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**APGA Sends Letter to California Public Utilities Commission on LA   
Natural Gas Moratorium**

*Washington, D.C. (February 8, 2018)* – Today, the American Public Gas Association sent a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) addressing a proposed moratorium on new commercial and industrial natural gas service connections in Los Angeles County. A copy of the letter can be viewed [here](http://community.apga.org/viewdocument/apga-letter-to-california-public-ut).

In the letter, APGA states that, “The direct use of natural gas today provides relief for our congested and stressed electrical infrastructure as well as primary energy for on-site, back-up generators during grid outages.” The letter also communicates that a diversity of delivery mechanisms (pipelines and electric transmission) and fuel sources is an important component towards enhancing our energy reliability and resiliency.

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*APGA is the national association of municipally and publicly-owned local distribution systems. There are about 1,000 public gas systems serving more than 5 million customers. These public gas utilities are not-for-profit retail distribution entities that are owned by, and accountable to, the citizens they serve. They include municipal gas distribution systems, public utility districts, county districts, and other public agencies that have natural gas distribution facilities.*