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### **Former U.S. Senate Committee Spokesman Hired By Natural Gas Supply Association**

(Washington, DC) Skip Horvath, President and CEO of the Natural Gas Supply Association, announced today that he has hired Jeff Schrade to be the association's new director of public relations.

"I'm excited to have Jeff on the team. Although new to the gas industry, Jeff has nearly twenty years of political experience which should help us effectively tell our story," Horvath said.

Prior to joining NGSA, Schrade served as the Republican communications director on the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans (2005-2007) and as communications director for the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging (2001-2004).

In the mid-1990's Schrade worked on nuclear waste policy issues for the Governor of Idaho. His efforts led to a \$3 billion nuclear waste clean up and removal agreement with the federal government concerning the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory.

"The job ahead of him is to raise the presence of natural gas in the national energy debate. It's important that the public and our nation's political leaders understand both the climate change and energy arenas, which are really becoming one," Horvath said.

Schrade began his political career in Idaho working on the staff of U.S. Senator Jim McClure and later went to work for U.S. Senator Larry Craig. He also managed U.S. Representative Mike Simpson's first campaign for Congress.

Schrade replaces Mark Stultz who moved to Texas last year to handle communications efforts for BP.

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