Hall Estill Represents OIEC in Historic Rate Reduction for OG&E Customers

Attorney Tom Schroedter with Hall Estill represented Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers (OIEC), an association of OG&E's large power users, as an intervenor in Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co.'s application for Corporation Commission approval of a rate hike.

In a release, the firm said that Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company's industrial customers will realize significant benefits from the largest single rate reduction ever awarded a state electric utility following the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's approval of a settlement in mid-June.

The firm has offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Denver, Northwest Arkansas and Oregon.

The firm's release continues:

> The commission's order approved a settlement agreement which provides for a large rate reduction and a one-time refund to OG&E customers resulting from federal income tax law changes. Large industrial consumers will realize meaningful savings and avoid cost increases as a result of the rate case settlement. OIEC worked with the Oklahoma Attorney General's office in advocating for and negotiating this significant decrease which results in fair and reasonable rates for OG&E customers.

> "It is tremendously rewarding to work on this historic settlement which provides such substantial savings for industries and businesses across the state," said Schroedter.

Beginning in July 2018, OG&E customers received a rate reduction of $64 million along with a one-time refund of $18.5 million that appeared as a credit on the July bill.

"We are fortunate to have outstanding attorneys like Tom who work diligently on behalf of our clients to represent the interests of Oklahoma's industries," said Mike Cooke, Managing Partner for Hall Estill. "Tom is a fabulous asset to our clients and brings a great depth of industry knowledge and unmatched enthusiasm to our team."

Schroedter has practiced at Hall Estill for over 25 years and has built his legal career around Energy & Natural Resources and Utilities Law.