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TIPRO Names Teddy Carter as Director of Public Affairs

(Austin, Texas – May 14, 2010) Teddy Carter has been named Director of Public Affairs for the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association announced today by TIPRO's President Walter "Tad" Mayfield. "Carter's experience weaves energy, political and regulatory backgrounds together to form a strong foundation that will benefit Texas independent oil and gas producers. As our industry faces challenges, Carter will be able to represent our needs at the Capitol, with regulatory agencies and in the public forum."



Carter begins his tenure at TIPRO in June after serving over a decade at the Texas Senate in various roles. Carter's most recent role was as Committee Director/Clerk for the Texas Senate's Natural Resources Committee under Sen. Kip Averitt. Additionally, Carter held a similar position for the Natural Resources Committee under then Chairman Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown. Carter also served at the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence and the Senate Committee on State Affairs as Clerk under Sen. Robert Duncan.

Carter brings expertise on oil and gas policy issues as well as environmental issues encompassing air, water and waste. Carter is a Texas native and attended Texas Tech and received his bachelor's degree from Texas State University.

Carter is replacing Donna Warndorf, TIPRO's Vice President of Public Affairs, who accepted the position of Manager, Regional Communications and Public Affairs for TIPRO Explorer member Occidental Petroleum. Her responsibilities will include media/community relations and internal/public affairs in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. TIPRO thanks Warndorf for her service to both TIPRO and our industry.

"The 82nd Legislative Session will offer Texas independent oil and gas producers opportunities as well as opposition," said TIPRO's Executive Vice President Justin Furnace. "How we successfully balance the two will enable us to reach successful outcomes for our members. I could not be more pleased to have Teddy on board with TIPRO. He will be a terrific asset to our members as we enter into the 2011 session."