



Reliability Alliance Voices Support for GEAR's Attention to Strengthening Gas-Electric Coordination as Power Demand Rises

Joint Statement From EPSA, NGSA, and INGAA

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Washington, D.C. — As the nation prepares for another demanding winter season, the Reliability Alliance—a coalition of the Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA), Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) and the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA)—commends NARUC's Gas-Electric Alignment for Reliability (GEAR) working group for its leadership in strengthening coordination between the natural gas and electric power sectors. With natural gas supplying the largest share of dispatchable U.S. electricity, the Alliance underscores that reliable power depends on mutual obligations for reliable fuel delivery and generator procurement practices.

In response to the [release of GEAR's final report](#) at the NARUC Annual Meeting on November 10, 2025, the Reliability Alliance reaffirms the industry's shared commitment to enhancing reliability, resiliency, and coordination across these interdependent systems. The Alliance applauds GEAR's recognition that the biggest challenge affecting interoperability across the systems is not operational; it is economic.

GEAR concludes — as the Alliance has argued — that there is a critical need for natural gas generation and additional natural gas pipeline infrastructure and that the market must appropriately price reliability so industry can develop and implement the optimal array of natural gas infrastructure services.

The Alliance also commends GEAR's pragmatic, data driven, and market-oriented approach to strengthening gas-electric coordination, particularly the attention to what states can do to help. The Alliance stands ready to work with market operators and states to implement the recommendations aligned with our shared priorities — namely improving real-time coordination, encouraging timely fuel procurement, and supporting investment in critical infrastructure.

The Alliance also recognizes North Dakota Congresswoman Julie Fedorchak for her leadership in launching GEAR during her tenure as NARUC president while serving on the North Dakota Public Service Commission and the strong efforts of the GEAR co-chairs, Georgia Commissioner Tricia Pridemore and New Hampshire Commissioner Carleton Simpson and more recently, Kansas Commissioner Dwight Keen as vice chair.

Industry Perspectives

“Reliability is job one and that means having the right amount of fuel in the right place at the right time. Competitive power suppliers have invested significantly to strengthen winter readiness, but we need continued alignment between gas and electric systems to make sure that when customers flip the switch, the lights come on. That’s the measure of success we’re all working toward, and GEAR’s work has been an important step to bridge that gap.”

— EPSA President and CEO Todd Snitchler

“Ensuring reliable delivery of natural gas to our customers, including generators, requires the buildout of modern infrastructure and policies that allow timely investments in that buildout. We appreciate NARUC’s and GEAR’s leadership in recognizing the critical role pipelines play in maintaining energy reliability.”

— INGAA President & CEO Amy Andryszak

“NGSA welcomes GEAR’s attention to improving gas-electric coordination. GEAR successfully focused on the key yet interdependent areas that are apt to be the most transformative for making real progress on gas-electric coordination, including: infrastructure development, power market design, and commercial solutions. Healthy alignment starts with recognition and ownership by stakeholders within the natural gas and electric power sectors of their roles in supporting a reliable energy system.”

— NGSA President and CEO Dena Wiggins

The Essential Role of Natural Gas in Reliable Power

Across the United States, natural gas continues to serve as the backbone of reliable electric generation, meeting around 42% of total U.S. electricity production in 2024, according to the [U.S. Energy Information Administration](#)—making it the nation’s largest source of power generation. It remains the only large-scale, dispatchable resource capable of providing flexible, on-demand generation when renewable output declines and electricity demand surges.

During winter, natural gas-fueled generation provides critical balancing capability to maintain system stability, particularly in regions with high renewable penetration. According to [FERC’s 2024–2025 Winter Reliability Assessment](#), gas-fired resources account for more than 40% of winter capacity, providing the largest share of dependable generation during peak demand periods.

Progress in Winter Readiness

Industry investments in winterization, fuel assurance, and infrastructure upgrades since Winter Storm Elliott and lessons learned across recent winters have strengthened system resilience and reduced outage risks, improving the reliability and performance of gas-fired generation nationwide. Federal and regional reliability leaders, including FERC, NERC, and system operators, have recognized and cited the significant steps taken by generators, pipelines, and suppliers to improve winter readiness and coordination.

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About the Reliability Alliance

Formed proactively in 2023 following lessons from Winter Storm Elliott, the [Reliability Alliance](#) represents collaboration among the [Electric Power Supply Association](#) (EPSA), [Interstate Natural Gas Association of America](#) (INGAA), and [Natural Gas Supply Association](#) (NGSA). Together, these organizations advocate for improved coordination, transparency, and reliability across the natural gas and electric industries through market-based and policy solutions that benefit consumers and strengthen the nation’s energy system.