

GS-2 Resolution Supporting Permitting Reform for Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Infrastructure

Whereas analyses cited by energy, labor, manufacturing, and environmental stakeholders demonstrate that electricity demand may grow by as much as 20 percent by 2030 – with natural gas expected to supply roughly 60 percent of that growth and renewables the remaining 40 percent;

Whereas supplying natural gas to meet the needs of electricity consumers will not be possible without an expansion of the nation’s interstate pipeline capacity;

Whereas the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2025 Summer Policy Summit in Boston, Massachusetts, passed GS-4, a “Resolution Regarding Natural Gas Pipeline Infrastructure and Storage Expansion,” recommending that states and organized power markets evaluate investments in expanding pipeline capacity and all types of gas storage to improve natural gas delivery;

Whereas GS-4 recognized that a primary obstacle to expansion of interstate natural gas pipelines is the need to navigate a lengthy and litigious federal permitting process;

Whereas GS-4 recognized that legislation aimed at reducing the length, uncertainty, burden, and litigation risk associated with the federal infrastructure permitting process is critical to facilitating the timely completion of infrastructure projects, such as pipeline expansions and new gas storage development;

Whereas current implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Water Act Sections 401 and 404, and the Endangered Species Act, and related statutes routinely result in multi-year delays that chill capital formation and impede the delivery of resources to consumers;

Whereas regulators, project developers, labor unions, manufacturers, and environmental advocates now share a bipartisan consensus that modernizing federal permitting can and must be achieved;

Whereas federal policymakers are currently considering a variety of legislative reforms to the federal permitting process for interstate natural gas pipelines and other major energy infrastructure, including amendments to environmental and natural resources statutes; reforms to judicial review of agency permitting decisions; and expansion of measures for streamlined reviews and authorizations; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its November 2025 Annual Meeting and Education Conference in Seattle, Washington, reaffirms that expansion of interstate natural gas pipeline infrastructure is a vital national priority and urges Congress to enact reforms to break the permitting logjam for the construction and operation of such infrastructure.

Passed by the Committee on Gas on November 10, 2025.

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 11, 2025.