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## Mid-Term State Election Updates: Utah

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Utah voters only faced a single measure relating to oil and gas on the ballot; a nonbinding opinion question as to whether or not voters were in favor of a \$0.10 a gallon tax hike for education and local roads. Utah voters opposed the measure 65.99% (voting “no” to advising the state legislature to pass a gas tax increase of \$0.10 per gallon) to 34.01% (those voting “yes”). It remains to be seen whether or not the legislature decides to move forward with a gas tax hike regardless of the outcome of the vote.

While oil and gas development did not play a big role in this election cycle in Utah, the rulemaking process relating to changes in the compulsory pooling statutes from the 2017 and 2018 Utah legislative sessions is ongoing. The outcome of the rulemaking process will have an impact on oil and gas operations in Utah.