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NGSA and Center for LNG Welcome Permitting Reform Efforts, SPEED Act

(Washington, D.C.) – The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) and the Center for LNG (CLNG) released the following joint statement in support of the *Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development* (SPEED) Act introduced by House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Bruce Westerman and Ranking Member Jared Golden.

Dena Wiggins, President and CEO of the Natural Gas Supply Association, said:

"The Natural Gas Supply Association welcomes the long-term regulatory certainty outlined in the SPEED Act —certainty that is needed for natural gas infrastructure investment.

The U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition vs. Eagle County*, has helped to streamline the scope of NEPA reviews but the SPEED Act takes this a step further by codifying the Court's core holdings in statute for consistency across agencies.

NGSA applauds Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Golden for their efforts."

Charlie Riedl, Executive Director of the Center for LNG, said:

"The Center for LNG (CLNG) welcomes the bipartisan SPEED Act and its efforts to provide a more predictable permitting process. More certainty in the permitting process for LNG exports and energy infrastructure will further unlock the many benefits of U.S. LNG.

Currently, the U.S. LNG industry supports thousands of good-paying domestic jobs; generates millions in tax revenue for federal, state, and local governments; grows our domestic natural gas supply; reduces global greenhouse gas emissions; and supplies our allies and trading partners with a reliable, clean, and affordable source of energy. "

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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.

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The Center for Liquefied Natural Gas (CLNG) advocates for public policies that advance the use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the United States, and its export internationally. A committee of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA), CLNG represents the full LNG value chain, including all six large-scale LNG export facilities in the United States, shippers, and multinational developers, providing it with unique insight into the ways in which the vast potential of this abundant and versatile fuel can be fully realized.