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EPA Action to Clarify Clean Water Act Commended by NGSA and Center for LNG

(Washington, D.C.) – The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) and the Center for LNG (CLNG) today released the following statement on the Environmental Protection Agency’s guidance concerning Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

NGSA President and CEO Dena Wiggins said:

“EPA’s guidance takes us one step closer to restoring the state Section 401 certification process to its intended purpose of ensuring water quality while enabling the development of critical infrastructure. Reaffirming the statutory principles related to the timeframe for review, scope of review and waiver authority will help to prevent instances where states have misused the certification process as a political tool to indefinitely delay or block a much-needed project. This guidance enhances the predictability and efficiency of the permitting process for interstate natural gas pipelines and allows states and federal authorities to do their jobs of protecting water quality.”

CLNG Executive Director Charlie Riedl said:

“This guidance helps provide clarity and certainty in the LNG process by clarifying the scope and expected timelines for permitting. We applaud EPA for working to fix broken parts of the state water certification process for pipelines without compromising on environmental standards.”

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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 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.

The Center for Liquefied Natural Gas (CLNG) advocates for public policies that advance the use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the United States, and its export internationally. A committee of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA), CLNG represents the full value chain, including LNG producers, shippers, terminal operators and developers, providing it with unique insight into the ways in which the vast potential of abundant, versatile LNG can be fully realized. For more information, please visit www.lngfacts.org.

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