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NGSA Statement on NPC Infrastructure and Carbon Capture Reports

(Washington, D.C.) – The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) today issued the following statement on the National Petroleum Council’s (NPC) reports to the Secretary of Energy on the future of pipeline infrastructure and carbon capture technologies. Dena Wiggins, president and CEO of NGSA said:

“The NPC’s work shows us a bright path forward in providing affordable, reliable energy while building a clean energy future; simultaneously it puts a spotlight on how our nation can overcome its current infrastructure challenges.

“Natural gas plays an essential role in achieving our environmental goals, both here in the United States and around the world. In order to deliver on the environmental and economic potential of natural gas, we agree with the NPC’s *“Dynamic Delivery”* report that the regulatory process for infrastructure should be improved by reducing duplicative and overlapping permitting processes. Stakeholder engagement is key to modernizing the approach to building needed infrastructure.

“The NPC’s *“Meeting the Dual Challenge”* report provides a practical assessment of what it will take to deploy existing carbon capture technologies on a commercial scale within 20 years. Yes, there is hard work ahead to attain the clean energy future we all want: this report provides us with a clear roadmap that is built on the values of innovation and persistence that are core to our industry and nation.

“We recently announced our support for a price on carbon in power markets. One of the benefits of this approach to managing carbon is the incentive it provides for market participants to develop new technologies needed to reach carbon reduction targets. The NPC’s work underscores the need for states to recognize the tremendous benefits a price on carbon in power markets can provide by not only making a huge impact on present and future emissions but also encouraging new technologies that are key to their success.

“If the nation is serious about a cleaner future, we have to reduce carbon emissions in a way that is sustainable and that maintains diversity, reliability and affordability for households and businesses. Using natural gas combined with well-designed policies that include carbon pricing is an important part of that sustainable solution because of the ability of natural gas to cut carbon and empower renewables.”

For NPC materials, please visit the National Petroleum Council website at www.npc.org.

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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 advocates for well-functioning markets that foster a growing, competitive market for natural gas. NGSA is dedicated to achieving a cleaner future through strong partnerships with renewables and supporting innovative technologies and market solutions that reduce emissions. For more information, please visit www.ngsa.org.

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