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Jennifer Fordham is senior vice president, government affairs for the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA). She joined NGSA in 2005.

As senior vice president, government affairs, Jennifer directs association's competitive energy market policy advocacy. She represents the association with the administration, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), U.S. Congress, media, industry and the public, serving as a spokeswoman for the association on energy market issues.

Fordham's diverse 29-year energy career provides the commercial relevance that is characteristic her work. Prior to joining NGSA, Fordham led the state and regulatory affairs team for Washington Gas Light Company (WGL), the natural gas utility serving the Washington, DC metropolitan area; held a seat on the WGL Political Action Committee Board of Directors; and was a fuels consultant for Pace Global Energy Services. Fordham's expertise is further augmented by her investor relations and financial planning experience for NiSource, Inc.'s predecessor, Columbia Energy Group. Her experience negotiating energy contracts, working with investors on energy project valuation and implementing corporate compliance standards for market behavior rules make her insights distinctive.

Jennifer specializes in creating long-term strategic partnerships that broaden policymaker support for commercially significant positions. Fordham created the first "agriculture and energy" partnership, NGSA and the National Corn Growers Association, credited with securing the end user protections in Dodd-Frank financial reform legislation and recognized in *CEO Update*. Jennifer's work established the association as an industry leader on CFTC Dodd-Frank implementation advocacy often covered by S&P Platts *Gas Daily* and *Energy Risk* magazine.

Fordham graduated cum laude from Shepherd University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in economics and political science. She is a 2017 graduate of the Women In Technology Leadership Foundry, is a National Association of Corporate Directors Governance Fellow and recently completed the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education class Leadership Decision Making. She sits on the board of directors for the Washington D.C. Chapter of the Women's Energy Network and is an Advocate Member of the Committee of Chief Risk Officers.

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