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### **NATURAL GAS IS SUSTAINABLE FUEL FOR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT, SAYS NGSA**

(Washington, D.C.) -- Natural gas supply has grown larger and more sustainable with the arrival of production of natural gas from shale in more than 20 states, the doubling of LNG facilities and record rates of growth in new pipelines and storage facilities, according to remarks today by Jenny Fordham, vice president, markets at the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA). Fordham is speaking at the Consumer Energy Alliance's (CEA) Annual Energy Day.

"We see natural gas as more than a 'bridge' fuel," Fordham said. "We see it as a sustainable long-term solution for the economy and the environment."

Fordham said, "The recent 39 percent growth in the U.S. natural gas resource base is well-known. Less visible to consumers are all the other changes in the market that allow us to deliver the natural gas to our customers in the most efficient, environmentally responsible way.

"This is not the market of ten years ago," Fordham said. "In addition to the supply, pipelines and storage capacity that enable us to respond to customer needs more quickly and flexibly than in past decades, natural gas requires only a fraction of the land necessary to produce the same amount of energy as other fuel sources, with correspondingly low emissions."

According to Fordham, natural gas fuels 20 percent of the U.S. economy, generates between 3 and 4 million jobs in the U.S. alone and contributes billions of dollars to local economies and the federal treasury.

Fordham said, "The U.S. natural gas market is the most responsive and transparent commodities market in the world."

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