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NGSA Statement on NERC Severe Disruptions on Natural Gas System Analysis

(Washington, D.C.) – The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) released the following statement regarding the North American Electric Reliability Corporation’s (NERC) assessment of potential impacts to the bulk power system of hypothetical, severe disruptions on the natural gas system.

Dena Wiggins, president and CEO of NGSA, said:

“NERC’s task was to construct “severe” and disruptive events on the natural gas system and assess the potential impact of these hypothetical events on the bulk power system. While disaster scenario-planning can be useful, it’s important to keep in mind that NERC did not attempt to determine the likelihood of any of these hypothetical disruptive events ever actually occurring. When the natural gas industry recently was confronted by two real-life disaster scenarios, Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, its reliability was outstanding, even replacing some water-soaked coal units that could not run post-Harvey.

“As NERC acknowledged on the first page of the report, ‘the natural gas industry has demonstrated a high degree of reliability.’ As highlighted in NERC’s Key Findings, the diverse nature of natural gas supply sources reduces the likelihood of natural gas infrastructure outages affecting electric generation. And in the event of there is a disruption, NERC also pointed out there are many mitigation strategies that can be successfully employed to reduce the potential impacts of a natural gas disruption.

“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.”

For more information on the reliability record of natural gas:

[NGSA Comments on DOE NOPR on Grid Resiliency](#) (Oct. 2017) and [Reply Comments](#) (Nov. 2017)
[Natural Gas Council White Paper on Reliability and Resilience of Natural Gas](#) (July 2017)

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