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NGSA Elects New Leadership, Sets 2001 Priorities

Washington, D.C....Roberta A. Luxbacher, Vice President Americas, ExxonMobil Gas Marketing Company, was elected the new Chairman of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA). Also elected were Vice Chair, Mike Johnson, Vice President and General Manager Natural Gas and Gas Products, Conoco Inc., and Secretary/Treasurer, Tony Fountain, President, BP North America Gas and Power.

NGSA's officers are elected to two-year terms by its Board of Directors, which consists of senior executives from member companies.

Skip Horvath, NGSA's President, said, "With Dick Sharples's term expiring (Chairman, NGSA, 1999-2001, President, Anadarko Energy Services), we couldn't be luckier to have such a great successor. Dick steered NGSA through some tough challenges. Robbi will pick up the gavel and maintain our association's momentum at a time when our members are doing everything they can to bring more natural gas to the market, while trying to alleviate barriers to future supply."

"We have a lot to do these next two years," Luxbacher said, "with the most immediate issue being to work with the Administration and Congress on a sound national energy strategy that includes lifting barriers to the increased supply of natural gas. We want to help develop a strategy that balances consumers' demand for energy with their demand for environmental responsibility. We believe we can achieve both, while doing our part to ensure the future energy needs of this country."

Luxbacher continued, "Part of NGSA's approach will include collaborating with other fuel-related associations (coal, oil and nuclear) to advocate a balanced portfolio of fuels to supply our Nation's energy needs. The energy industry will be educating corporate opinion leaders, regulators and lawmakers on the importance of balancing environmental

regulations with energy supply. Producers of natural gas are part of the solution to our country's energy needs, but we are only one fuel source. A balanced portfolio, based on fuel-neutral standards, will go a long way toward ensuring all of our customer's energy needs are met.

“Another top priority is to work with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on ensuring a healthy natural gas market. We want to allow the laws of supply and demand to work, giving producers time to bring more supply to market and help bring it back into balance. [Note to Robbi – the following is an optional sentence] Part of achieving that goal is ensuring that the entire natural gas chain, including suppliers, pipelines and local distribution companies, are allowed to compete evenly, without corporate affiliate preferences. Such preference distorts the market and only serves to hurt open and fair competition.”

Luxbacher concluded, “Energy, is again on the forefront American's minds. It's of great important to us, too. Our job is to continue to produce natural gas in the most efficient manner possible and to deliver it to a fair and competitive market to benefit all consumers of natural gas. In the end, our focus comes back to the customer and the nation's energy needs; we're all focused on this together.”

NGSA represents integrated and independent companies that produce and market the majority of the natural gas produced in the United States. NGSA is actively involved in pursuing regulatory and legislative issues that affect the association's members. Established in 1965, NGSA encourages expanded use of natural gas and supports regulatory and legislative actions that foster competitive markets.

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