



(Left to right): Carl Bilyeu, Chad Gleave and Gerardo Soto with their first-place trophies at the 2022 OG&E Linemen's Expo. The team will go on to represent OG&E in the International Lineman's Rodeo competition in October in Overland Park, Kansas.

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OG&E linemen go head-to-head to showcase skills

Competition returned for first time since 2019; winners advance to international competition

Oklahoma City (Aug. 12, 2022) – Linemen teams from across OG&E's service area gathered in Oklahoma City on Aug. 6 to compete in the company's annual Linemen's Expo. This was the 31st year for the event, after a two-year pause due to health and safety concerns of COVID-19.

OG&E linemen kicked off the day with a moving salute to the American flag before showcasing their technical craft skills and commitment to safe work practices by competing in timed events like pole climbing, transformer change out, hurtman rescue, extendo stick and more.

"Congratulations to all the competitors," said Andrea Dennis, OG&E vice president of transmission and distribution operations. "The athleticism and technical skills we witnessed among our linemen was incredible. It was an amazing day of competition with the largest turnout ever."

The top three overall teams will go on to represent OG&E in the International Lineman's Rodeo competition in October in Overland Park, Kansas. The winners were:

- 1st place: From various areas Carl Bilyeu, Chad Gleave and Gerardo Soto

- 2nd place: Shawnee-area linemen Jay Cottman, John Edgmon and Hunter Royal
- 3rd place: Ardmore-area linemen William Powell, Keith McMillan and Wayne Tow

In addition, the top three winners in the Over 45, and Apprentice competitions will also represent the electric utility at the International Lineman's Rodeo. Winners in those categories were:

Over 45 Competition:

- 1st place: Oklahoma City-area Construction Foreman Shawn Hill
- 2nd place: Oklahoma City-area Transmission Lineman Steve Highfill
- 3rd Place: Kellyville-area Construction Foreman Tommy Finch

Apprentice Competition:

- 1st place: Ardmore-area Lineman Apprentice Lane Miller
- 2nd place: Durant-area Lineman Apprentice Tad Holt
- 3rd place: Ft. Smith-area Lineman Apprentice Haydon Hall

Hundreds of the electric company's employees and family members attended the event and enjoyed a variety of activities, which included a car show, grill master contest, Lineman's Museum tours, kids rides and games, and a 5k Run & Fun Walk, in addition to the competition.

About OG&E

Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of OGE Energy Corp. (NYSE: OGE), is Oklahoma's largest electric utility. For more than a century, we have provided customers in Oklahoma and western Arkansas the safe, reliable electricity needed to power their businesses and homes with some of the nation's lowest electric rates, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence. Our employees are committed to generating and delivering electricity, protecting the environment, and providing excellent service to approximately 882,000 customers. OG&E has 7,207 MW of electric generation capacity fueled by natural gas, wind, low-sulfur coal, and solar. OG&E employees live, work, and volunteer in the communities we serve. For more information about OG&E, visit us at OGE.com or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).