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“Energy security means maintaining our energy markets to ensure long-term supply and enhanced customer services,” says Skip Horvath, President, NGSA.

Washington, D.C. R. Skip Horvath, President of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) said the following in support of the U.S. Energy Association’s report, “National Energy Security post 9/11,” released today.

On behalf of the producers of natural gas, I would like to thank the USEA for developing this important document. Our industry has come together at a critical time in our nation’s history to collaborate on rational and appropriate actions that need to be taken to ensure that we continue to have a healthy and strong energy supply. From the perspective of natural gas producers, I would like to make three main points.

First, this report supports allowing price signals to regulate competitive markets, demand and consumer decisions. Natural gas producers are particularly interested in maintaining a deregulated, open market for natural gas. Competitive markets, through price signals, ensure supply will meet demand. In addition, it provides consumers with the benefit of greater choice as well as access to the energy products and services they need.

Next, the report supports policies that expand our ability to produce domestic resources, which in turn strengthens our national security. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of supporting production of domestic resources with government policies that allow access to multi-use government lands.

Finally, the report encourages public and private partnerships at all levels for developing security contingency plans and improving our emergency preparedness. Producers have been dealing with unsteady global situations for years. We believe we can all learn from each other to ensure our national energy infrastructure is secure.

NGSA represents integrated and independent companies that produce and market natural gas 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.

