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Unocal's Joseph A. Blount Jr. Named Chairman of NGSA

(Washington) ... Joseph A. Blount Jr., president of Unocal Midstream and Trade, has been elected chairman of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) by the NGSA Board of Directors, it was announced today.

"Energy is the lifeblood of our economy, and the natural gas industry has an increasingly critical role to play. The compromise energy legislation recently adopted by the House, though not perfect, is a good step forward toward a more balanced energy policy," said Blount, who will succeed William L. Transier. "We hope the Senate will be able to come to a resolution on this measure in the very near future."

As NGSA chairman, Blount will also serve this year as chairman of the Natural Gas Council, a united front of trade associations working together to promote natural gas as a viable energy resource.

"Between congressional consideration of a comprehensive energy bill and the election of Joe Blount as our new chairman, this has been an eventful week for NGSA," said association President Skip Horvath. "We look forward to his leadership of the organization as we continue to address numerous and important policy challenges."

Prior to joining Unocal in 1996, Blount was a vice president with Koch Industries. He serves on the board of directors for Colonial Pipeline Co. and Camp For All. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech and Harvard Business School's Program for Management Development.

Also during the meeting, Tim Bullock, president, BP Energy Company, Gas & Power – North America, was named vice chairman and Judy Kelly, vice president – Americas, ExxonMobil Gas Marketing Co., was named secretary/treasurer.

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.