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## **New Primer Provides Key Information on Certified Natural Gas to Assist PUCs in Future Decision-Making**

**WASHINGTON** (March 21, 2024) — The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners released a new report, *Certified Natural Gas: Primer, Regulatory Landscape, and Contributions Toward a Low-Carbon Future*. This report provides essential information about certified natural gas to support public utility commissions in making sound decisions on the effects of CNG offerings on utility customers.

Natural gas production in the United States has nearly doubled since 2007 due to advances in extraction processes. As the use of natural gas grows, producers and consumers are becoming more interested in reducing the climate footprint of natural gas production and consumption. CNG – the use of independent certification to verify that methane monitoring and emissions reduction practices, as well as other environmental, social and governance practices, have been used in the natural gas supply chain – is one method of working toward achieving greenhouse gas reduction goals.

“The Department of Energy appreciates the progress NARUC is making to lower greenhouse gas emissions within the U.S. electric utility industry,” said Brad Crabtree, the U.S. Department of Energy’s Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy and Carbon Management. “The implementation of voluntary certification programs for natural gas is one of the key things utilities can do to help reduce methane and CO2 emissions across the natural gas supply chain.”

“This primer is an important resource for PUCs who are seeking to learn more to assist their decision-making around potential CNG implementation in states,” said New York Commissioner Diane Burman. “It is especially useful to commissioners, as we are key stakeholders in the CNG market and we can play a pivotal role in its future.”

This report provides PUCs with well-rounded insights on the costs and benefits of CNG and the incentives for regulated utilities to pursue CNG as a decarbonization strategy. It cites examples from a growing body of state regulatory decisions on utility CNG proposals.

“The CNG primer is a foundational resource that can be used broadly by PUCs to enhance their understanding of this natural gas option and its potential to reduce emissions,” said NARUC Center for Partnerships & Innovation Senior Director Danielle Sass Byrnett. “NARUC presents this report to help guide PUCs as gas certification efforts continue to grow.”

*Certified Natural Gas: Primer, Regulatory Landscape, and Contributions Toward a Low-Carbon Future* was produced with support from the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management.

Download and read the report at <https://pubs.naruc.org/pub/D42D84E6-FC2A-CA17-6E4D-A82BD8EB2BB8>.

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