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### **Association of Oil Pipe Lines Announces New President**

WASHINGTON (August 12, 2009) – The Association of Oil Pipe Lines today announced that Andrew J. Black will join the Association on September 8, 2009 as its new President. AOPL is a non-profit trade association representing 49 domestic and Canadian interstate common carrier oil pipeline companies. AOPL members carry nearly 85% of the crude oil and refined petroleum products moved by pipeline in the United States.

Tom Bannigan, President, Products Pipelines, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, and Chairman of the Association of Oil Pipe Lines, said, “Andy brings a unique blend of public and private sector experience to the leadership of AOPL. He has federal regulatory, industry and Capitol Hill experience that positions him well to guide the industry as it addresses the opportunities and challenges of an increasingly complex legislative and regulatory environment.”

Andrew joins AOPL from El Paso Corporation where he was Director, Federal Government Relations. He previously served as Director, Office of External Affairs at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and as Deputy Staff Director, Policy, for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Andrew lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, Laurie Trautner-Black, and their two children.

### **Association of Oil Pipe Lines**

AOPL acts as an information clearinghouse for the public, media and pipeline industry; provides coordination and leadership for the industry's ongoing Joint Environmental and Safety Initiative; and represents common carrier crude and product petroleum pipelines in Congress, before regulatory agencies, and in the federal courts. [www.aopl.org](http://www.aopl.org)