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### **NGSA Expands Staff With New Director of Public Affairs**

(Washington, D.C.) The Natural Gas Supply Association announced today that it has hired a long-time energy professional to take over its day-to-day public relations efforts.

“We are pleased to have Daphne Magnuson join us at NGSA as our director of public affairs. She brings with her 27 years of communications excellence and is a great addition to our team,” said R. Skip Horvath, NGSA’s president and CEO.

Prior to joining NGSA, Magnuson worked for the Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA), where she served as vice president of public affairs. Before that she served as the senior director of communications for the American Gas Association (AGA).

In making the announcement, Horvath announced that NGSA’s former public relations director has been tasked with focusing on communications efforts targeting elected officials, further raising the profile of natural gas in the national energy debate.

“Jeff Schrade has been given a new undertaking as Director of Political Communications. He has over 20 years of experience in the political realm and this change should enhance NGSA’s outreach to those who impact the natural gas industry,” Horvath said.

Prior to joining NGSA, Schrade spent nearly 10 years working on Capitol Hill as the communications director for two Senate Committees. He also served on the state staff of two U.S. Senators, handled policy issues involving nuclear waste for the Governor of Idaho, and successfully managed a candidate’s race for the U.S. House of Representatives.

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*NGSA represents major integrated and large independent suppliers of natural gas whose current production provides approximately 30 percent of the natural gas produced in the United States. Established in 1965, NGSA encourages the use of natural gas within a balanced national energy policy, and promotes competitive markets to ensure a reliable and efficient supply and transportation of natural gas to meet the needs of U.S. customers. For general information about natural gas, go to <http://www.naturalgas.org> and for information about the impact of natural gas jobs, go to <http://www.BlueJobs.org>.*