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**Erin Kurilla Assumes Role of APGA Vice President of Operations and Pipeline Safety**

*Washington, D.C. (August 1, 2018)* – The American Public Gas Association (APGA) is pleased to announce the promotion of Erin Kurilla as the Vice President of Operations and Pipeline Safety. Erin joined APGA in October 2017 as the Director for Operations & Safety in the Washington, D.C., office of APGA.

Erin’s promotion comes as John Erickson retires from his position as Vice President of Operations and Safety for APGA. Erin will be continuing the great work done by John through managing a full spectrum of issues related to the design, construction, operation and maintenance of APGA members’ pipeline systems. Her focus will be mainly on pipeline safety, but she will also work on environmental topics and similar agency regulations and policies affecting members. Erin now serves as the staff liaison to the APGA Operations and Safety Committee.

Erin previously worked at the American Gas Association (AGA) where she served as a Director, Operations & Engineering Services. In that role, Erin led AGA's pipeline safety advocacy. She worked closely with AGA's members, federal and state regulators and other stakeholders to improve the safety and reliability of the nation's pipeline infrastructure through sound regulations. Erin holds a Bachelor's of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration from Carnegie Mellon University.

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