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### **President's Budget Will Negatively Impact Natural Gas**

(Washington, DC) American consumers will likely see less natural gas domestic exploration and production and, as a result, are at risk for higher natural gas prices if the newly proposed federal budget becomes law, the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) warned today.

"This budget is bad news for American consumers and worse news for American jobs," said R. Skip Horvath, NGSA's president and CEO. "People don't appreciate how big the natural gas industry is in this country. Four million Americans depend on domestic natural gas for their livelihoods – both those who work directly in the industry as well those in secondary jobs, such as steel and concrete, and retail jobs. The President's budget is the wrong prescription if you want to see more clean natural gas produced and grow the number of people working during these rough economic times."

The proposed budget, if approved by Congress, would add more than \$26 billion in new taxes on the natural gas and oil industry over the next 10 years.

"We don't know how many jobs this will eliminate," Horvath said, "but just a 10 percent decrease in direct natural gas jobs could wipe out the beneficial effects of a doubling of wind and solar jobs."

"Tax policies directly impact the decisions that are made regarding drilling, especially for smaller companies. More importantly, over 80 percent of the natural gas in the U.S. is actually produced in this country. We are troubled that the Administration has such a basic misunderstanding of how domestic natural gas markets will be impacted," Horvath said.

Clean natural gas provides nearly half of all energy consumed in the residential and commercial sectors. Nearly one-third of the natural gas produced in the U.S. is used in the manufacturing sector of the U.S. economy.

"The government would be creating higher costs for Americans by dramatically raising taxes on natural gas. Everyone should understand that," Horvath said.

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