



National Lieutenant Governors Association

NLGA Consensus Resolution Regarding Natural Gas Infrastructure

WHEREAS, a newly released study by the University of Houston, conducted on behalf of the INGAA Foundation, found that over the next 25 years, to meet anticipated demand for natural gas, more than 70 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas transmission infrastructure will be required¹, and

WHEREAS, that same study revealed that industry must spend more than \$1.1 Trillion dollars over the next 25 years to meet the demand for natural gas to be used by households, for electrification of data centers and to fuel the LNG export industry sending U.S. cleaner burning U.S. natural gas around the globe, and

WHEREAS, this demand for infrastructure can provide thousands of jobs, across multiple states and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Gas-Electric Alignment for Reliability (GEAR) working group, created by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and tasked with convening regulators and industry representatives to develop solutions for improving coordination between the gas and electric industries, has identified improvements to pipeline infrastructure and expansion of gas storage solutions as essential to reliably meeting the United States' energy needs;² and

WHEREAS, Regional Transmission Operators (RTOs) and Independent System Operators (ISOs), which collectively serve 144 million people across 36 states and the District of Columbia, identify expanding natural gas infrastructure as crucial to improving gas-electric coordination and meeting increased energy demand;³ and

WHEREAS, expanding natural gas midstream infrastructure efficiently requires a collaborative and cooperative relationship among operators, regulators and the communities within which these infrastructure investments will be made; and

WHEREAS, active engagement by state regulatory utility commissions, RTOs, and ISOs, and communities can help identify and address barriers to the development of the needed infrastructure; and

¹ <https://www.uh.edu/energy/research/papers-reports.php>

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<https://maxxwww.naruc.org/forms/committee/CommitteeFormPublic/viewExecCommittee?id=13B6350000001C&multicolumns=1>

³ https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/100008/20240220_joint_rtos-gas-electric-coordination-white-paper.pdf

27 **WHEREAS**, natural gas midstream infrastructure including storage plays a critical role in balancing
28 the U.S. energy system; providing flexibility, affordability, and resilience in response to seasonal
29 variability, weather conditions, and fluctuating consumption patterns;⁴ and

30 **WHEREAS**, developing the needed infrastructure to meet demand requires long-term financial
31 commitments, which would benefit from stakeholder engagement and clarity on permitting
32 processes; and

33 **WHEREAS**, strategic investment in underground gas and liquefied natural gas storage facilities,
34 expedited project approvals, better integration of storage's value in state and regional energy
35 planning, and support for low-carbon pathways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions can collectively
36 enhance the flexibility, optionality, and security of the overall energy system; and

37 **WHEREAS**, communities which are home to the nation's energy infrastructure play an important
38 role and have an important stake in the future of our energy system.

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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association
41 encourages state and territorial leaders to be aware of potential opportunities to improve natural
42 gas infrastructure, which may include:

- 43 • Working with federal agencies and organized power markets to evaluate investments in
44 expanding pipeline capacity and all types of gas storage to improve natural gas delivery; and
- 45 • Working with federal agencies and community representatives to collaborate on midstream
46 infrastructure that is designed, planned, installed, and operated in a manner safe for workers
47 and the communities, and is available to meet the demands of the future energy system.

48 **ADOPTED**, this day, the 6th of December, 2025.

49 Co-Sponsors: *TBD*

50 *Proposed for the docket by:* University of Houston, NLGA Partner

⁴ <https://www.aga.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Value-of-Storage-FINAL.pdf>