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Massachusetts Report Underscores Critical Need for New Infrastructure to Supply Natural Gas in New England

(Washington, D.C.) -- Under every reasonable scenario, an analysis prepared for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) determined that more natural gas infrastructure capacity will be required in order to deliver the natural gas that Massachusetts needs to meet its energy requirements from 2020 to 2030.

Dena E. Wiggins, president and CEO of the Natural Gas Supply Association, made the following statement about the report "[*Massachusetts Low Gas Demand Analysis: Final Report*](#)," today:

"This report underscores the urgent need for more natural gas infrastructure capacity, not only in Massachusetts, but throughout New England.

"Massachusetts is to be commended for taking on this initiative to assess the need for infrastructure. Under the study's every scenario, even those based on a low demand for natural gas, the report revealed that more pipeline capacity is critically needed in order to supply the natural gas required to meet the state's peak winter demand for energy after 2020. In fact, the need for new capacity would have been even greater had the report looked at the requirements to serve the whole region.

"We hope the study's findings will encourage policymakers and stakeholders in Massachusetts and New England to work together to identify and implement market-based solutions that resolve New England's energy infrastructure needs. Furthermore, we urge FERC to focus on modifying power market rules to encourage investment in natural gas infrastructure, thus enhancing electric fuel assurance and reliability. Finally, we hope this analysis sets the stage for further dialogue."

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