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**APGA Supports President’s Nomination of Daniel Simmons   
for Assistant Secretary of Energy**

*Washington, D.C. (June 22, 2018) -* Today, the American Public Gas Association (APGA) sent a letter to the Senate Energy Committee to express support for the President’s nomination of Mr. Daniel Simmons to serve as Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) at the Department of Energy. A copy of the letter can be viewed at <http://community.apga.org/viewdocument/letter-in-support-of-the-nomination>.

APGA has been actively engaged in the work of EERE given their role in developing appliance efficiency standards. As communicated in the letter, Mr. Simmons’ knowledge and experience provides him with the tools to “pursue the goal of providing affordable energy for all Americans. Energy is the lifeblood of America’s economy and Mr. Simmons’ skills and leadership will play a critical role in ensuring that consumers continue to benefit from our current supply of abundant domestic energy resources.”

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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.*