



**Statement on Milestone Consensus Among Industry Stakeholders on
Natural Gas Quality and Interchangeability Issues
March 2, 2005**

“The Natural Gas Council, along with a group of stakeholders with interests in natural gas, is pleased to have presented to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission two white papers¹ that address issues raised by the commission during its annual natural gas markets conference in October 2003 and a subsequent technical conference on gas quality issues held in February 2004.

“Over the past year, FERC has established a forum that fostered profound exchanges of information and data. These white papers represent a significant commitment of time and effort from professionals in the production, processing, transmission, distribution, gas turbine and other end-use segments of the natural gas industry, including appliance manufacturers.

“We believe that implementation of the findings and recommendations contained in the white papers should allow the industry to maximize the supply of natural gas while allowing the natural gas delivery system sufficient operational flexibility to maintain system integrity and reliability for its diverse service regions and customer mix.

“Special thanks go to the organizations that spearheaded this effort so that the interests of so many diverse stakeholders were considered during the development of sound technical processes to address hydrocarbon liquid drop-out and natural gas interchangeability.

“The Natural Gas Council looks forward to FERC’s careful review and policy implementation based on the work of the technical groups.”

American Gas Association

**Independent Petroleum Association of
America**

**Interstate Natural Gas Association of
America**

Natural Gas Supply Association

¹ The NGC+ “White Paper on Natural Gas Interchangeability and Non-Combustion End-Use” and its “White Paper on Liquid Hydrocarbon Drop-Out in Natural Gas Infrastructure” are available for download via FERC’s website under docket number PLO4-3. (A .pdf of the filings is also available through Melissa Marion of the Natural Gas Supply Association by phone at 202-326-9300, or via email at mmarion@ngsa.org.)