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NGSA Calls for Recognition of Natural Gas Contribution to Jobs and Environment

(Washington, D.C.) -- R. Skip Horvath, president and CEO of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA), made the following statement about the State of the Union speech delivered last night by President Obama:

"Last night, the President talked about clean energy and the economy. We call on the Administration's clean energy agenda to take into account the significant contribution that natural gas production from shale is making in creating jobs, revenue and energy security for our country. For example, just last year in Pennsylvania, nearly 50,000 jobs could be attributed to the production of clean-burning shale gas.

"The President also said the nation must make 'tough decisions about opening new offshore areas for oil and gas development.' We wish he had announced a more clear vision for offshore drilling.

"Natural gas producers agree that offshore drilling for natural gas should be considered part of the country's clean energy agenda. We look forward to working with the Administration as it moves forward in allowing assessments of our natural gas resources in the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). At least 250 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) of recoverable natural gas is estimated to lie under the OCS.

"Natural gas is a critical part of the economic and environmental solution for the U.S. It is produced domestically, low in emissions, employs three to four million people, provides about 25 percent of our energy and generates billions in revenue to the economy. Natural gas can do even more for this nation if the President and Congress will allow us that opportunity."

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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 to ensure reliable and efficient transportation and delivery of natural gas and to increase the supply of natural gas to U.S. customers. For more information, please visit

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