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Statement by NGSA Chairman Joseph Blount On Bush/Cheney Victory

(Washington).... "The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA), representing natural gas producers and marketers, congratulates President Bush and Vice President Cheney on their re-election. NGSA looks forward to continuing to work with the administration and the new Congress to meet the nation's goal of a balanced energy future, which should include additional access to non-park, multi-use federal lands.

"Such a balanced energy future cannot exist without government support for the search for new natural gas supplies, which are helping us move to a cleaner environment. As energy is the lifeblood of the nation's economy and a critical component of our national security, NGSA hopes that the administration of President Bush will continue to bring our energy needs to the forefront of the nation. We also look forward to a renewed congressional debate on these issues, and we are hopeful and optimistic about the prospects for advancing the president's longstanding energy policy.

"The next four years will likely be a challenging time for all energy customers, given a continuing tight market for natural gas and other fuels, but we stand ready to work with the president, vice president and Capitol Hill to meet these challenges in a way that makes our economy stronger and our air cleaner."

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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.

(Editor's Note: NGSA chairman Joseph A. Blount Jr. is also the president of Unocal Midstream and Trade.)