

**55-1626. Definitions.** As used in this act:

- (a) "Act" means the provisions of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 55-1625 through 55-1635, and amendments thereto;
- (b) "board" means the Kansas oil and gas resources board as created by this act;
- (c) "first purchaser" means:
  - (1) With regard to crude oil, the person to whom title first is transferred beyond the gathering tank or tanks, beyond the facility from which the crude oil was first produced, or both; and
  - (2) with regard to natural gas, the person to whom title first is transferred beyond the inlet side of the measurement station from which the natural gas was first produced;
- (d) "independent producer" means a person who complies with both of the following:
  - (1) Produces oil or natural gas and is not engaged in refining either product; and
  - (2) derives a majority of income from ownership in properties producing oil or natural gas;
- (e) "interest owner" means a person who owns or possesses an oil or gas leasehold interest in the gross production of oil or natural gas produced from a well in Kansas. For the purposes of this act, an oil and gas leasehold estate interest shall include the working interest and any overriding interest carved out of the working interest in any oil and gas lease, but shall include neither any royalty interests nor any overriding royalty interest carved out of the working interest;
- (f) "person" means an individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, limited liability company, cooperative or any other entity or an employee of the entity; and
- (g) "qualified producer association" means an entity that is organized under section 501(c)(6) of the federal internal revenue code and in existence on the effective date of this act, organized and operates within the state of Kansas, and in which a majority of the members of such association's governing body consists of independent producers. In addition to any other entity which constitutes a qualified producer association as defined in this subsection, the Kansas independent oil and gas association, the Kansas petroleum council and the eastern Kansas oil and gas association shall be qualified producer associations.

**History:** L. 2006, ch. 94, § 2; L. 2007, ch. 119, § 2; July 1.