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## Statement by NGSA President and CEO Skip Horvath on Final Passage of Senate OCS Legislation

(Washington) ... "The Natural Gas Supply Association congratulates the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress for passage of a bill to expand energy leasing in portions of the eastern Gulf of Mexico (S. 3711). It is a needed step in the right direction for American consumers of natural gas," NGSA President Skip Horvath said. "Congress is to be commended for its bipartisan support for access to additional natural gas resources."

"This bill cannot be the final answer when it comes to ensuring more access to the most economical supplies, but it has taken strong leadership in both parties in both houses to achieve this initial step, which represents the first congressional expansion of available offshore resources in several decades. It is vital that the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress continue to work together to ensure greater access to even more supplies to meet the resource needs of the country, while letting markets allocate supplies where they are needed most," Horvath said.

"NGSA looks forward to working with the next Congress on the additional measures needed to further meet the nation's energy resource requirements."

*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.*

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