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Appendix A

Request Letter and Description of the National Petroleum Council



The Secretary of Energy Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. William A. Wise Chairman National Petroleum Council 1625 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20006

Dear Chairman Wise:

In the last decade, the National Petroleum Council conducted two landmark studies on natural gas, the 1992 study Potential of Natural Gas in the United States and the 1999 study Meeting the Challenges of the Nation's Growing Natural Gas Demand. These studies provided valuable insights on the potential contribution of natural gas to the Nation's economic, energy and environmental future, and the capabilities of industry to meet future natural gas demand and changing market conditions.

Considerable change has occurred in natural gas markets since the Council's 1999 study, among these being new concerns over national security, a changed near-term outlook for the economy, and turbulence in energy markets based on perceived risk, price volatility, fuel switching capabilities, and the availability of other fuels. The Nation's reliance on natural gas continues to grow, with U.S. consumption projected to increase by 50 percent in the next 20 years. However, the availability of investment capital and infrastructure, the pace of technology progress, access to the Nation's resource base, and new sources of supplies from Alaska, Canada, liquefied natural gas imports, and unconventional resources such as methane hydrates are factors that could affect the future availability of natural gas supplies.

Accordingly, I request that the Council conduct a new study on natural gas in the United States in the 21st Century. Such a study should examine the potential implications of new supplies, new technologies, new perceptions of risk, and other evolving market conditions that may affect the potential for natural gas demand, supplies, and delivery through 2025. It should also provide insights on energy market dynamics, including price volatility and future fuel choice, and an outlook on the longer-term sustainability of natural gas supplies. Of particular interest is the Council's advice on actions that can be taken by industry and Government to increase the productivity and efficiency of North American natural gas markets and to ensure adequate and reliable supplies of energy for consumers.

I am designating Mr. Robert G. Card, Under Secretary for Energy, Environment and Science, and Mr. Carl Michael Smith, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, to represent me in the conduct of this important study. I offer my gratitude to the Council for its efforts to assist the Department in defining the scope of the study request and I recognize that refinements may be necessary after the study starts to ensure that the most critical issues affecting future natural gas demand, supplies, and delivery are addressed.

Sincerely,

Secretary Abraham

NATIONAL PETROLEUM COUNCIL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL PETROLEUM COUNCIL

In May 1946, the President stated in a letter to the Secretary of the Interior that he had been impressed by the contribution made through government/industry cooperation to the success of the World War II petroleum program. He felt that it would be beneficial if this close relationship were to be continued and suggested that the Secretary of the Interior establish an industry organization to advise the Secretary on oil and natural gas matters.

Pursuant to this request, Interior Secretary J. A. Krug established the National Petroleum Council (NPC) on June 18, 1946. In October 1977, the Department of Energy was established and the Council was transferred to the new department.

The purpose of the NPC is solely to advise, inform, and make recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on any matter requested by the Secretary, relating to oil and natural gas or the oil and gas industries. Matters that the Secretary would like to have considered by the Council are submitted in the form of a letter outlining the nature and scope of the study. The Council reserves the right to decide whether it will consider any matter referred to it.

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- *U.S. Arctic Oil & Gas* (1981)
- Environmental Conservation The Oil & Gas Industries (1982)
- Third World Petroleum Development: A Statement of Principles (1982)
- Petroleum Inventories and Storage Capacity (1983, 1984)
- Enhanced Oil Recovery (1984)
- The Strategic Petroleum Reserve (1984)
- U.S. Petroleum Refining (1986)
- Factors Affecting U.S. Oil & Gas Outlook (1987)
- Integrating R&D Efforts (1988)
- Petroleum Storage & Transportation (1989)
- Industry Assistance to Government Methods for Providing Petroleum Industry Expertise During Emergencies (1991)
- Short-Term Petroleum Outlook An Examination of Issues and Projections (1991)
- Petroleum Refining in the 1990s Meeting the Challenges of the Clean Air Act (1991)
- The Potential for Natural Gas in the United States (1992)
- U.S. Petroleum Refining Meeting Requirements for Cleaner Fuels and Refineries (1993)
- The Oil Pollution Act of 1990: Issues and Solutions (1994)
- *Marginal Wells* (1994)
- Research, Development, and Demonstration Needs of the Oil and Gas Industry (1995)
- Future Issues A View of U.S. Oil & Natural Gas to 2020 (1995)
- Issues for Interagency Consideration A Supplement to the NPC's Report: Future Issues A View of U.S. Oil & Natural Gas to 2020 (1996)
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- Securing Oil and Natural Gas Infrastructures in the New Economy (2001).

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Modeling Team

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Demand Task Group

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Power Generation Subgroup

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Transmission Subgroup

Distribution Subgroup

Storage Subgroup

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APD application for permit to drill

BCF billion cubic feet

BCF/D billion cubic feet per day
Btu British thermal unit
CNG compressed natural gas

CO₂ carbon dioxide

DOE U.S. Department of Energy

EEA Energy and Environmental Analysis, Inc.
EIA Energy Information Administration
FERC Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GW gigawatts

LDC local distribution company

LNG liquefied natural gas

MACT Maximum Achievable Control Technology

MM million

MMBtu million British thermal units

MMCF million cubic feet

MMCF/D million cubic feet per day

MMS Minerals Management Service

MOUs Memorandums of Understanding

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NGL natural gas liquid

NGPA National Gas Policy Act

NOx nitrogen oxides

NPC National Petroleum Council
OCS Outer Continental Shelf

PIFUA Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978

PUC Public Utility Commission

RTOs Regional Transmission Organizations

SOx sulfur oxides TCF trillion cubic feet

USGS United States Geological Service
WCSB Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin

Glossary

Access

The legal right to:

- 1. Drill and develop oil and natural gas resources
- 2. Build associated production facilities
- 3. Build transmission and distribution facilities

on either public and/or private land.

Basis

The difference in price for natural gas at two different geographical locations.

Capacity, Peaking

The capacity of facilities or equipment normally used to supply incremental gas or electricity under extreme demand conditions. Peaking capacity is generally available for a limited number of days at maximum rate.

Capacity, Pipeline

The maximum throughput of natural gas over a specified period of time for which a pipeline system or portion thereof is designed or constructed, not limited by existing service conditions.

City Gate

The point at which interstate and intrastate pipelines sell and deliver natural gas to local distribution companies.

Cogeneration

The sequential production of electricity and useful thermal energy from the same energy source, such as steam. Natural gas is a favored fuel for combined-cycle cogeneration units, in which waste heat is converted to electricity.

Commercial

A sector of customers or service defined as non-manufacturing business establishments, including hotels, motels, restaurants, wholesale businesses, retail stores, and health, social, and educational institutions.

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)

Natural gas cooled to a temperature below 32°F and compressed to a pressure ranging from 1,000 to 3,000 pounds per square inch in order to allow the transportation of large quantities of natural gas.

Cost Recovery

The recovery of permitted costs, plus an acceptable rate of return, for an energy infrastructure project.

Cubic Foot

The most common unit of measurement of gas volume; the amount of gas required to fill a volume of one cubic foot under stated conditions of temperature, pressure, and water vapor.

Distribution Line

Natural gas pipeline system, typically operated by a local distribution company, for the delivery of natural gas to end users.

Electric

A sector of customers or service defined as generation, transmission, distribution, or sale of electric energy.

End-User

One who actually consumes energy, as opposed to one who sells or re-sells it.

FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission)

The federal agency that regulates interstate gas pipelines and interstate gas sales under the Natural Gas Act.

Firm Customer

A customer who has contracted for firm service.

Firm Service

Service offered to customers under schedules or contracts that anticipate no interruptions, regardless of class of service, except for force majeure.

Fuel Switching

Substituting one fuel for another based on price and availability. Large industries often have the capability of using either oil or natural gas to fuel their operation and of making the switch on short notice.

Fuel-Switching Capability

The ability of an end-user to readily change fuel type consumed whenever a price or supply advantage develops for an alternative fuel.

Gigawatts

One billion watts.

Henry Hub

A pipeline interchange near Erath, Louisiana, where a number of interstate and intrastate pipelines interconnect through a header system operated by Sabine Pipe Line. The standard delivery point for the New York Mercantile Exchange natural gas futures contract.

Industrial

A sector of customers or service defined as manufacturing, construction, mining, agriculture, fishing, and forestry.

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

The liquid form of natural gas, which has been cooled to a temperature -256°F or -161°C and is maintained at atmospheric pressure. This liquefaction process reduces the volume of the gas by approximately 600 times its original size.

Load Profiles

Gas usage over a specific period of time, usually displayed as a graphical plot.

Local Distribution Company (LDC)

A company that obtains the major portion of its natural gas revenues from the operations of a retail gas distribution system and that operates no transmission system other than incidental connections within its own or to the system of another company. An LDC typically operates as a regulated utility within specified franchise area.

Marketer (natural gas)

A company, other than the pipeline or LDC, that buys and resells gas or brokers gas for a profit. Marketers also perform a variety of related services, including arranging transportation, monitoring deliveries and balancing. An independent marketer is not affiliated with a pipeline, producer or LDC.

New Fields

A quantification of resources estimated to exist outside of known fields on the basis of broad geologic knowledge and theory; in practical terms, these are statistically determined resources likely to be discovered in additional geographic areas with geologic characteristics similar to known producing regions, but which are as yet untested with the drillbit.

Nonconventional Gas

Natural gas produced from coalbed methane, shales, and low permeability reservoirs. Gas production from these environments typically requires a different, sometime higher, level of technology than gas production from conventional reservoirs.

Peak-Day Demand

The maximum daily quantity of gas used during a specified period, such as a year.

Peak Shaving

Methods to reduce the peak demand for gas or electricity. Common examples are storage and use of LNG.

Proved Reserves

The most certain of the resource base categories representing estimated quantities that analysis of geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions; generally, these gas deposits have been "booked," or accounted for as assets on the SEC financial statements of their respective companies.

Regional Transmission Organization (RTO)

Voluntary organization of transmission owners, transmission users, and other entities interested in coordinating transmission planning, expansion, and use on a regional and interregional basis.

Residential

The residential sector is defined as private household establishments which consume energy primarily for space heating, water heating, air conditioning, lightning, refrigeration, cooking, and clothes drying.

Revenue

The total amount money received by a firm from sales of its products and/or services.

Shipper

One who contracts with a pipeline for transportation of natural gas and who retains title to the gas while it is being transported by the pipeline.

Terrawatts

One trillion watts.

Watt

The common U.S. measure of electrical power.