

GAS-2 Resolution Supporting Renewable Natural Gas as a Strategic Energy Resource to Enhance Economic Growth, Reliability, and Emissions Reductions

Whereas State regulatory commissions are responsible for ensuring reliable and affordable energy service for consumers while considering economic development and innovation;

Whereas energy demand is increasing across all sectors of the economy, requiring commissions to evaluate all available resources to maintain system reliability, customer affordability, and economic competitiveness;

Whereas, renewable natural gas (“RNG”), produced from a variety of waste and byproduct streams, offers measurable economic opportunities, including the creation of jobs, development of new revenue streams for agricultural and municipal stakeholders, and leveraging of existing pipeline infrastructure, thereby reducing the need for costly new buildouts;

Whereas recent studies have identified significant untapped RNG potential in the United States, demonstrating that RNG can supply a meaningful share of natural gas demand while supporting regional economic growth and providing a diversity of energy sources;

Whereas RNG also provides ancillary environmental benefits by capturing and utilizing methane emissions that would otherwise be released into the atmosphere, thereby supporting State and federal clean energy goals, and has the potential to be a cost-effective abatement strategy with the further adoption of this technology;

Whereas regulatory certainty and clear policy frameworks are essential to encourage utility and third-party investment in RNG projects, including consideration of RNG as a resource in integrated resource planning, ratemaking, and broader state energy strategies;

Whereas commissions can play a critical role in establishing policies that recognize RNG’s multi-faceted value—as an energy resource, an economic driver, and a tool for cost-effective emissions reduction—while maintaining affordability and system reliability for all customers; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) recognizes RNG’s role as part of a diversified energy portfolio to meet growing energy demand and strengthen economic development; *and be it further*

Resolved that NARUC recognizes the benefit of regulatory clarity in RNG project development, including consideration of appropriate cost recovery mechanisms, market-based procurement approaches, streamlined interconnection standards that do not unduly burden RNG, and the integration of RNG into long-term planning and decarbonization strategies; *and be it further*

Resolved that NARUC recognizes RNG’s ancillary benefits for emissions reduction and energy system resilience, and encourages collaboration among regulators, policymakers, and industry stakeholders to ensure RNG development advances both economic and environmental objectives without compromising customer affordability or system reliability.

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Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 11, 2026.