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NGSA Statement on CEQ NEPA Phase 1 Rule

(Washington, D.C.) – The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) issued the following statement today following the release of the White House Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) final "Phase 1" rule on energy infrastructure permitting reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Dena Wiggins, President and CEO of NGSA, said:

"Our companies are world leaders in their commitment to achieving the ambition of net zero emissions and responsible stewardship. We are dedicated to thorough, stringent environmental reviews of energy infrastructure projects. Our concerns with the CEQ Phase 1 rule are not with its intent, but with the difficulty in implementing its broad and ill-defined scope, such as evaluating a project's "indirect" and "cumulative" impacts. As we wrote in our comments, we believe CEQ should promote a more modern NEPA framework that supports permitting and recognizes the value of natural gas infrastructure to transition to a lower carbon energy future. Cutting-edge technologies like carbon capture, methane reduction and hydrogen production are key to achieving America's climate goals."

For more information about NGSA's journey to the goal of net-zero emissions, please visit NGSA.org's <u>Environment & Climate</u> and <u>Innovation in Action</u> pages. NGSA's comments on the CEQ rule are <u>here</u>.

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