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## **Enervest Operating LLC Recognized as 2022 Energy Operator of the Year**

*Leadership, Safety and Environmental Stewardship Also Awarded in 2022 for Excellence in Virginia's Gas and Oil Industry*

**Hot Springs, Va. – Enervest Operating LLC** was recognized as **Energy Operator of the Year** for the 2022 Virginia Gas and Oil Industry awards. The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) awarded six other outstanding achievements by members of the gas and oil industry at the annual Virginia Oil and Gas Association (VOGA) meeting in Hot Springs.

“Virginia Energy has a commitment to safety and our environment and seeing the industry mirror that is certainly worth celebrating,” **said Virginia Energy Director of Gas and Oil Phil Skorupa**. “We are honored to give a well-deserved pat on the back to those who go above and beyond to ensure the people and communities in which they operate only see benefits from their operations.”

**Enervest Operating LLC** demonstrated excellence in the natural gas industry with an exemplary safety record. The company had zero lost time accidents. It credits a comprehensive safety management system paired with regular safety training for keeping the staff accident free. Since it first began operations, Enervest has a combined total of 1.2 million working hours that are accident free.

Other awards included: **Career Achievement Award: Brent Archer, Columbia Gas of Virginia**

With a career of nearly four decades, Brent Archer has left a lasting impression on Columbia Gas of Virginia and the entire natural gas industry. In his current role of President and Chief Operations Officer, Archer placed a renewed focus on safety and operations. Responsible for the gas deliver to over 290,000 customers, Archer also took the opportunity to enhance stakeholder knowledge through an initiative called “NiSource your Energy Your Future”. This program is credited toward increasing energy efficiencies. He maintained visibility with his 500 employees and was commended for taking ideas from those with boots on the ground and putting them into action. He went beyond Columbia Gas’s buildings to the floor of the General Assembly to educate lawmakers about the natural gas industry and to introduce legislation for innovation. Brent is also no stranger to his community. From serving on various charitable boards to finding volunteer opportunities for Columbia Gas employees, his commitment to giving back is as evident as his contribution to a growing and impactful natural gas industry.

### **Environmental Stewardship: EnerVest Operating LLC**

A significant reduction in methane emissions in 2022 landed EnerVest Operating bragging rights when it came to environmental stewardship. The company also took steps to further protect biodiversity and restore natural habitats. That included establishing a pollinator habitat program and increasing wildlife conservation efforts.

### **Maverick Bentley with Diversified Energy PLC – Individual Excellence Award**

With over three decades of experience in the natural gas industry, Maverick Bentley now finds himself as Senior Vice President of Diversified Energy’s Midstream Business Unit. His leadership spans multiple states and is also behind a four-year accident-free record.

### **Diversified Energy PLC – Industry Innovation Award**

In 2022, Diversified Energy Public Limited Company (PLC) enhanced a system for leak detections and repair initiatives. Called the Smarter Asset Management program, the company expanded with handheld technologies to better serve the field workforce in finding these issues. This also helped in methane emission reductions and led the company to earn the Gold Standard Pathway designation from the Oil and Gas Methane Partnership.

### **Roanoke Gas Company – Local Distribution Company of the Year**

Roanoke Gas Company made a remarkable achievement in 2022. The company is producing high-quality renewable natural gas from biogas generated at the Roanoke Regional Water Pollution Control Plant. It’s a groundbreaking initiative. The company also is an active community member, providing financial resources to Healthy Homes Roanoke which renovates older houses.

### **Gasco Drilling Inc – Outstanding Service Provider of the Year**

GasCo Drilling also has an exemplary safety record. Employees are offered safety training regularly and their systems are frequently inspected. Gasco celebrated

historically low spill rates within the same year and have been credited with delivering high-quality work.

Virginia Gas and Oil Industry Awards are presented annually by the Virginia Department of Energy. Learn more about the industry on the agency [website](#).