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Natural Gas Council expresses concern over proposed federal building electrification rule

Washington, D.C. – While we support efforts to reduce emissions from the buildings sector, the trade associations that comprise the Natural Gas Council are concerned the Biden Administration’s proposed rule to electrify federal buildings and phase out the use of natural gas will be overly expensive and risks crowding out informed consideration of other emissions reduction options. According to the Department of Energy, natural gas is 3.4 times more affordable than electricity to heat buildings, including federal offices. A technology-neutral approach to reducing emissions is likely to be more cost effective, allow greater flexibility and foster further innovation.

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The Natural Gas Council was formed in 1992, uniting all sectors of the natural gas industry to work together toward common goals. The five full members of the Council -- the American Gas Association, the American Petroleum Institute, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the Natural Gas Supply Association -- collectively represent nearly all the companies that produce, transport and distribute natural gas consumed in the United States. Leadership of the NGC rotates annually, with the American Gas Association leading the Council in 2019. www.naturalgascouncil.org

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