NGSA Says RTO Resiliency Submissions Show Confidence in Pro-Market Solutions and No Emergency Intervention Required

(Washington, D.C.) – In comments filed today at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) noted that submissions filed by the RTOs/ISOs in the proceeding resoundingly demonstrated the lack of an emergency requiring federal action and their confidence in pro-market solutions as the best means to ensure reliability and resilience of the electric grid.

In its comments, NGSA wrote that “Rather than expressing a need to subsidize specific types of resources, there was widespread confidence expressed by the RTOs/ISOs that the competitive market is capable of ensuring future reliability and resilience and that there are no emergency situations that require immediate regulatory intervention.”

NGSA Executive Vice President Pat Jagtiani said, “The RTO comments clearly demonstrate that it is time to end discussions directed at short-sighted measures to prop up specific uneconomic coal and nuclear plants at the expense of energy customers and healthy markets.”

Jagtiani added, “We need to move away from a narrow focus on resuscitating individual projects and refocus the discussion on what lies at the heart of resiliency – the ability to reliably serve power customers in the most cost-efficient manner over both the short and the long-term.”

The complete NGSA filing in the FERC RTO Resiliency docket can be found here.

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The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) represents integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Established in 1965, NGSA encourages the use of natural gas within a balanced national energy policy, and promotes the benefits of competitive markets, thus encouraging increased supply and the reliable and efficient delivery of natural gas to U.S. customers. For more information, please visit www.ngsa.org and www.naturalgas.org.