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NGSA President Skip Horvath Reacts to Release of NPC Study

(Houston) ... During remarks at the Gas Week Natural Gas Customer Summit, Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) President Skip Horvath responded positively to today's release of a long-term market analysis by the National Petroleum Council (NPC).

"Obviously, it will take us a couple of days to digest all of the NPC findings and recommendations, but NGSA is encouraged that the council continues to see a bright future for natural gas - assuming, that is, that federal energy and environmental policies are more reasonably aligned," Horvath told the gathering.

"Clearly, if we continue on our present path of stimulating demand while restricting natural gas supply, customers will continue to see higher heating bills, while the economy also suffers from increasing fuel costs."

"During the next month, Congress will have an historic opportunity to react quickly to many of these recommendations," Horvath said. "Many can already be found in either a Senate- or House-passed version of a comprehensive energy bill, now being negotiated in a Capitol Hill conference committee. Others could be adopted almost as fast by federal oversight agencies, without the need for additional legislative action."

"Over the long term, however, we will also need to have a more consistent approach by policymakers at all levels: local, state and regional, as well as in the federal government."

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.