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NGSA Statement on Department of Energy's Report on Grid Reliability

(Washington, D.C.) – The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) released the following statement regarding the Department of Energy's Report on Electricity Markets and Reliability.

Pat Jagtiani, executive vice president of NGSA, said:

"We commend DOE's report for recognizing the importance of natural gas to the nation's electric grid. We are proud of our remarkable record of reliability, made possible by natural gas' physical characteristics, operational practices and the multitude of market options for serving our customers. We look forward to reviewing the details of the report more closely and providing feedback on the staff's recommendations.

"We agree that our electric grid must rely on a diverse fuel mix that includes natural gas, nuclear energy, coal and renewables, however we firmly believe that competitive energy markets will produce the best outcomes for consumers. Out-of-market actions distort electricity markets and put other clean-burning fuels like natural gas at a competitive disadvantage — ultimately discouraging future investment and raising costs for consumers. NGSA is an avid proponent of pay-for-performance programs and price formation improvements that provide fuel-neutral incentives for greater performance and avoid discrimination."

For more information on the reliability record of natural gas and the impact of state subsidies:

Natural Gas Council White Paper on Reliability and Resilience of Natural Gas (July 2017)

NGSA Comments on FERC Tech Conference on State Policies & Wholesale Markets (June 2017)

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