



## RESOLUTION 26.051

### **Recognizing the Role of Natural Gas Production in Ensuring Reliability of the Electric Grid**

**WHEREAS**, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) is one of the oldest and largest interstate compacts in North America, formed by states with participation of Canadian affiliates, and is widely viewed as the authority on domestic oil and gas issues and as a leading force in national oil and gas policy development; and

**WHEREAS**, natural gas power plants are essential for reliable baseload electric generation and produce approximately one-quarter of the electricity in North America; and

**WHEREAS**, the rapid installation of large-scale data centers to support cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and data management will significantly increase electricity consumption in North America; and

**WHEREAS**, this growth in electricity consumption places increased pressure on existing generation capacity, transmission infrastructure, and grid reliability; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a reliable power supply for the operation of data centers is increasingly recognized as a matter of economic stability and national security as these centers support critical infrastructure including defense systems, financial markets, emergency response networks, and secure communications; and

**WHEREAS**, reliable, dispatchable energy sources such as natural gas are essential for maintaining grid stability, supporting economic development, and safeguarding national security interests in an increasingly digital world; and

**WHEREAS**, current power generation fuel sources and transmission are deficient for projected demand growth and natural gas resources are needed to provide reliable, dispatchable power to meet the projected demand; and

**WHEREAS**, although natural gas resources exist in abundance, the North American natural gas infrastructure systems require improvements in areas where infrastructure is lacking or outdated; and



**WHEREAS**, although the market share of intermittent sources of electric generation continues to grow, natural gas provides a reliable, dispatchable energy source to meet the ever-growing demand for baseload electricity generation.

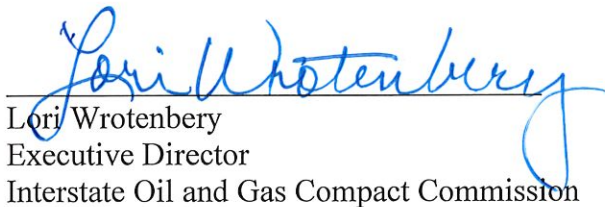
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission hereby urges the Canada Energy Regulator, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, North American Regional Transmission Authorities, and Independent System Operators to acknowledge and recognize the role of natural gas for reliability of our electric grid, to support investments in critical infrastructure, such as pipelines and power transmission lines, and to ensure that the reliability of our electric grid remains the foremost priority in future energy planning.

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Commission on May 20, 2026.

Voting yes: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Voting no: New York.

Abstaining and therefore considered not present: Colorado and Pennsylvania.

  
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