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### **NGA ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT & CEO JOSÉ COSTA**

**Needham, MA.** The Board of Directors of the Northeast Gas Association ("NGA") is pleased to announce the appointment of José Costa as NGA's President and CEO. Mr. Costa will assume his responsibilities on November 1, 2022. He succeeds Charles Crews, who will depart NGA to assume the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer at Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

"José has been a leader within the Northeast natural gas industry and NGA for over 25 years. We are pleased to have José lead the organization at this important time for the industry," said Ron Bradley, Vice President of PECO and 2022 Chairman of NGA. "His deep understanding and experience in the natural gas industry position him to meet the challenges and opportunities that will emerge as we embark on our clean energy transition."



*José Costa*

Mr. Costa said: "First, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for the trust they have placed in me. We are at a critical moment in our nation's transition to a clean energy future and I look forward to continuing to work with our members, the broader energy industry, and our stakeholders in the Northeast to meet our ambitious energy, economic and environmental goals. Natural gas continues to be a vital part of the region's energy mix, providing reliable, cost-effective, and safe service to millions of customers. I am honored to lead this organization."

Mr. Costa has over 25 years of experience in natural gas utility operations, most recently serving as NGA's Vice President of Operations Services. He served as the Regional Manager Customer Relations with the Gas Research Institute (GTI Energy) and in utility operations at Colonial Gas Company, now part of National Grid.



He holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and an MBA from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. He earned the Certified Association Executive credential from ASAE in 2008.

In the announcement, Mr. Bradley expressed the Board's appreciation to Mr. Crews for his leadership at the NGA. While his tenure was brief Charles had a positive impact on the direction of the organization by leading the development of a new strategic framework. He noted that Mr. Crews will serve in an advisory position to the Board until his departure on November 30, 2022.

*About Northeast Gas Association:*

*NGA is the nation's largest regional trade association and represents natural gas distribution companies, transmission companies, liquefied and compressed natural gas suppliers, and manufacturers and vendors to the industry. These companies provide natural gas to over 14 million customers in nine states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont).*