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NGSA Statement on FERC Order Finding New York DEC Waived Authority on Millennium Pipeline Project

(Washington, D.C.) – The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) released the following statement regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Declaratory Order that New York DEC waived section 401 authority by failing to act within one year on Millennium:

Dena E. Wiggins, president and CEO of NGSA said:

“We applaud the Commission for recognizing that the New York DEC failed to act within a reasonable period of time on Millennium’s request. Congress gave individual states a clearly defined role in the approval process and gave FERC primary authority for reviewing pipeline projects, so that one state could not unilaterally veto FERC-approved projects and deprive natural gas consumers in other states from access to natural gas. New York’s “slow walk” of Millennium’s 401 permit not only limited the economic growth potential of New York’s businesses and citizens, it also deprived other states from reliable access to natural gas supplies that are needed for clean electricity, winter heating and industrial manufacturing. Natural gas is an essential part of meeting the state and region’s ambitious clean energy objectives and pipelines are essential to delivering that gas.”

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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 maintains a deep focus on the regulatory issues that affect natural gas producer-marketers and 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 and www.naturalgas.org.

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