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Statement by NGSA President Skip Horvath On Energy Secretary Abraham's Resignation

(Washington).... "Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham has been a steady hand at the helm and a strong advocate for the administration's energy policy, and the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) appreciates his service on behalf of the nation's energy consumers.

"During his tenure, Secretary Abraham recognized the needs of the marketplace by commissioning the October 2003 National Petroleum Council study, which highlighted the necessary natural gas industry and government actions that can eventually lead to a more balanced energy future. Overall, he took a leadership role in bringing energy issues to the forefront during the president's first term.

"Understanding the need to bring more natural gas supplies to market – and to capitalize on a growing liquefied natural gas (LNG) market and technological developments – he held the LNG Ministerial Summit in Washington in 2003, which helped foster global awareness about the importance of LNG in contributing to the world's energy needs.

"NGSA hopes for a successor who continues to recognize the need for a more balanced energy policy, as well as the benefits of an efficient market response to the needs of U.S. energy customers. "

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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.