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Paul is the founder and Managing Director of Energy Training Resources (“ETR”), which conducts live and virtual oil and gas courses and produces eLearning courses and training videos. Paul has been researching topics across the oil and gas industry since 2007 and leads the development of presentation materials for ETR’s courses. He instructs many of the courses himself and is uniquely qualified to instruct and answer questions over an industry-wide range of topics. Paul has been working in partnership with IPAA on training initiatives since 2015.

Paul previously spent 27 years working in the oil and gas industry in a variety of roles. His first three years were with National Supply Company, which was then the world’s largest manufacturer of oilfield equipment (has since evolved into National Oilwell Varco). He then served 24 years with Occidental Petroleum Corporation, one of the largest independent oil and gas companies in the United States.

At Occidental, Paul worked with a variety of domestic and international operations and projects. His earlier roles included auditing, acquisition analysis, divestiture coordination, planning, and project reviews. His later roles included serving as divisional chief financial officer for Occidental’s operating divisions in The Netherlands and in the Permian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico, which is Occidental’s largest operation.

Paul networks throughout the industry and stays current on industry topics. He is a member of the IPAA and the Houston Producers Forum. He has presented on oil and gas topics in a variety of forums including the American Petroleum Institute, the Houston Geological Society, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas state legislature, and educational institutions.

EDUCATION: Paul has a BBA from the University of Texas at Austin, an MBA from the University of Houston, and is a Certified Public Accountant. Paul also has a certificate in Professional Land Management from the Petroleum Extension Service of the University of Texas.