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## **Abilene Independent Elected Chairman Of Texas Alliance of Energy Producers**

The Board of Directors of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers elected Thomas J. Taylor, president and co-founder of Abilene-based Snowmass Energy Partners L.P., to be Chairman of the association's board.

"I am pleased to announce that Tom Taylor has accepted the decision of the Alliance's board by agreeing to serve as vice chairman," said Alliance chairman Mark Metzler, president of Gainesville-based Felderhoff Production Company. "Tom has worked in the Texas oil and gas industry for more than three decades, and is well-known and well-respected in every corner of our state."

"I am honored to be elected Chairman, especially at this crucial time in the industry," Taylor, who has served as Vice President of the Alliance since 2008, said.

An Abilene native, Taylor graduated from Abilene Cooper High School before enrolling at Tarleton State University at Stephenville. He later transferred to the University of Texas, where he received a BBA in Petroleum Land Management.

Taylor opened an independent lease brokerage office in Houston in 1978 and for several years bought, sold, and managed oil and gas properties in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alabama, returning to Abilene in 1986. After 20 years of drilling wells and buying producing properties from California to Florida, Taylor sold out in 2005 and started Snowmass Energy Partners with members of the A.V. Jones family. Snowmass mainly acquires non-operated working interests in onshore projects in the U.S.

Taylor's father, Russell N. Taylor, served as President of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association from 1983-1985.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Texas Alliance of Energy Producers is the nation's largest state association of independent oil and gas producers.

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