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NGSA Praises FERC Nominees

Roberta A. Luxbacher, Chairman of the Natural Gas Supply Association and Vice President Americas, ExxonMobil Gas Marketing Company, today issued the following statement upon the nominations of Pat Wood and Nora Mead Brownell as Commissioners to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Producers are delighted with these two timely appointments. Pat Wood's experience at the Texas Public Utility Commission gives him a good sense of the issues facing us today. He understands the importance of asserting an effective regulatory approach when warranted, while allowing market forces to work where sufficient competition exists—as it does in the production of natural gas. This is not Pat's first time walking the halls of FERC. Many of us knew him when he was a respected advisor some years ago.

Another market advocate, Ms. Brownell, a respected regulator from Pennsylvania, is also a welcome addition to FERC. We look forward to working with both of these new commissioners, as well as the now fully appointed FERC, to create a more efficient natural gas market.

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.