

Continuous Improvement

JKLM Energy is a privately held company with technical staff located in Franklin Park and Coudersport, Pa. It has 120,000 acres, all in Potter County in north-central Pennsylvania.

“We have 18 producing wells,” Vice President of Business Development Ben Wingard stated in mid-July. “We have operated one drilling rig for the past two years, and we plan to do so for the foreseeable future. We expect to drill 14 wells this year.”

He says JKLM is concentrating its efforts on the Utica formation, although it also is testing wells in the Marcellus and Burkett formations. All three are yielding dry gas, according to Wingard.

“We monitor industry developments closely, and we seek continuously to improve efficiencies in response to and consistent with market conditions,” he adds.

Wingard points out that JKLM’s current practice is to constrain initial production to prevent damaging the reservoir. “Our EURs have been in the range of 2.0 Bcf-2.5 Bcf per 1,000 feet,” he states.

He says the Appalachian price differential remains a challenge. “We are optimistic this will improve over the next several years as more pipelines are built out of the basin, more natural gas power generation comes on line, and liquefied natural gas exports increase,” Wingard offers.

An often overlooked element of shale resource development, according to Wingard, is what it has meant to local economies, especially in rural areas.

“We are proud that our work in responsibly developing shale resources in Potter County is advancing both our energy and national security,” he emphasizes. “Our mission is to achieve these goals while adding to the economic vitality and quality of life in the region.

“We see positive impacts in the communities that host shale development,” Wingard continues. “Activities directly and indirectly associated with natural gas production, including royalty payments to mineral owners, are aiding local economies. These positive impacts extend to agriculture,

tourism, the development of small businesses and more. Local governments and their capacity to deliver services are benefitting as well.

“Individual landowners are a big part of the shale gas economic engine as well,” Wingard points out. “Their local and regional purchases and investments add to economic development. We are proud that these economic and national security advancements are teamed with strong environmental protection and improvement in various environmental indicators, especially cleaner air.”



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