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Patrick Forbis is currently the Editor & Publisher of the *Texas Drilling Observer*, an oil & gas report focusing on Texas oil & gas regulatory issues, Texas Railroad Commission activities and the oil industry's regulatory filings. Forbis founded the *Observer* in 1999 and has built up a subscriber base that includes the state's "major" oil and gas well operating companies, independent operators, small operators, mineral interest trusts, oil and gas lawyers & law firms, trade & research organizations, land owners, as well as other stake-holders in the industry.

In addition to writing the *Observer*, Forbis has over 20 years worth of experience in Texas' oil & natural gas industry regulatory policies, researching and analyzing data at the Texas Railroad Commission as well as helping clients on regulatory compliance. Mr. Forbis's experience in regulatory consulting includes most aspects of Texas Railroad Commission permitting & compliance, which includes advising clients on hearing policies, hearing strategies & exhibit preparation, injection & disposal well permit application preparation, preparing drilling permits, well completion reports and related filings as well as filings to support administrative rule exceptions, helping clients gain production tax incentives, preparing & filing reports for regular compliance with Commission rules and resolving non-compliance problems.

Patrick has also provided expert testimony on regulatory and technical matters in representation of clients before the Texas Railroad Commission's Hearings Division and has guided the presentation in those hearings. Forbis's professional services also include researching and compiling oil & gas data for a wide range of clients.

Over the years Mr. Forbis has also been a regular contributor of oil and gas data to a number of Texas newspapers, including the *Midland Reporter-Telegram* and the *Victoria Advocate*. Forbis is also the long time host of the weekly oil and gas report for KEYE radio in the Texas Panhandle and an occasional guest on KEYE's morning program "Coffee Break", discussing current oil and gas issues in simple terms for the listening audience.