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## **Texas' Midstream Sector Congratulates Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick on Recent Election to Chair the Agency**

**Austin, Texas** – Members of the Texas Pipeline Association congratulate Texas Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick on her recent election as the new Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas, the regulatory agency responsible for the oversight of Texas' pipeline industry. Chairman Craddick was elected during an open meeting of the Commission on Tuesday.

"The TPA staff, board of directors and our general membership look forward to continued collaboration with Commissioner Craddick in her new role as the Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas," said Thure Cannon, president of TPA. "Regulation of the pipeline industry is a critical responsibility of the agency and we are delighted that Chairman Craddick, a natural born leader, is now at the helm."

Commissioner Craddick succeeds sitting Chairman Barry Smitherman, whose term as Railroad Commissioner ends in late 2014. Christi Craddick was elected statewide by the people of Texas in November 2012 to serve a six-year term as Texas Railroad Commissioner. A native of Midland, Christi is an attorney specializing in oil and gas, water and tax issues, in addition to electric deregulation and environmental policy. Prior to joining the Railroad Commission of Texas, she served as the chief political and legal advisor to the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Tom Craddick, and was president of the grassroots advocacy firm Direct Contacts.

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### **About Texas Pipeline Association**

The Texas Pipeline Association is the largest state trade association in the country representing solely the interests of the intrastate pipeline network. TPA provides effective advocacy on issues related to pipeline safety, environmental regulations, taxation and legislation and is the primary resource for information regarding the Texas pipeline industry. Member companies work in partnership with state and federal regulatory agencies to ensure full compliance. For more information about TPA, please visit [www.texaspipelines.com](http://www.texaspipelines.com).