



To: NARUC Commissioners and Participants in the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency

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Re: National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency

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The American Gas Association (AGA), the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) join in commending all who contributed to the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency. The National Action Plan demonstrates the depth and diversity of support for energy efficiency as a crucial part of the solution to volatile energy prices and formidable environmental challenges. The National Action Plan emphasizes the important role of utilities in promoting energy efficiency improvements and the need for regulators to ensure that cost-effective energy efficiency advances both customer and shareholder interests.

We agree with the National Action Plan's recommendations to recognize energy efficiency as a high priority energy resource; to communicate its benefits and opportunities broadly; to promote sufficient, timely and stable energy program funding where cost-effective; and to modify policies to align utility incentives with the delivery of cost-effective energy efficiency and modify ratemaking practices to promote energy efficiency investments. Our staffs have been working together in utility service territories across the nation to achieve these objectives. We commit ourselves now to redoubled joint efforts in support of the National Action Plan's worthy goals and recommendations. And we thank and congratulate all involved.