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## Grid Resiliency NOPR Lacks Basis and Should Not Be Adopted, Says NGSA Natural gas important contributor to grid reliability

(Washington, D.C.) – The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) today urged the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission not to adopt the Department of Energy's proposed rule on grid resiliency, pointing out that the NOPR is not supported by the facts and would prove harmful to consumers and competitive power markets if adopted.

Dena E. Wiggins, president and CEO of NGSA, said, "There are numerous problems with this proposal, beginning with its underlying premise and ending with the preferential treatment it recommends, which is harmful, undermines competitive markets, lacks legal basis and would not contribute to resiliency or reliability in the power markets."

Wiggins said, "Natural gas is a reliability asset in the power sector, as proven repeatedly by its excellent performance during the recent hurricanes and the 2014 Polar Vortex. By tilting the scales away from natural gas, DOE's proposal could lead to less reliability in the markets, not more. We urge FERC not to adopt DOE's proposal."

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Our full comments can be found here.

For more information on the reliability record of natural gas and the impact of 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)

The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) represents integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Founded in 1965, NGSA is the only national trade association that solely focuses on producer-marketer issues related to the downstream natural gas industry. NGSA maintains a deep focus on the regulatory issues that affect natural gas producer-marketers and has been involved in a substantive manner in every one of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's significant natural gas rulemakings since FERC's creation in 1977. For more information, please visit <u>www.ngsa.org</u> and <u>www.naturalgas.org</u>.

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