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### **Natural Gas Suppliers Weigh in on Gas Scheduling Proposal, Urging FERC to Focus on Infrastructure as the Lasting Solution**

(Washington, D.C.) – In comments filed today at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) said the Commission’s proposal to start the “Gas Day” at 4 a.m. CT would not address the underlying cause of power generators’ difficulties in securing natural gas during constrained conditions, urging FERC to instead focus on power market solutions that ensure electric reliability, thus encouraging investment in natural gas infrastructure. NGSA further urged the Commission to adopt the schedule supported by the North American Energy Standards Board.

Dena Wiggins, president and CEO of NGSA said, “Not only is FERC’s proposal to move the start of Gas Day to 4 a.m. CT not a sustainable solution to pipeline capacity issues in regional power markets, it narrows the window of time for all segments of the natural gas value chain to coordinate and resolve any operational issues that may crop up, making it much more difficult to work out issues that might arise in serving customer needs at the beginning of the Gas Day.”

NGSA Senior Vice President Pat Jagtiani added, “Moving the Gas Day to 4 a.m. introduces new challenges, compared to the 9 a.m. CT Gas Day that has allowed the natural gas industry to successfully operate at a remarkably high level of coordination for many years. That same level is simply not achievable during nighttime hours.”

Jagtiani said, “We’re concerned that the Commission may be moving to adopt changes to the time that the Gas Day begins without sufficient evidence substantiating that the starting time is the root cause of problems experienced in regional power markets. For example, we’d like FERC to delve further into the number of power markets that experienced problems associated with a 9 a.m. CT start to first determine the overall scope of the issue.”

Jagtiani pointed out that existing service options, coupled with NAESB’s nomination schedule, provide ample opportunities for generators to manage nominations during the morning ramp-up.

In its comments, NGSA wrote that it strongly supports NAESB’s proposed schedule, which includes additional Intraday Nomination Cycles, an extended timeframe for customers to participate in the Timely Cycle and an extended window for firm shippers to bump interruptible shippers. This proposal was broadly endorsed by all segments of the gas and power industries.

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