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JOBS, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS SHOULD CONVINC KEY SENATE ALLIES TO SUPPORT NATURAL GAS IN CLIMATE DEBATE SAYS NGSA

(Washington, D.C.) Natural gas messages should resonate with key Senate allies who sit as the majority on the Senate Agriculture, Energy and Natural Resources and Environment and Public Works Committees, according to expected remarks by the Natural Gas Supply Association's (NGSA) Director of Energy Markets and Government Affairs later today.

At a panel discussion on climate legislation at the industry's monthly Natural Gas Roundtable, NGSA's Jenny Fordham is expected to point to 31 influential Democrat senators who serve on committees with oversight and note that clean natural gas collectively contributes 1.7 million jobs and \$6.5 billion to the 24 states represented by these senators. Fordham will note that the significance of natural gas is underscored by the fact that if all U.S.-based natural gas "blue jobs" disappeared, unemployment would rise from nearly 10 percent to 12 percent.

Among the 24 states represented by majority Committee members, Fordham plans to point out that natural gas is extraordinarily important to several, for example: Louisiana, where it contributes to 9 percent of the civilian workforce and \$10 billion in economic value; Pennsylvania, where it contributes \$12 billion in economic value; Ohio, where it provides \$9 billion in economic value; and Michigan, where it contributes \$7 billion. Other committee-represented states where natural gas is of great economic importance are Arkansas, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota and South Dakota. According to NGSA, clean natural gas contributes more jobs to the U.S. economy than coal, oil or renewables.

NGSA supports thoughtful, deliberate consideration of climate policy that recognizes the importance of clean natural gas to the nation's energy portfolio and is market-based, treats natural gas equitably and advances environmental and energy security objectives.

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