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NGSA Says Natural Gas Essential to Achieving Clean Power Plan Objectives

(Washington, D.C.) – In comments filed today at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) said the use of natural gas-fired electricity is essential to sustainable, cost-effective achievement of the Clean Power Plan’s goals and advocated for a plan that is compatible with competitive market principles.

Jenny Fordham, senior vice president, NGSA said, “It’s clear that natural gas is essential to achieving the Clean Power Plan’s goals in a reliable, sustainable and affordable manner. But in order to be workable for states and power industry participants, the CPP also must allow for three key competitive market principles: flexibility; fuel and technology neutrality; and efficiencies stemming from interdependencies among markets.”

In its comments, NGSA wrote that “Energy reliability and affordability will be at the heart of any long-term carbon reduction initiative. Achieving both depends on one thing – sound competitive market signals.

“The following foundational principles are essential to preserving competitive market signals through the federal implementation plan and model rules,” wrote NGSA. NGSA said the plan must:

- (1) Maximize implementation flexibility so that states can meet their goals with the lowest long-term cost while minimizing the impact on future economic growth;
- (2) Establish fuel-neutral, technology-neutral set asides and Emission Reduction Credits; and
- (3) Foster the benefits and efficiencies that stem from interdependencies among markets.

NGSA’s filing can be found [here on ngsa.org](http://www.ngsa.org).

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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.

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