## Winstead Welcomes John Arnold

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Houston, TX, Mar. 12, 2012 – John K. Arnold has joined Winstead PC and will work as a shareholder in the energy and environmental law practice group. Arnold is recognized as an expert in energy regulatory matters before the Texas Public Utility Commission and the Railroad Commission of Texas, as well as other state and federal agencies. He previously worked as a partner at Locke Lord LLP's Houston Office.

"We are very pleased to have John join the Winstead team," said Tom Forestier, Winstead's managing shareholder for the Houston office. "His experience representing multi-national oil and gas companies as well as Texas utilities before regulatory agencies is exceptional. Additionally, his knowledge of energy legal issues spans the full spectrum of our clients' needs, from midstream/pipeline representation to electric power to alternative and renewable energy matters. He is a perfect fit for Winstead's growing energy and environmental law practice."

Arnold represents energy clients in a broad range of regulatory matters, including counseling and due diligence as well as litigation, compliance and enforcement. His representative experience before the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), blends well with Winstead's other highly experienced attorneys that include two FERC attorneys in Washington D.C., and several attorneys in Winstead's Texas offices who handle energy litigation and matters relevant to inter- and intrastate pipelines, electric and gas utilities, retailers and industrial customers of electricity, developers of wind and thermal generation, and multi-national energy companies.

Well versed in electricity and oil and gas regulatory issues, Arnold has presented or written papers on numerous energy related topics. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Public Utilities and Administrative Law Section; a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; a member of the Houston Bar Association, Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section; and a member of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston. Arnold is also a member of the Gulf Coast Power Association and the Energy Bar Association.

When he's not working as an attorney, Arnold has tutored students at inner-city elementary schools and has served as a mentor for the University of Texas School of Law's Chicano-Hispanic Law Students Association. He received his J.D., cum laude, from Southern Methodist University School of Law. Before entering private practice, Arnold was an aide to the State's Attorney General and a law clerk to the Honorable Craig Enoch at the Supreme Court of Texas.

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