New York ZECs Program Discriminates Against Natural Gas, Undermines Competitive Power Markets, Says NGSA Amicus Brief

NGSA and API File Amicus Brief in 2nd Circuit

(Washington, D.C.) -- The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) and the American Petroleum Institute (API) filed a joint amicus brief in the 2nd Circuit Court today in support of the Coalition for Competitive Electricity’s appeal of New York’s Zero Emissions Credit (ZEC) program, which if implemented, undermines competitive markets, raises rates and discriminates against natural gas-fired generators.

Dena E. Wiggins, president and CEO of the Natural Gas Supply Association, said, “The ZEC program infringes on FERC’s exclusive authority to set rates for wholesale electricity markets and disregards decades of FERC efforts to foster fuel-neutral, market-based competition for the benefit of customers. We hope the Second Circuit will reverse the erroneous decision from the District Court.”

The brief was filed October 20 and can be read here.

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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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