toll-free 1-866-HEAT Help or visit www.EnergyOutreach.org.

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