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### **Natural Gas Producers File Amicus Brief in 7<sup>TH</sup> Circuit** ***Illinois ZECs Program Discriminates Against Natural Gas, Undermines*** ***Competitive Power Markets***

(Washington, D.C.) -- The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA), together with the American Petroleum Institute, filed a joint amicus brief in the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court arguing that Illinois' Zero Emissions Credit (ZEC) program unlawfully discriminates against natural gas and undermines competitive wholesale power markets and therefore the Electric Power Supply Association's request to reverse the lower court decision upholding the ZEC program should be granted.

Dena E. Wiggins, president and CEO of the Natural Gas Supply Association, said, "The ZEC program infringes on FERC's exclusive authority to set rates for wholesale electricity markets and disregards decades of FERC efforts to foster market-based competition for the benefit of customers."

Wiggins said, "The ZECs program would change power generators' wholesale electricity rates, subsidize uncompetitive state nuclear generators and depress the prices received by other generators in order to favor one fuel source over another. This is not only discriminatory, it would have serious adverse consequences for the efficient and unbiased functioning of the nation's energy markets."

The brief was filed September 5 and can read [here](#).

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The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) represents integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Founded in 1965, NGSA is the only national trade association that solely focuses on producer-marketer issues related to the downstream natural gas industry. NGSA maintains a deep focus on the regulatory issues that affect natural gas producer-marketers and has been involved in a substantive manner in every one of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's significant natural gas rulemakings since FERC's creation in 1977. For more information, please visit [www.ngsa.org](http://www.ngsa.org) and [www.naturalgas.org](http://www.naturalgas.org).

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