**APGA WELCOMES FORMER DOE STAFFER TO LEAD LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

*WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 26, 2021)* —Today, the American Public Gas Association (APGA), representing more than 730 local, municipally owned natural gas systems in 38 states announced that Emily Wong, a former staff member on Capitol Hill, the Department of Transportation and Department of Energy, will be joining the association as Director of Legislative Affairs.

“Months into the 117th Session of Congress and a new Administration, we have much work to do to ensure we achieve our top advocacy priorities, and we are excited to have Emily on our team,” said Dave Schryver, President and CEO of the American Public Gas Association. “With Emily’s leadership, APGA will continue to advocate for policies that prioritize protecting energy consumers through reforming the Natural Gas Act; improving and expanding natural gas service to underserved or unserved Americans through American Infrastructure Bonds (AIBs); and ensuring America’s clean energy future takes a balanced approach, with a secure energy infrastructure that is affordable for all generations.”

In her position as Director of Legislative Affairs, Emily will be responsible for leading APGA’s Legislative Subcommittee, which oversees all the association’s outreach to Capitol Hill. As well, she will supervise specific advocacy goals surrounding natural gas vehicles, including engaging legislators and regulatory agencies.

Prior to joining APGA, Wong held positions on both Capitol Hill and within the Executive Branch, having worked most recently at the Department of Transportation and the Department of Energy. In the past, Wong has also served as an advisor to members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

*APGA is the only not-for-profit trade organization representing America's publicly owned natural gas local distribution companies (LDCs). APGA represents the interests of public gas before Congress, federal agencies and other energy-related stakeholders by developing regulatory and legislative policies that further the goals of our members. In addition, APGA organizes meetings, seminars, and workshops with a specific goal to improve the safety, reliability, operational efficiency, and regulatory environment in which public gas systems operate.*