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**APGA Members Are Committed to Environmental Stewardship**

*Washington, D.C. (August 3, 2021)* – The American Public Gas Association (APGA), representing more than 700 local, municipally-owned natural gas systems in 38 states is pleased to announce its Commitment to Environmental Stewardship, which was approved by the APGA Board of Directors.

Because of the role public natural gas utilities play in achieving America’s clean energy future, APGA members have approved a public commitment to continuously improve practices and maintain infrastructure to minimize greenhouse gas emissions from natural gas distribution systems. Our members’ commitment to minimizing greenhouse gas emissions includes enhanced operations and maintenance practices specifically designed to protect people and the environment. APGA members are also planning for the use of new fuels, such as renewable natural gas (RNG) and hydrogen.

APGA members distribute the essential energy for everyday lives, raising the quality of life for American communities. These public natural gas utilities are first and foremost committed to the safe operation of the infrastructure they operate in the cities and towns in which they serve. Additionally, they are good stewards of the environment and committed to this by investing in the maintenance of infrastructure and increasing energy efficiency in direct use applications. In fact, emissions from natural gas utility distribution systems have declined 73 percent since 1990, even as natural gas utility companies have added more than 760,000 miles of pipeline to serve 40 percent more customers.

APGA is pleased to move forward with this new initiative for environmental stewardship and more information will be forthcoming.

*APGA is the only not-for-profit trade organization representing America's publicly owned natural gas local distribution companies (LDCs). APGA represents the interests of public gas before Congress, federal agencies and other energy-related stakeholders by developing regulatory and legislative policies that further the goals of our members. In addition, APGA organizes meetings, seminars, and workshops with a specific goal to improve the safety, reliability, operational efficiency, and regulatory environment in which public gas systems operate.*